



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

Matthew 16:18

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 28

Memorial of Saint Augustine,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am R Strengthening of Marriages
8:30 am R Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:30 pm P † Anna Loris

Tuesday, August 29

Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 am P † Marilyn Miller
12:00 pm M Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:30 pm M Vocations to the Priesthood

Wednesday, August 30

Wednesday in the Twenty-First Week of Ordinary Time

7:00 am P † Marieta Paragsa
8:30 am P † Jim Liston
9:30 am P † Dolores Longood
9:45 am M Strengthening of Families
5:30 pm P Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, August 31

Thursday in the Twenty-First Week of Ordinary Time

7:00 am P † Catherine Liston
5:30 pm R Elderly & Homebound

Friday, September 1

Friday in the Twenty-First Week of Ordinary Time

8:00 am M † Harold Maxfield, Sr.
5:30 pm P † Gene and Jo Taddeo Haas

Saturday, September 2

Vigil of the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:30 pm P Confessions
4:00 pm M Parishioners of St. Mary, St. Peter, & Resurrection Parishes
5:00 pm P † Donald Steele
6:00 pm R Conversion of Sinners

Sunday, September 3

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am P † Marilyn Miller
9:00 am R † John Pifher
9:30 am P † Theresa Bartlett
11:00 am M † Clara Montsilos
11:30 am P † Deceased of the Soprano Family

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

FROM THE PASTOR:



Dear Parishioners,

This week please invite another person to the Catholic Church. This might seem like a bold request on my part but most adults become part of the Catholic Church because someone invited them to do so. However, before doing anything, pray to God for insight as to whether someone you know

needs an invitation to join the Catholic Church. In doing so, you might discover that God is inviting you to help that person to the next level of their spiritual life.

Invitations are powerful, and that is true for the Catholic Faith. If you ask with kindness and enthusiasm, and they decline your invitation, you have done your part in bringing that particular person closer to God. On the other hand, you just might be the final piece of God's puzzle to bring that person into the Catholic Church. In my many years as a priest, I've seen some of the happiest faces from those who have become Catholic, and the same for their family members and friends.

You might ask why we should invite others to join the Catholic Church. The first reason is that Jesus tells us directly: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you."* (Matthew 28:19) Christ intends this to be the work of every one of us, each having different roles, but each taking part.

Just as importantly, Jesus also prayed: *"that they may all be one, even as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You."* (John 17:21) This is one of the most powerful prayers Jesus ever prayed! Our one Father, who created one world with one family in Adam and Eve, has established one Church, which is meant to prepare us for the one heaven – "so that they all may be one!"

The process by which a person becomes a member of the Catholic Church is called the *Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)*. Its focus is directed toward those who are curious about or interested in joining the Catholic Church. There are many misconceptions about the Catholic Faith that can turn people away. For example, we don't worship statues, we do read our bibles, and heaven requires more than just going to Mass on Sunday.

OCIA explores various topics of our Faith, such as prayer, sacraments, scripture, morality, church history, etc. All this aims at helping the inquiring persons make an informed decision about whether they should become part of the Catholic Church. There is no pressure, just good hearted people helping those who want to learn more about the Catholic Church. Each inquiring person has a sponsor whose role is to accompany them along the faith journey.

Please remember to pray about whom you might ask to become part of the Catholic Church and then kindly invite them. Do not underestimate the power of your invitation to influence others!

Gratefully,
Fr. Miller

IN GOD'S ARMS

Please remember to pray for
all our beloved dead.

*IN
LOVING
MEMORY*

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

WEDDING BANNERS

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PSR NEWS

PSR (religious education classes for students not attending Catholic school) will begin on Wednesday, Aug 30 from 6-7:30pm. A parent meeting is also scheduled for that evening at 6pm. Please register your children now by contacting Jenny Ewing at ewingstmary@gmail.com or calling at 419-589-2114 ext 508

St. Peter Catholic Church

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Website: mansfieldstpeters.org/parish
Parish Office (419)524-2572 x2101

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 Center to begin plans for the baptism of your child.

Sacrament of Marriage:

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

Bulletin Deadline:

Friday at Noon, one week prior to publication date. All submissions must be in writing to bulletin@myspartans.org.

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PARISH NEWS

ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Do you know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and her teachings? We would love to help you find the answers to your questions and accompany you on your faith journey through the OCIA process. Classes begin this fall. Please contact Jenny Ewing for more information at ewingstmary@gmail.com or 419-589-2114 ext 508.

IS YOUR CHILD OVER THE AGE OF 7 AND NOT YET BAPTIZED?

Does your child want to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist)? Because they have reached the "age of reason" the Catholic Church considers them "adults" and invites them to participate in the OCIC process to prepare them to receive the sacraments and become full members of the Catholic Church. Please contact Jenny Ewing for more information at ewingstmary@gail.com or 419-589-2114 ext 508.

ST. PETER FUNERAL CHOIR

The Funeral Choir is looking to add several new members. This is especially opportune for stay-at-home moms or dads, retirees, and those who work second or third shift.

Burying the dead is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy and is thus a very important ministry. Virtually all our funerals occur in the morning, most of which are at 10:00 or 11:00 am. The ability to read music or to sing four-part music is required. You just need to be able to sing. Call Bill Johnson at the Parish Center if you'd like more information.

FEED THE NEEDY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Donations are needed for our community outreach at our Feed the Needy Sunday Dinners for those in need. We need: combs and brushes, disposable razors and shaving cream, shampoo and conditioner, bar soap, washcloths, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, socks, and children's books. Bring to the Parish Office or church anytime. Thank you for your generosity.

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal and assure the continuation of these programs and services. For more information and to make your



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| St. Peter Parish Goal: | \$59,068 |
| Gifts/Pledges to Date: | \$45,116.25 |
| % of Goal | 76.38% |
| Total Families Donated: | 221 |

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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9 am to 3.30 pm - Conferences on the Holy Spirit
(Babysitting Available)

For registration please call - 419-644-4014



PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Father Jeremy Miller and his students from Toledo Corpus Christi University parish sent this message regarding their recent visit to RiCI to play softball and to celebrate Mass: "It was a great time! We were so impressed with the welcoming spirit, prayerfulness and engagement at Mass, and appreciation for us just being there!"



Tri-Parish Pilgrimage
Sept. 21
ST. DYMPHNA NATIONAL SHRINE
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PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER KISHORE KOTTANA

Tri-Parish pilgrimage Sept. 21, 2023...Trip to Canton, Ohio area includes stops at the following places:

- St Dymphna National Shrine**
- Mother Angelica Museum**
- Rhoda Wise House & Grotto**
- Sancta Clara Monastery**

Leave St Mary Church parking lot 7:30 am and return to St. Mary by 5:00 PM. Registration available at all three Parish Offices. \$60 registration fee. Checks payable to St. Peter Parish due by September 7.

SAINT PETER'S MUSIC SERIES PRESENTS VIOLINIST ANDREW SORDS

You are cordially invited to the premiere program in the 2023/2024 season of the Saint Peter's Music Series. After a lengthy hiatus due to covid and illness, the Series returns this year with an especially diverse and amazing set of programs. We begin this year with **acclaimed violinist Andrew Sords**, performing in concert with cellist Nathanael Matthews and pianist Elizabeth DeMio and featuring a program featuring works by Johannes Brahms, Clara Schumann, G.F Handel as orchestrated by Johan Halvorsen, and Dimitri Shostakovich. The concert will be held in the Church beginning at **7:00 PM on Saturday, September 9. Admission is free and open to the public.** Call 419-524-2572, ext 2113 for more information.

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praying for you and your babies!

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME IS HERE!

This week St. Peter's School welcomed our amazing faculty back to campus. In addition to a full day of meetings and planning in preparation for our students' arrival on Wednesday, together we attended Mass and a lunch celebrating those who accepted the loving act of teaching as a vocation. We are so grateful for the many ways they ensure our students are known, valued, and loved every day. The 23-24 school year officially kicks off this Wednesday.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of our academic programs at St. Peter's School, contact Admissions Director Jennifer Jones at jones.jennifer@myspartans.org.

Thank you for your continued prayers for all of our students as we begin the '23-'24 School year.



ST. PETER'S SCHOOL FACULTY ATTENDED MASS AND TEACHER IN-SERVICE SESSIONS FOR THE START OF THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR



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RECYCLING UPDATE

The green and yellow paper recycling containers have been removed from our campus at our request. This was a fundraiser for the school but the company, based in Cleveland, had not emptied them since before last Christmas.

You may still bring the following items to the S.C.R.A.P. (School and Community Recycling As Partners) recycling truck on the second Friday of the month. The truck is set up in front of the FAC from 10:00-11:00 am and again from 2:00-4:00 pm. They accept the following: newspapers, #1 and #2 plastic, aluminum cans, metal food cans, corrugated cardboard, box board, and white and colored paper (e.g., copy paper, junk mail, catalogs). This is an ongoing fundraiser for the school.

DIOCESAN, DEANERY & TRI-PARISH NEWS

*“There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood,
just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist.”*

In response to the priest shortage in the Diocese of Toledo, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas is asking the faithful to **pray** and **fast** for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

One Hail Mary each day. Families are encouraged to add this Hail Mary to their prayer before meals, regular daily prayers or family rosary, as a way of encouraging their children to seek God’s call for their life.

Fasting or penance each Friday The fasting or penance might be forgoing a meal, abstaining from meat, avoiding snacks between meals, or some other small sacrifice



Learn more at toledopriesthood.org.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CLUB

The September meeting of The Catholic Women’s Club of the Saint Juan Diego Deanery will begin with Mass at St. Joseph – Plymouth Church, 119 Sandusky Street, Plymouth 44865 at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Luncheon will follow in the attached Hall at 12:30 p.m. If you are a new member or are interested in carpooling, please call Valerie Mapes, President at 419-564-3034 before noon on Thursday, September 7, 2023 to make your reservation.

YOUNG ADULT EVENT—THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us at Ralphies in Galion on September 20th from 6- 8 p.m. where we will have dinner, drinks and a whole lot of fun! Theology on Tap is for young adults and those who are young at heart, and our featured presenter this month is Father Paul Fahrback from Galion, Saint Joseph’s and Bucyrus, Holy Trinity. He will be speaking about the presence of angels in our lives. Each person is responsible for the cost of their own meal and beverages. An RSVP is appreciated but not required. You can RSVP to ewurm124@gmail.com. We hope you can join us!



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Sunday Stewardship As of July 2023**Sunday and Holy Day Collections**

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| Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection: | \$71,434 |
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| Total Budgeted Sunday Collection: | \$84,738 |
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| Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit) | \$(60,231) |
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School Collection

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| Total School Collection: | \$8,034 |
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| Total Budgeted School Collection: | \$11,058 |
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| School Collection Surplus/(Deficit) | \$(3,024) |
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Your Word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path—Psalm 119:105

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| Sunday | Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20 |
| Monday Church | Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mt 23:13-22 |
| Tuesday | Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29 |
| Wednesday | 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32 |
| Thursday | 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17; Mt 24:42-51 |
| Friday | 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13 |
| Saturday | 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30 |
| Sunday | Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 |

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sign up here using
QR Code & phone
camera
or call the parish office



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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| Resurrection | St. Mary | St. Peter |
| 8:00-Noon | Noon-5:30 | 5:30-9:00 |

SAINT MONICA (332-387) FEAST DAY AUGUST 27



She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved, Augustine's tender account, in his *Confessions*, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope. —Peter Scagnelli

