



St. Peter Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
8:30 am — 5:00 pm
Wednesday:
8:30 am — 6:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Peter Parish! We encourage you to register as a parish family as soon as possible. You can call the parish office or register on our website.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to begin plans for the baptism of your child.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should always be made at the parish office at least twelve months in advance of the ceremony.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday at Noon, one week prior to publication date. Send to: bulletin@myspartans.org. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

November 26, 2023

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Monday, November 27**Monday of the Thirty-fourth week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am R Conversion of Sinners
 8:30 am R Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:30 pm P † Catherine Liston

Tuesday, November 28**Tuesday of the Thirty-fourth week in Ordinary Time**

7:00 am P † Donald Steele
 12:00 pm M Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:30 pm M † Paul Blubaugh, Sr.

Wednesday, November 29**Wednesday of the Thirty-fourth week in Ordinary Time**

7:00 am P † Scott Biggs
 8:30 am P † Jim & Karen Sertell
 9:45 am M † Emilio Mancha
 5:30 pm P † Don Marcum

Thursday, November 30**Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle**

7:00 am P † Pat Bubash
 5:30 pm R † Don Marcum

Friday, November 17 / Friday, December 1**Friday of the Thirty-fourth week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am M The Sick & Dying
 5:30 pm P Special Intention of Joseph Kurtzman

Saturday, December 2**Vigil of The First Sunday of Advent**

4:00 pm M Luis Mancha, Sr.
 5:00 pm P † Theresa Schroeder
 6:00 pm R † Fr. Thomas Gorman

Sunday, December 3**First Sunday of Advent**

7:30 am P Parishioners of our Tri-parish Community
 9:00 am R † Bob Sutter
 9:30 am P † Dean Robertson
 11:00 am M † Joseph Reif
 11:30 am P † Dalton Ford

The Sacrament of Penance will be available 30 minutes before every Mass. The Rosary will be said 30 minutes before weekend and most weekday Masses.

M—St. Mary • P—St. Peter • R—Resurrection

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 Patti Wessling Basilone
 Milan "Dean" Zellner

*IN
 LOVING
 MEMORY*

Sunday Stewardship YTD FY 2023/2024**Sunday and Holy Day Collection: 57000 Parish**

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection To Date:	\$282,216
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To date:	\$305,407
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(23,191)

School Collection: 55200.4 School Total

Total School Collection:	\$46,000
Total Budgeted School Collection:	\$35,000
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$11,000



Dear Parishioners,

Hopefully you had a wonderful time with family and friends in celebrating Thanksgiving the last few days. It seems that we are busy with so many things that we hardly have time to enjoy some rest and relaxation. That certainly is the case for me and probably for many of you al-

so. As a result, I greatly appreciated the last few days with my family, eating well and resting. I especially enjoyed reconnecting with rural life and the quietness that comes with it. It's hard to miss God in such settings!

As I mentioned last week, Thanksgiving is a national holiday for giving thanks. The more gratefully we are every day of the year the more joyful we will be. Some of what I'm grateful for are our parishioners who pray each day. I'm especially grateful to parents who are teaching, by word and example, their children to pray each day. I'm grateful in seeing so many of you at Mass each week-end. We come together as brothers and sisters before God who is the Father of us all. If you haven't noticed, the Mass, at its core, is a prayer of thanksgiving. Eucharist literally means "to give thanks". Just as a smile says something about a person, so does the commitment to come to Mass each weekend. That effort and sacrifice is a good deed that does not go unnoticed, especially by God.

I'm grateful for all who volunteer around the parish in whatever way. Thank you very much! Without your generosity, the parish would not be able to accomplish all the wonderful work and important activities that it does. Whether it is the ushers, singers, money counters, servers, committee members, or those who help with landscaping, cleaning, building, fixing, or those who lead faith sharing groups, men's groups, women's group, and others, I am deeply grateful! If you don't currently volunteer, consider doing so with whatever gifts and talents God has given to you. You too will experience more joy.

Lastly for this week, I'm grateful for all those who financially support our parish. Your sacrifice also does not go unnoticed. Many people are financially struggling, yet many still continue to financially support the parish with what they can offer each week. I know one of our parishioners, who has a very meager income, makes an offering each week that is sacrificial. To the uninformed observer, the amount that a person puts in the collection basket seems small, but it is a big sacrifice. Scripture reminds us that God loves a generous heart. A special thanks to all who are unable to attend Mass for health reasons, yet continue to make their weekly contributions. Your generosity is humbling and inspiring!

Choose this week to be grateful. Look for the blessings you take for granted. Devote a little extra time to thanking God. Then offer a prayer for all the people in our world who don't see the blessings they enjoy each day.

Gratefully,
 Fr. Miller



Pies Needed

Fr. Kevin will again be coordinating a Thanksgiving meal for his men's group at MANCI. This will take place on Thursday, November 30. Donations of pies, any variety are requested. Pies can be dropped off to the St. Peter Parish Office on November 28 and 29.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
12:30-3:30 PM

BAKE SALE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES RAFFLES & MORE

St. Peter's Christmas Classic is not only one of the state's largest bake sales, but also a day of music, holiday merriment, and one of the largest fundraisers for the Spartan Family Association, which provides grants to our school for field trips, teacher appreciation, academic programs, facility updates, professional development, and anything that enhances learning.

When you donate, volunteer, shop, and enjoy, you're benefitting our entire community.



DONATE

Bake and package candy, cookies, fudge, or other treats to be sold at the Classic. Elves will be collecting items in the alley between the church and high school on Friday, 12/1 from 7:30-8:15 a.m. Donations can also be dropped off in the cafeteria on Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

PREORDER

Two of the Classic's bestselling items are available for preorder, as they tend to sell out quickly.

Items available for preorder are poticas, a rolled bread with a sweet, nutty filling, and kieffels, a Polish crescent cookie with a walnut filling.

VOLUNTEER

We will have several community baking days where even an hour of your time will help make light work for all.

Come to the cafeteria to dip Buckyeyes on 11/27, learn how to make kieffels on 11/28, help roll poticas in the cafeteria on 12/2 or consider frosting butter rings.

St. Peter's Christmas Classic Order Form

ALL PURCHASES MUST BE ORDERED AND PRE-PAID BY NOVEMBER 29.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Item	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Dozen Kieffels Polish, crescent-shaped, nut-filled cookies		\$7.00	
Potica Slovak, nut-filled pastry		\$10.00	
		Sub-Total	

Email: _____

Pickup Person: _____

Christmas Oplatki Wafers Now Available

Are you familiar with the Polish Christmas tradition of the Oplatki (Christmas wafer)? This is a great tradition to begin with your family and friends. The Christmas wafer comes from Eastern Europe. The name means "Angel Bread" and is made of only flour and water. The wafers are stamped with a Christmas image such as the Star of Bethlehem or the Nativity. Oplatkis are for sale in each of the parish offices. They are \$1.00 each and include the wafer along with a copy of the history, tradition and devotion.

Oplatki: A Polish Christmas Tradition



Volunteers Needed on Dec. 2 at 10AM

People of all ages are welcome to come to the church and help switch out the Breaking Bread hymnals for the new 2024 edition as we get ready for the Advent season.



Christmas Classic Community Baking Schedule St. Peter's High School Cafeteria

NOV
27

BUCKEYES 9 AM - 12 PM

On Monday, volunteers are invited to help prepare the filling and dip them in chocolate. Many sit down jobs available.

NOV
28

KIEFFELS 8 AM - 1 PM

On Tuesday, volunteers are invited to help make these delicious nut-filled cookies by filling them, rolling them into crescents, and baking them.

DEC
2

POTICAS 8 AM - 2 PM

On Saturday many volunteers are needed to help roll poticas--the nut roll made famous by Ann Brown. Many sit down jobs will be available in the afternoon when they begin packaging.

DEC
3

BUTTER RINGS 8 AM - 3 PM

Starting in the morning and continuing throughout the Christmas Classic, volunteers are needed to help prepare these sweet treats that are served fresh out of the oven.

**No baking experience needed.
Please feel free to drop in at any time.**

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Kildare, another Catholic School from Dublin. Plus, our 8th grade team may have the chance to compete in a "Middle School Showcase" at Mansfield Senior in January. Thank you to Coach Windom for helping our athletes and program grow.

Our high school bowling program is ready for the season under the direction of their new head coach, Mr. Son Wynn. He brings excitement and energy to the teams, and his enthusiasm has the bowlers motivated for their upcoming matches and tournaments. We will have full boys and girls teams this season, and we are looking forward to all the first-time bowlers joining our experienced bowlers.

St. Peter's is also fortunate to be able to offer indoor track during the winter season. Bruce Woodson, our track coach, is kind enough to provide this opportunity to athletes interested in preparing for their outdoor track season in the spring. We have multiple middle school and high school students who plan to participate in the weekend meets at the indoor track facilities of various colleges throughout Ohio.

Coach Amanda Windom will once again have a strong group of girls participating on our high school and middle school cheer squads this winter. At every game they attend, our cheerleaders bring an unparalleled level of spirit and are the most positive, vocal supporters of our basketball teams. The athletic department receives compliments regularly from our opponents and their fans in support of how dedicated our cheerleaders are each season. Thanks to a generous donation from Mr. Son Wynn, our high school cheer squads will once again have a Spartan Mascot present at our games, and he will be an integral part of their program.

Our athletic programs would not be possible without the help of our Spartan Athletics Booster Club. They provided new girls basketball uniforms and practice jerseys last year. This year they have provided warm-up jackets for all our middle school athletes, and they have purchased brand new uniforms for our middle school and high school boys basketball teams. They are always looking for motivated parents who want to be more involved in their child's athletic experiences here at St. Peter's, so if you are interested in joining the Boosters, please contact our athletic director.

With all the students involved, St. Peter's actually has more athletes (both high school and middle school) participating in a winter sport than we have had each of the past three years. As you can see, we are trending in a positive direction, and the athletic department plans to do everything possible to promote these teams and our athletes this winter. We encourage you to also show your support - attend their games, cheer for them, offer your time as a volunteer at athletic events, and share all the great things our athletes will do during the winter 2023-2024 season.

David Miller, AD

From the Athletic Director

November has been a busy month for our athletic program. In addition to the celebration of our fall athletes at the end of their season, we have been working with our coaches at all levels to prepare for our winter sports. St. Peter's School has a long legacy of successful athletic teams, and we are working hard to ensure that tradition continues. As you will see, we are showing positive growth in many areas while developing long-term plans to increase involvement in other areas.

We are investing in programs at the elementary level to promote long-term growth of the program and offer opportunities for girls to play youth basketball. Thanks to elementary parent Joe Mulherin, St. Peter's is fielding two co-ed basketball teams at the Mansfield YMCA this winter. These two teams (1st/2nd grades and 3rd/4th grades) practice on campus and are able to use the FAC weekly to experience playing in the high school gym.

Additionally, our varsity girls basketball coaches have been working with all the area private schools to offer playing opportunities in an all-girls elementary basketball league this winter. Plus, we will offer open gyms to our middle school and high school girls in the spring and summer, so those interested have the chance to improve and practice with other Lady Spartans.

Our largest areas of positive growth this winter are in our middle school and high school boys basketball programs. For the first time in three years, St. Peter's High School will have full JV and varsity boys basketball teams. Each team will have a complete schedule, and they will play their Mid-Buckeye Conference games on Friday nights during the season. The JV team will also participate in a holiday tournament sponsored by Gilead Christian School in late December.

Our middle school boys basketball program is also growing, and we will have separate 7th and 8th grade teams. In addition to their regularly scheduled conference games, our middle school teams will have two new opportunities this season. First, with the help of an 8th grade parent, we will be hosting St. Bridget of

St Peter Fall Sports Award Ceremony



High School Cross Country



Middle School Volleyball



Middle School Golf

High School Golf



High School JESUS MOVEMENT

At Resurrection Parish 2600 Lexington Ave.

Next Event is Sunday, **December 3**

December	January
3rd	14th
17th	21st

Sundays 6 to 8 PM

SEE FULL SCHEDULE



MIDDLE SCHOOL JESUS MOVEMENT

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL TEENS FROM OUR TRI-PARISH AND BEYOND ARE INVITED

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Next Event is Sunday, **December 3**

6:00PM - 8:00PM

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Upcoming Dates

- December 3
- January 14 & 28
- February 18
- March 3 & 17
- April 7

JESUS MOVEMENT

WINTER RETREAT

WE ALL NEED TO RETREAT WITH THE LORD AND WITHDRAW FROM THE JAM-PACKED SCHEDULES AND ROUTINES THAT SURROUND US. THAT'S WHY WE'RE INVITING YOU TO THE JESUS MOVEMENT WINTER RETREAT.

REGISTER NOW!

WHEN: DECEMBER 8-9TH
 WHO: 9TH-12TH GRADERS
 WHERE: DAMASCUS

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Parish News

2023 Giving Tree

In collaboration with St. Peter staff, St. Vincent de Paul and discussions with the Agency programs we serve, we decided to continue with a general Gift card collection for the families we serve for our Giving tree. During the few years, we have discovered this has allowed the families and individuals we have served an opportunity to allow them to purchase gifts specifically tailored to their children and family and has additionally allowed more of an equal distribution of gifts for those that gift requests have not been returned. We again are supporting the families from St. Peter school, St. Vincent de Paul clients, parish families and shut in parishioner's, Catholic Charities programs (Angel Tree -Children of Prisoners and Project Bethlehem) and community families served through the Salvation Army. Our Gift Card collection will begin during the weekend Masses starting the weekend Masses beginning Nov. 25 th through Dec. 11 th . Look for additional details in upcoming future bulletins. As always, we appreciate all the care, love and support our Parish shows to those in need, most especially during the Christmas Season.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The December meeting of The Catholic Women's Club of the Saint Juan Diego Deanery will be Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at the Ontario Event Center, 3985 Park Avenue West, Mansfield 44903. The luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon and a meeting and program will follow. All Catholic women in the Saint Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, please call Valerie Mapes, President at 419-564-3034 or Anita Holloway, December Chairperson at 419-524-2219 or 419-544-0184 before noon on Thursday, December 7, 2023 to make your reservation. We look forward to seeing current members and meeting new members.

Herlihy Christmas House

Herlihy Christmas House is open again this year on December 7, 8, 9 and 10th from 6 – 9pm! Bring your entire family to view our private family home at 170 West Second Street (park in Herlihy Funeral Home parking lot). Over 30 decorated trees, trains, lots of collections, Disney and much more! Just asking for a donation that will go towards the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program and local animal shelters. All of us at Herlihy Funeral Home wish you and your family a blessed holiday season!

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Parish Prayer List

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish Names will only be listed for four (4) weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the parish office.



Lura Barnes	Susan Leach
Holly Barnes	John & Cindy Lloyd
MaKaya Butler	Krista Marshall
Marianne Cappadonna	Danny Marti
Christine Caudill	Rosemary Musille
Caroline Clark	Kathy Nash
Betty Connolly	Dr. Kimberly Nemeth
Paul Conry	Carol Pittenger
Josephine Contra	Lynn Raque
Frederick Dale	Stephanie Reynolds
Scott Darnell	Barbara Riley
Kathy Deckard	Bill Ruhl
Cherrie De La Paz	Colleen Schambre
Adrian DeLeon	Joan Schonhardt
David Donley	Larry Strauser
Jeffrey Downing	Linda & Cindy Thompson
Mick Frye SPHS '71	Sandy Trebonik
Micah Galuzny	Sharon Valdry
Rick Gasper	Genevieve (Jenny) Wala
Alan Gleisenger	Beth Weiland
Kathy Groff	Penny Wendland
Danny Kiehl	Gwen Yockey
Jeannine Klotz	Don Yockey
Cindy Lassen	Michael Yoha

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 27, 2023

Monday	Thirty-fourth Monday in Ordinary Time Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 95, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, November 26

1:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Spend some time with Jesus
on The Solemnity of

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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Sunday, December 17

4 pm

Prison Ministry Corner

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Thank you to all who support our prison ministry programs

in so many ways. This week we welcome all donations of cookies for the upcoming Catholic Retreat at Richland Correctional. Cookies can be brought to the St. Peter Parish Center all this week (Nov. 27 thru Dec. 1). The Retreat day will be filled with time for thought-provoking talks, faith sharing, singing, table activities, fellowship, and more. We will have Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction the evening before to set the tone for this prayerful and reflective weekend.



Fr. Thomas Joseph Gorman III, a Senior Status Priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Sunday, November 12, 2023. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

