

August 16, 2026 ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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THE CATHOLIC, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

A MEMBER OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE DEANERY

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

Website: stpeterarchbold.com

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, Aug. 15:
People of the Parish

Aug. 22, 2026~4:30 pm

Sun., Aug. 23, 2026~10:30 am

Sunday, Aug. 16:
Jeannette Tidwell
Shirley Taylor
Dick & Susan Saaf
Chuck & Theresa McColl
57th anniversary

GREETERS

Steve & Barb Dominique

The Smith Family

LECTORS

Barb Dominique

Steve Bernath

Monday, Aug. 17:
Weekday
No Mass
Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22

SERVERS

3 Seiberts

Connor & Dalton Smith
1 Shield

Tuesday, Aug. 18:
Weekday
St. Peter~7:00 pm
Betty Britenriker
Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30

USHERSSteve Dominique
Tami Bevins

Chuck & Theresa McColl

Wednesday, Aug. 19:
St. John Eudes
St Peter~9:00 am
Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16

ROSARY LEADERSmith Family
Chris Lopez

Thursday, Aug. 20:
St. Bernard
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14

MONEY COUNTERSBryan and Jessica Miller
Brooke and Sheri Bosco

Friday, Aug. 21:
St. Pius X
St. Peter~9:00 am
Ez 37:1-14/Mt 29:34-40

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.

Saturday, Aug. 22:
Vigil
St. Peter ~4:30 pm
People of the Parish
Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, Aug. 23:
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
Giovanni Stella
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
Gina Damman
Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20

Sanctus Real at Hensville Park!***Sunday, August 23*****Looking for a meaningful way to wrap up summer with family and friends?**

Toledo-bred Christian rock band Sanctus Real is coming to Hensville Park for a special Faith at the Stadium postgame concert on Sunday, August 23. Don't miss an opportunity to enjoy a Mud Hens game, experience an inspiring live concert, and make lasting memories with the people who matter most.

A Mud Hens game ticket for August 23 is required for concert admission.



'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' –Matthew 15:28

Even Jesus was impressed by the foreign woman who pursued him for a healing for her daughter. As we know from reading the Gospels, Jesus had his hands full in daily dealings with his fellow Jews. In fact, he withdrew from Jewish territory into Tyre and Sidon precisely to get a respite from that often-thankless battle. No wonder he's not anxious to respond when this gentile comes running after him with her needs! Matthew calls her a "Canaanite," the ancient name for the native Palestinians from whom Israel had taken the land. (Luke calls her a Syro-Phoenician, which is how she might have described herself.)

"Canaanite" was a slur, not much different from how Jesus compares her to a dog begging for scraps. Displaying more love than pride, the woman argues that even a dog gets the scraps if it begs enough.

Jesus rewards her great faith. We can be sure that such faith will be rewarded in the many outsiders who cry out to God today for the compassion they are denied elsewhere.

Who are the 21st century's "dogs," demeaned and ignored by those in power? How does the Church respond to these lowly little ones?

LET US PRAY... In these last weeks of summer, Lord, we ask your blessing on this season of rest and relaxation. We thank you for slower hours, gentle conversations, picnics, and time outdoors in your Creation. May we be more appreciative of the beauty around us, especially in the children of God we meet every day. Amen.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It's time to sign up for a photo session for you to be included in our new parish pictorial directory! Photography dates are October 1, 2, and 3.

Signing up is easy:

Online signup is available Monday through Friday. Instructions for online signup were included in our recent newsletter. Extra copies of the instructions are on the table in the parish hall.

In-person signup is available after the weekend Masses at the table in the parish hall. Contact Jeanie Alt (419-230-8560) or the office with any questions!

FULTON COUNTY FAIR BOOTH

The Catholic parishes of Fulton County will once again host an informational booth at the Fulton County Fair. St. Peter Church has been assigned the following shifts: **3pm to 6pm on Friday, September 4th ; 4:30pm to 7pm on Tuesday, September 8th ; and 11am until 9pm on Wednesday, September 9th (Senior Citizen Day).** If you would like to take a shift, a sign up sheet is on the table in the hallway. Volunteer information will be provided to those who sign up. Contact Dave or Jeanie Alt if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance for helping.

We are in need of a catechist for an elementary classroom as well as helpers for the Religious Education program. Contact Deb Herring or Father Bill if you are interested or have questions.

Summer cleanout...check your mailbox!



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:

Not available at time of printing.

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:

Past collections:

August 9	\$3022.00
August 2	\$5419.00
July 26	3098.00



Dear Padre

August 16, 2026

What does the Church teach about evolution?

In 1950, Pope Pius XII assured believers that there is no intrinsic opposition between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that God is affirmed as the Creator of all things and that the human soul is acknowledged a direct creation of God. (See *Humani Generis* [On the Human Person], 36.) In section 6 of his October 22, 1996, address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope St. John Paul II sanctioned the acceptance of evolution theories but added that the nature of the soul and its relationship to God are beyond the realm of science. Thus, the Catholic Church maintains that while evolution explains the development of life, it is God who initiated and guided the evolutionary process, and that our providential God is ultimately responsible for creating the human soul.

Many people find Darwin's evolutionary theory (*On the Origin of Species*, 1859) hard to reconcile with their literal interpretation of the biblical account of origins in Genesis 1 and 2. But views on whether God created human beings in evolutionary stages that span millennia, or literally created human beings in an instant, can coexist for Catholics. Yet, regarding the latter view, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* discourages an overall literal interpretation of the Bible, encouraging readers instead to recognize its various literary genres. (See CCC 109–117.) Recall, too, that the Bible wasn't written for scientific information, nor was Darwinian biology written for theological revelation. ●

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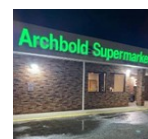
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