

April 26, 2026 ~ 4th 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 25: Grace New Audrey Dominique		May 2, 2026~4:30 pm	Sun., May 3, 2026~10:30 am
Sunday, April 26: Eddie Tidwell People of the Parish	<u>GREETERS</u>	Dave & Jeanie Alt	Mike & Brigitte Schrickel
Monday, April 27: Easter Weekday No Mass Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18	<u>LECTORS</u>	Barb Dominique	Arlene Hicks
Tuesday, April 28: Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignion de Montfort St. Peter~7:00 pm	<u>SERVERS</u>	Seiberts	Colton Rogers Millers
Wednesday, April 29: St. Catherine of Siena St Peter~9:00 am Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50	<u>USHERS</u>	Dave & Jeanie Alt	Chris Lopez Tina Short
Thursday, April 30: Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am <i>Communion Service</i> St. Pius V Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20	<u>ROSARY LEADER</u>		Bonnie Wickerham
Friday, May 1: St. Joseph the Worker St. Peter~9:00 am <i>Communion Service</i> Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6/ Mt 13:54-58			
Saturday, May 2: Vigil St. Peter ~4:30 pm Cari, Lenny, and Andy Breidenbach Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14			
Sunday, May 3: 5th Sunday of Easter Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am People of the Parish St. Peter ~ 10:30 am Frank Grime Audrey Dominique Loman Radabaugh Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12			

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

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.

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

Burger Bash

It's time for the annual community-wide Burger Bash, set for Sunday, May 3rd in the Ruihley Park Pavilion from 11 to 1. A free-will donation covers a picnic-type lunch to share beside your neighbors and friends. With those Burger Bash donations over the last two decades, our community has been able to send almost \$785,000 to our mentors and teachers in Third World countries who stand ready to help the agricultural communities there.



John 10:1-10

Sunday's Gospel describes Jesus as a Good Shepherd, who has come so that his followers might have life to the fullest. Shepherds lead, protect, and provide for their sheep. Shepherds know their sheep and the sheep know the shepherd's voice. In Jesus' time, shepherds slept at the entrance to the sheepfold like a gate that keeps the sheep in. Jesus is the gateway to the Christian community. Baptism makes us members of that community.



Congratulations and many blessings to our youth who made a sacrament this weekend!



Andrew Cifra, James Cifra, Izzy Graber, Maddux Graber, Amelia Herman, and Vincent Pifer



Alexa Alt, Lucas Ankney, Alex Baden, Baylen Cordes, Addi Dominique, Lilli Dominique, Dayne Fidler, Easton Fidler, Grace Graber, Zayd Guelde, Noah Krueger, Ruby Krueger, Vaughn Langenderfer, Aiden Meyers, Alli Meyers, Cece Seibert, Marian Shields, and Dalton Smith

Thank you to everyone who helped at the community meal and provided cupcakes. Also, the youth group is very grateful for all of the parish support and making their breakfast fundraiser a great success!

Baccalaureate Mass
Sunday, May 17

If you have a graduating student (*high school or college*) please let the office know.



K-12 Faith Formation Closing Mass (Rosary & Pizza Party)
Wednesday, April 29
6:30 pm



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:
\$2525.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:
(\$850.00)

Past collections:

April 12	\$2686.00
April 5	\$8257.00
March 29	\$2676.00

Dear Padre

April 26, 2026

Should Christians avoid practicing qi gong or tai chi? Or even meditation in which you empty your mind? Thank you.

This is one of those questions that has been debated for a long time. Social media offers many so-called experts with vastly different opinions. It can be very confusing, particularly if you are looking for a black-and-white answer, a yes or a no.

The pope who provides us with the most helpful direction to answer this question is Pope Benedict XVI. He did not forbid Eastern spiritual practices entirely but warned against their integration into Christian life without proper discernment. His perspective was rooted in a theological understanding that Christian spirituality is a unique path focused on a relationship with Christ. He emphasized that our Catholic spiritual tradition is distinct from the goals and methods of non-Christian traditions. He believed the practice of such non-Christian traditions, without preparation and without awareness of the challenge they present, could lead to spiritual error if not approached with caution and discernment.

So, the answer is nuanced. If you are using the practice as a spiritual practice, you should proceed with the utmost caution. If, on the other hand, you are using these practices for the more common physical or psychological—not spiritual—reasons, then it is permissible. ●

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

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