

April 12, 2026 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday



# THE CATHOLIC, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

A MEMBER OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE DEANERY

## WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

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**Parish Mission Statement**

For all who enter; we at St. Peter are a community who believe Jesus Christ is the center of our lives. We are committed to live life in relationship with each other; we strive to heed the call to reach out and touch the lives of people. We invite newcomers to join us and those who have been away to rejoin us!

**New Parishioners**

A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office as soon as possible, 419-446-2150. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish roster.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Initial arrangements are to be made 6 months prior to the actual wedding day. The Diocesan policy is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament. Please call the rectory to make arrangements or Deacon Larry.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

If someone is to be baptized, please call Fr. Bill. All parents must attend pre-baptism sessions for their first child. Call the rectory to make arrangements, 419-446-9288 or Deacon Larry (419) 966-7091.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Having questions about the Catholic faith? Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You can learn more by attending our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions. Classes start each fall. Call Fr. Bill at 419-446-9288

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

Office Hours: Tue. & Thurs.

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

St. Peter, Archbold

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 4:30 PM

Sunday ~ 10:30 AM

Reconciliation

Tues. 6:15 pm & Sat. 4:00  
or by appointment



Office Hours: Tue. & Thurs.

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Mercy,  
Fayette

Weekend Mass

Sunday ~ 8:30 AM

Reconciliation Sun.  
8:00 AM or by appointment

THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

**Saturday, April 11:**  
People of the Parish

Sat., April 18, 2026~4:30 pm

Sun., April 19, 2026~10:30 am

**Sunday, April 12:**  
Marcel Bonin  
**Gina Damman**

**GREETERS**

Steve &amp; Barb Dominique

Matt &amp; Kristin Shields

**Monday, April 13:**  
St. Martin  
No Mass  
Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

**LECTORS**

Barb Dominique

Chris Lopez

**Tuesday, April 14:**  
Easter Weekday  
St. Peter~7:00 pm  
Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

**SERVERS**

Cordes

Anna & Marian Shields  
Taylor Schrock

**Wednesday, April 15:**  
Easter Weekday  
St Peter~9:00 am  
Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

**USHERS**Steve Dominique  
Tami BevinsCaleb Harrow  
Gary Morman

**Thursday, April 16:**  
Easter Weekday  
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

**ROSARY LEADER**

Bonnie Wickerham

**Friday, April 17:**  
Easter Weekday  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

**Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.**

**Saturday, April 18:**  
Vigil  
St. Peter ~4:30 pm  
**Betty Zimmerman**  
**Cari, Lenny, and**  
**Andy Breidenbach**  
Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

**Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.**

**ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.**

**Sunday, April 19:**  
3rd Sunday of Easter  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
Frank Grime  
Giovanni Stella  
Dick & Susan Saaf  
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am  
**People of the Parish**  
Acts 2:14, 22-33/  
1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**Speaker: March for Life**

Tuesday, April 28  
St. John Catholic Church  
7:00 pm

Please join us to hear Fr. Kevin McGraw to talk about his great experience in attending this year's March for Life in Washington DC in January after the 6:30 Mass around 7:00 pm at St. John Catholic Church.





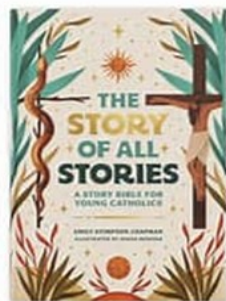
Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

In today's first reading, the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing International Catholic Stewardship Council in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship, while the most common expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources - giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that gave evidence of God's active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.



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Great First Communion Bible Gift



Published by Word on Fire, "The Story of All Stories" is a Catholic children's Bible that presents salvation history as a cohesive, engaging narrative for ages 7-13, with rich illustrations and Church teachings woven throughout.

We have ordered a limited supply of these bibles which we are making available at the parish office of the wholesale cost of \$35 each. There is a sign up sheet on the table to reserve a book(s). Checks can be made to St. Peter Church.

There will be a Rosary Altar Society meeting today after Mass. All women of the parish are invited!

Next Sunday after Mass there will be a youth group breakfast fundraiser raising money for their upcoming Catholic Heart Camp mission trip. Help support this ministry!

See the sign up sheet on the table in the entryway for the community meal on Tuesday, April 21.

**K-12 Faith Formation**  
*Wednesday, April 15*  
**AT HOME**



**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Tuesdays 8 am-7 pm Mass  
at 7 pm

Contact Pat Dominique if you want to commit to a Holy Hour. 419-446-2206

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
Sunday Offering:  
\$8257.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:  
\$4882.00

Past collections:

March 29	\$2676.00
March 22	\$2306.00
March 15	\$2153.00

# Dear Padre

April 12, 2026

**We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?**

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, "Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God's love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

*Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

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