

July 26, 2026 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, July 25:
John Grieser

Aug. 1, 2026~4:30 pm

Sun., Aug. 2, 2026~10:30 am

Sunday, July 26:
Frank Grime
Mike & Joyce Dwyer
Arthur Godoy

GREETERS

Dave & Jeanie Alt

Dave & Cindy Gustwiller

Monday, July 27:
Weekday
No Mass
Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35

LECTORS

Dexter Krueger

Chris Lopez

Tuesday, July 28:
Weekday
St. Peter~7:00 pm
Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43

SERVERS

Kruegers

Alexa & Gia Alt
1 Miller

Wednesday, July 29:
Sts. Martha, Mary, and
Lazarus
St Peter~9:00 am
Jer 15:10, 16-21/Jn 11:19-27

USHERS

Dave & Jeanie Alt

Dave Gustwiller
Aaron Alt

ROSARY LEADER

John Smith

Thursday, July 30:
St. Peter Chrysologus
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

MONEY COUNTERS

Cindy Krueger
Nick & Susan Wlasiuk

Friday, July 31:
St. Peter~9:00 am
Amelia Salinas
Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58

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

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.

Saturday, Aug. 1:
Vigil
St. Peter ~4:30 pm
People of the Parish
Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 13:54-58

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

Sunday, Aug. 2:
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
People of the Parish
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
Frank Grime
Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/
Mt 14:13-21

**FAYETTE BULL THISTLE FESTIVAL BREAKFAST
(FREE WILL OFFERING)**

Our Lady of Mercy Church
409 E. Main Street, Fayette, OH
August 1, 2026
8:00 am-10:00 am

Home of the Breakfast Pizza



When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. – Matthew 13:46

My twenty-something niece met a fellow while spending a year abroad. After she returned to the States, nothing seemed right. A year later, she returned to Europe and married the man. When you find the pearl of great price, everything else you have seems worthless in comparison.

We know the pearl when we encounter it. We might not know its name before we lay eyes on it, what shape or form it may take, whether it's a life mate or vocation, the right city or a congenial community, that we're looking for. We may not even be looking for anything until the thing we're longing for hits us over the head and we realize we can't live without it. Like the pearl dealer in the story, we may have to visit a lot of stalls and settle for a lot of second-best until real value comes our way. In the meantime, polish your discernment and trust!

When have you known, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that this person, place, career, or thing was the genuine item?

LET US PRAY... Lord, we confess to you that we are not the people you created us to be. You know our failings and our weaknesses well, for you see the hearts of all plainly. Inspire us with the fire of your word, that we might incarnate the truth of Scripture in the lives we lead. Teach us to take risks for love's sake. Amen.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR
OCTOBER 1, 2, 3

PHOTOGRAPHY SIGN-UPS WILL BEGIN IN JUST A
 FEW WEEKS FOR OUR NEW PARISH DIRECTORY!
 PHOTO SESSIONS AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1, 2 AND 3!

Next Sunday coffee and rolls will be served after Mass. Everyone is invited!

Update on our collection envelopes...

A lot of you have received envelopes for August but may have noticed the dates only run August 1-16. The company has been contacted, and we should receive the rest of August combined with September, and some of October later. The shipment after that will contain the rest of October combined through the end of the year.

In the meantime, you can continue using a plain envelope with your name or a past envelope for the missing July envelopes.



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: \$3286.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:
 (\$89.00)

Past collections:

July 12	\$2360.20
July 5	\$3224.59
July 28	\$3103.00

Dear Padre

July 26, 2026

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean?

Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church. It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●

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

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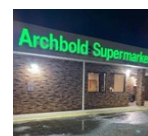
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