

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 23, 2020

Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.

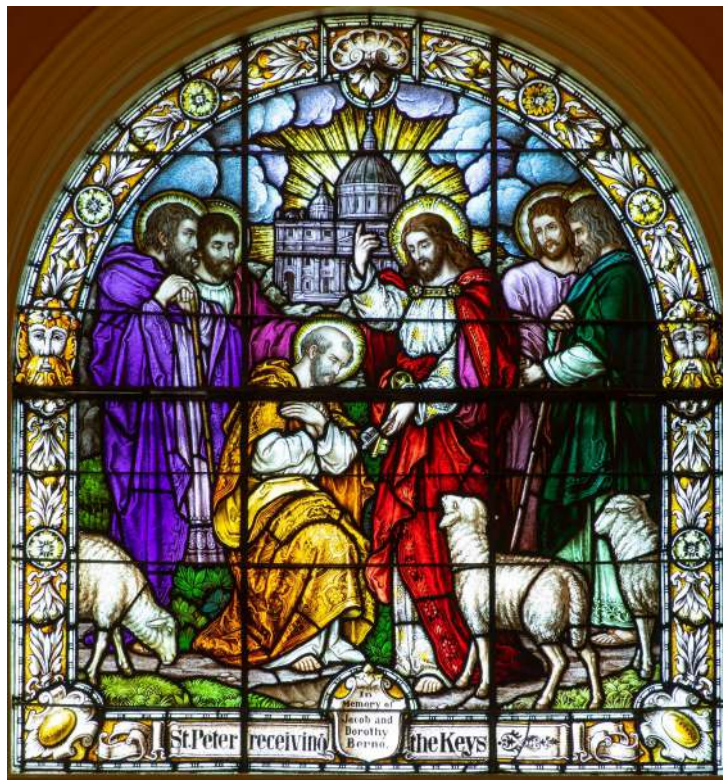
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

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.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16: 17-19



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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M.
Monday & Friday 5:30 P.M.
Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 A.M.

Spanish Mass:

Resurrection Parish, Lexington

All Masses are cancelled until further notice.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.
Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Pastoral Care Contacts:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572
Hospital & Follow-up
Nursing Homes/Assisted Living &
Prayer Pipeline
Deacon John Reef 419.529.3694
Shut-ins/Homebound

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your baby or child.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:30 P.M.
Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should always be made at the **Parish Center office at least eight months** in advance of the ceremony. A wedding date is confirmed after the initial meeting with a priest.

Bulletin Deadline:

Friday, 12:00 noon. All requests must be submitted in writing or email and must receive prior approval.

Parish Administrative Assistant:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572 ext.2122

Pastoral Staff:

Fr. Gregory R. Hite, *Pastor*
Fr. Kevin Moebius, *Parochial Vicar*
Mr. Bill Johnson,
Director of Music & Liturgy
Ms. Lynne Lukach, *Pastoral Associate*
Mrs. Elizabeth Wurm, *Director of*
Religious Ed. & Youth Minister

Deacon:

Mr. John Reef

St. Peter's School:

Mr. Jonathan Cuttitta
High School, Jr. High School
Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer
Elementary School and Montessori

Parish Business Manager:

Mr. Evan Mumea

Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 18, 2020

Kelly Donaghy
419-214-4944 or 419-343-0207
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Diocesan Priest Placed on Administrative Leave Following His Arrest

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas has placed Father Michael Zacharias, a priest of the Diocese of Toledo and pastor of St. Michael the Archangel parish in Findlay, on administrative leave effective immediately. This action was taken immediately upon receiving word of his arrest this morning in Findlay. The Diocese has been informed of the grave and reprehensible charges of a sexual nature, with minors and adults, and is cooperating fully with law enforcement.

In response to this initial information, Bishop Daniel Thomas expressed his revulsion at the charges, remarking, "I am profoundly shocked and grieved to learn of these charges against one of our priests. The Church cannot and will not tolerate any such behavior and takes any sexual abuse or misconduct on the part of a cleric with the utmost seriousness. As we await the outcome of the criminal investigation, our prayers go out to anyone affected by this situation."

Father Zacharias was ordained a priest in 2002 and these are the first such allegations to be raised against him.

In accordance with the [Policy for the Protection of Minors and Young People](#), while on administrative leave, Father Zacharias cannot exercise public priestly ministry, administer any of the Sacraments, wear clerical attire or present himself as a priest. Administrative leave is a precautionary measure while an allegation is being investigated.

Any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, staff member or volunteer affiliated with the Diocese of Toledo should first be reported to local law enforcement where the abuse is alleged to have occurred. To report any allegation regarding this case, please first contact the FBI at 216-622-6842. Please also report any such allegation to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 419-214-4880.

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Office of the Bishop
Diocese of Toledo

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22 August 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It was with profound shock that on the morning of Tuesday, August 18, 2020, our diocese learned of the arrest of Father Michael Zacharias, a priest of the Diocese of Toledo and pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Findlay. I immediately placed him on administrative leave due to charges of grave and reprehensible behavior, sexual in nature, with minors and adults. Father Zacharias was ordained a priest in 2002, and these are the first such allegations to be raised against him.

As ministers of Christ and His Church, priests promise to lead morally upright lives. An alleged betrayal such as this of those promises, deeply wounds the Body of Christ, especially anyone who was violated and all those affected by such immoral actions. Emotions of disbelief, anger, and numbness are understandable in the face of these revelations, sentiments which I personally share with you.

I know for many people trust in the Church has been eroded because of similar historical scandals, and that trust has now been further diminished. It is unfathomable that, given all that victims have suffered and the Church has endured; given all of the work that has been done and continues to be done to protect children, to demand accountability, to provide a safe environment, and to ensure the integrity of the priesthood, still sometimes evil has its way. Nevertheless, be assured that the Church cannot and will not tolerate any sexual abuse or misconduct on the part of any cleric.

This must be a time where we beg for the Lord's grace, once again entrusting ourselves to His mercy, choosing Christ who is our light amidst the darkness, so that together we may move forward with truth, justice, and renewed faith as committed disciples of Jesus.

For those of you with children, I know that addressing this matter can be a difficult conversation. However, it is important as families to discuss in an age-appropriate way how sin can lead us astray from our relationship with the Lord, reassuring them that Jesus remains in and with His Church.

In lifting up all affected by this situation, we also lift up one another in prayer, trusting in the healing and reconciliation that only the Lord can give. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families, even as I depend on your good prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel E. Thomas".

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo

Mt 16:13-20 - "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah."

St. Peter's Parishioners and Friends,

It's hard to believe that it's been just over a month since I arrived here at Mansfield St. Pete's! Truly, what a gift it has been! Praise be Jesus Christ! As I have mentioned many times, I've felt nothing but welcomed since the day I first set foot in this beautiful church. A big thank you goes out to all of you for the love and warmth that you have shown me. For those I haven't met, I look forward to getting to know you over my time here in serving you and this beautiful community.



In today's Sunday's gospel, the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time, Jesus tells Peter, "You are Peter, and to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven." Really Jesus? The keys to the kingdom of heaven! To Peter? Peter, the ordinary fisherman and disciple who denies you 3 times? What? So, let me get this right, whatever Peter judges to be "loose" or cut off from you and "bound" or attached to you here on earth, will be so in heaven? How does that work?

Brothers and sisters, Jesus asks us everyday, not "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Instead, he asks us individually, "Who do you say that I am?" You see, each of us carries around a set of keys with us in our pockets. What do those keys do? Open up our houses, cars, offices, and schools. Is there just one key to open all of those different doors? No, for each door, we have a different key made. Most of the time, the hard part is finding which key goes to what door! Well, what if those keys were taken from you or lost? Better, yet, what if all your keys were given to one person whom you had to go to get behind each door? What an inconvenience!

Could Jesus not have given keys to each one of his disciples? He really could have. We make copies all the time do we not? Jesus very easily could have given each disciple a set of keys for heaven. Why Peter? Why Peter, you see, because Peter picked the right door. The door is not John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the other prophets. Although avenues, they are avenues to Jesus, who is the door! Peter says, it's you Jesus! You are the door, the Christ, Son of the living God! Out of all the disciples, it is Peter who guesses right! Even Jesus himself calls himself "the door." Jesus says, "No one goes to the Father except through me." (JN 14:6) For, "I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved." (JN 20:9)

Today, we ask ourselves one question, "Who do you say the Son of Man is?" If you respond, the door, the Christ, Son of the living God, you are correct. The next question, "Which key on your keychain unlocks that door?" Here, we stand in His

church, that He built, that bears the name of His chosen disciple, St. Peter. A church that's home to the most important key of all, the Tabernacle key itself. A key that He no doubt made multiple copies of spreading them out, not to each disciple, but to all of His churches throughout the entire world.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Kevin

SAINT PETER'S PARISH MASK POLICY

Richland County is now under an "Orange Level" for the CoVID-19 Virus, but the State of Ohio is still under mandatory mask wearing orders.

We respectfully ask that all who come to worship with us **WEAR A MASK OR FACIAL COVERING, USE HAND SANITIZER, AND RESPECT SOCIAL DISTANCING OF 6 FEET.**

If you are not comfortable wearing a mask, we ask that you please watch Mass in the church basement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please pray for all during this time of pandemic!

Mary, Help of the Sick, Pray for us!

Father Hite, Pastor

JOIN CUB SCOUTS!



Cub Scouting is fun for the whole family. In Scouting, **boys and girls** start with their best right now selves and grow into their very best future selves. It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for

today – and for life.

Pack 121 is based out of St. Peter's Parish and welcomes youth from all area schools!

We meet every other Tuesday and have a monthly Pack Meeting where a key activity is held, such as the Pinewood Derby, Fun Sports, "Go See It" Activities, Hiking and more!

Contact Jim Cox for more information:
cox.jim@myspartans.org or 419-571-9874.

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/>
<https://about.scouting.org/join-cub-scouts/>

MASS INTENTIONSMonday, August 24 *Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Parish

Tuesday, August 25 *Weekday*

7:00 am William "Bill" Majors

Wednesday, August 26 *Weekday*

7:00 am Shane Conry

Thursday, August 27 *Saint Monica*

7:00 am Parish

Friday, August 28 *Saint Augustine, Bishop*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Parish

Saturday, August 29 *Vigil of the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm Parish

Sunday, August 30 *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Terez Nemeth

9:30 am Mary Ann Lacek

11:30 am Charles A. Massa

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish during this pandemic. Every sacrificial gift is accepted in the Lord's eyes.

Please remember to include our parish in your estate planning.



SAVE THE DATE

2020 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries



Congratulations on your milestone wedding anniversary! The Diocese of Toledo will honor you and other couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage at a mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Sunday, October 25th, at 3:00 pm, at Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo. Thank you for your witness to the Sacrament of Marriage.

Every registering couple is guaranteed an anniversary certificate.

For more information regarding this event and to register please visit www.toledoanniversarymass.org or contact Alice Jacobs ajacobs@toledodiocese.org 419-214-4978.

A DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR HEALING WOUNDS OF RACISM TO PROMOTE THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON



Join Bishop Daniel Thomas on Tuesday September 1st, 2020 and all the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo to spend the day in prayer and fasting for the intention of an end to the sin of racism.

Bishop Daniel Thomas will celebrate a Eucharistic Holy Hour at 7 pm at St. Thomas More University Parish in Bowling Green. If you are unable to attend please join in your own parishes for a Eucharistic Holy Hour when it is available.

For more information, email Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice, at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419-214-4933.

ST. MARY OF THE SNOWS FESTIVAL

Due to COVID19 **St. Mary's of the Snow** on Ashland Rd. **Festival** will be Drive through Chicken Dinner only. (Enter at Rt.42 entrance) September 13, 2020 Noon- 4PM

Raffle tickets (include 1 meal) Additional meals \$10 Child Meal \$5

First Prize \$5,000, Second Prize \$1,000, Third Prize- \$500

Quilt Raffle 1 Ticket \$1 or 6 for \$5

All tickets can be purchased on line at St. Mary of the Snow Website. www.mansfieldstmarys.org or in the office.

Please come support your local Catholic Church on **September 13th**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Aaron Blank, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Sharon Valdry, Maria Loschinkohl, John Ziegler, Marlene Ziegler, Dorothy Trinter, JoAnn Marbaugh, Gwen Yockey, Mary Ann and Mel Switzer, Louise Steggall, Tammy Dudley, Keith Combs, Mady Ziegler, Elaine Johnson, Cindy Jasnek Cartier, Jeannine Klotz, Marilyn B. Williamson, Tom Powell, Chief Master Sergeant Joseph Basting, Peggy Basting Taylor, Kathy Carcione, Carol Pittenger, Jill McMillen, Gary Caldwell, Jeffrey Davis, Willie "Frank" Williams, Catherine R. Liston, Pius Schell, Krista Marshall, Maggie Caldwell, Michael Davis, Michael Krempel, Marilyn Miller, Rose Saul, Charlene Arthur, Alan Gallaway, Marty Moritz, Logan Page, Maxine Shannon, Gracie Shannon, Pam Schopieray, Jacob Randall, Joe Mollica, Beverly Strawser.

Names will only be listed for 4 weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the Parish Center at 419.524.2572.

IN GOD'S ARMS...

M. Diane Rodriguez Ed Voytko

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.



FOR ALL OF THE CURRENT IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ST. PETERS PARISH OPERATIONS DURING THESE TROUBLED TIMES, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

WWW.MANSFIELDSTPETERS.ORG

THERE YOU WILL ALSO FIND DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR USE AT HOME FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

FOOD COLLECTION: September 12 & 13

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Please keep our brothers at Mansfield Correctional and Richland Correctional, as well as the staff and administration and all who work in correctional institutions, in prayer as this trying time continues. Religious services or even opportunities to meet with inmates one-on-one are not permitted at this time. Our Parish Prison Ministry team looks forward to the day we can return to ManCI and RiCI and resume some level of religious services. For now, our brothers are grateful for the televised Mass and for the monthly devotionals and letters of encouragement and prayer they are receiving regularly. Please do NOT drop off plastic bags at the parish center until further notice.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF ST. PETER'S PARISH BY MAILING IN YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES OR VISITING THE WEBSITE, WWW.MANSFIELDSTPETERS.ORG, TO LEARN ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT DURING THESE DIFFICULT DAYS!

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Regular Parish summer office hours will be from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Beginning Monday, September 8, our regular office hours will be Monday through Friday 8:00 AM—3:00 PM. We respectfully request that all business that can be done by phone continue in that manner, and ask, as well, that all visitors to our parish offices demonstrate social distancing guidelines and please wear a mask or face covering.

FEED THE NEEDY UPDATE

Our Feed the Needy Program is being actively re-tooled in order to continue meeting the needs of our community. Further information about the updated plans for this ministry will be published soon.

SUNDAY OFFERING

*Year to Date
July 31, 2020*

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$63,171
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$71,000

Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$7,829)
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School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$7,561
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$12,000

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$4,439)
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SCHOOL AND PSR DONATIONS

As we look forward to the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year and PSR, we would like to ask for donations of face masks, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes and bottled water. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center office Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Evan Mumea at 419.524.2572 ext. 2104 or Mumea.evan@myspartans.org, or Elizabeth Wurm at 419.524.2572 ext. 2114 or wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org. Thank you on behalf of our students, faculty, staff and PSR students.

SACRAMENT REGISTRATION

Registrations are being accepted right now until the end of August for those who are anticipating receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation. First Eucharist generally takes place in the second grade while those preparing for Confirmation start the preparation process in the seventh grade. If you have a child who is anticipating these sacraments, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org to register them today.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BISHOP THOMAS

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas has asked us to let you know that you continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. Bishop Thomas writes, "Together with the Bishops of Ohio and our priests, I will continue to reassess the continuance of the dispensation. Those who are elderly, sick, or in a high risk category should be reminded and strongly encouraged to refrain from attending Mass out of concern for their own well-being and out of Christian charity for others."

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Usually, those who express interest in becoming Catholic start to give it more serious consideration during the summer since RCIA "normally" begins meeting in the fall. As with gatherings of other parish groups and ministries, we do not know what form RCIA will take this coming year. We may need to combine less frequent congregate sessions (maintaining safe distancing) with more frequent use of other means, such as online access to resources, zoom meetings, etc. Please do not let any of the changes in format prevent you - or a loved one - from inquiring! If the Holy Spirit is moving you toward RCIA, please act on that inspiration! Contact Lynne at the Parish Center 4195242572 / lukach.lynne@myspartans.org to begin the process.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is underway with a campaign goal of \$3 million. We can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our Diocese each year; education of our seminary students, care of the sick and needy are among them. We ask you once again for your help; we have to work together. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Thank you for your attention and thank you for being my parish family. For more information, visit the Diocesan website at Toledodiocese.org/ACA. Your pledge may be sent to: Annual Catholic Appeal, Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, 43604.

Our parish goal is \$55,00.00 so far we are at \$39,788.10 with pledges from 292 households or 72.69%. Thank you for your support of our diocesan ministries and the help you provide to our seminarians and deacons who are in formation to serve our parish's future. Through your generosity, 4 men were ordained to the priesthood on June 27, 2020, and we **WELCOME FR. KEVIN MOEBIUS** to our parish. **YOUR PLEDGE** to the Annual Catholic Appeal helped to make this possible! Thank You!

ELECTION PRAYER

Almighty God, Lord of Life and King of all Nations, we beg you to look kindly upon our country and help us to wisely choose our new leaders. Inform our consciences and enlighten our judgement, that we may elect those who will mercifully uphold justice and strive to protect the least among us. Help us to discern which candidates will uphold both the letter and spirit of the law. May our nation once again respect religious freedom, authentic marriage, the importance of family and the value of every human life—from conception to natural death. Heal the divisions which wound our unity and help us to overlook political tensions that keep us from becoming a united force for good. May our great land, built on both personal responsibility and charity towards the less fortunate always balance prosperity with care for the elderly, the poor, the sick and the abandoned. May we elect honest and trustworthy candidates who will always uphold the common good and protect our God-given rights. In concert with the great founders of our nation, may we confidently proclaim, "In God we trust". Amen.



-Pedro de la Cruz, ©2016 www.CatholicPrayerCards.org, Card #545.



BUSINESS MANAGER

The Business Manager is responsible for the efficient and effective administration of the parish financial, capital and human resources department. Interested candidates must possess a background in accounting and finance and have 5 years of experience managing cross-functional groups. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo Virtus training and pass an FBI/BCI background check. Candidates may send their resume to John Kastelic, Finance Council Chairman (jjkastelic40@gmail.com).

SCHOOL NURSE

St. Peter's School is seeking candidates for the part-time position of School Nurse. The Nurse is responsible for the hands on medical care of all students, K – 12, and all associated health records/plans. The School Nurse will report to the Elementary and High School Principals, and also participate in the meeting of the Safety Committee on a regular basis. Qualified candidates will hold a current RN license from the State of Ohio as well as any other certifications as required by the Ohio Department of Education. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo Virtus training and pass an FBI/BCI background check. Interested candidates may send their resume to both Ashley Rastorfer, Elementary School Principal (rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org) and Jon Cuttitta, High School Principal (cuttitta.jon@myspartans.org).

CAFETERIA CASHIER

The St. Peter's School cafeteria is seeking candidates for the part-time position of cashier. Qualified candidates will have prior food service industry experience and be able to perform physical duties including restocking dry storage inventory, various cleaning activities, and cash register operation. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo Virtus training and pass an FBI/BCI background check. In order to be considered for the position, please email your resume to chuck.brenda@myspartans.org.

JOB OPENING ELEMENTARY PART-TIME TITLE I READING TEACHER

St. Peter's elementary school is seeking a part-time Title I reading teacher. The preferred candidate must hold a valid Elementary teaching license. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo Virtus training and pass an FBI/BCI background check.

Interested candidates should send their resumes to Ashley Rastorfer at rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - DIOCESE OF TOLEDO (MANSFIELD)

is seeking a part-time Office Assistant for the Mansfield Regional Office.

Duties include: Provides office support to the Regional Director and office personnel; perform general office duties including creating correspondence, filing, assisting with spreadsheets and data maintenance, assisting with mailings, processing incoming mail; greets guests and assists incoming callers; directs inquiries to the appropriate resources.

Qualifications: Candidate must have high school degree or GED; at least 1-3 years of experience in an office setting preferred; proficiency with Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint; solid verbal and written communication skills and basic business math skills; high level of attention to quality, detail and customer service; ability to work with diverse groups of people; may need to regularly lift and move up to 50 pounds; must successfully pass background check.

Catholic Charities serves the poor, speaks out for and assists the neglected and forgotten, while respecting and promoting life from beginning to end and nurturing and supporting individuals and families. Please submit a resume to: ytartel@toledodiocese.org.



Diocese
of Toledo

please join us in

A DAY OF FASTING & PRAYER

FOR HEALING THE WOUNDS OF RACISM

TO PROMOTE THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

***Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and all the faithful
of the Diocese of Toledo to spend the day in
prayer and fasting for the intention of
an end to the sin of racism.***

*Bishop Daniel Thomas will celebrate a Eucharistic Holy Hour at
7pm at St. Thomas More University Parish in Bowling Green.
Please join in your own parishes for a Eucharistic Holy Hour
when it is available.*



Prayer Service

FOR THE FEAST DAY OF ST. PETER CLAVER

The following prayer service is an adaptation of the Liturgy of the Hours, and can be prayed individually or with a group.



Leader: God, + come to my assistance.
All: Lord, make haste to help me.
Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” or another appropriate hymn may be sung.

PSALM 15

Leader: My life is at the service of the Gospel;
 God has given me this gift of his grace.

A: LORD, who may abide in your tent,
 and dwell on your holy mountain?
 Whoever walks without fault;
 who does what is upright,
 and speaks the truth from his heart.

B: Whoever does not slander with his tongue;
 who does no wrong to a neighbor,
 who casts no slur on a friend,
 who looks with scorn on the wicked,
 but honors those who fear the LORD.

A: Who keeps an oath, whatever the cost,
 who lends no money at interest,
 and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
 Such a one shall never be shaken.

B: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be for ever. Amen.

All: My life is at the service of the Gospel;
 God has given me this gift of his grace.

REVELATION 15:3-4

Leader: My sheep will hear my voice;
 and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

A: Great and wondrous are your works,
 O Lord, Almighty God!
 Just and true are your ways,
 O King of the nations!

B: Who would not fear, O Lord,
 and glorify your name?

A: For you alone are the Holy One,
 for all nations will come,
 And they will worship before you,
 for your righteous deeds have been revealed.

B: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be for ever. Amen.

All: My sheep will hear my voice;
 and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

READING (PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8)

Reader: Whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

RESPONSORY

Reader: Just is the Lord, in justice he delights.
All: Just is the Lord, in justice he delights.

Reader: He looks with favor on the upright man;
All: in justice he delights.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
All: Just is the Lord, in justice he delights.

CANTICLE OF MARY (LUKE 1:46-55)

Leader: I tell you most solemnly, what you did for the least of men you did for me.
Come, my Father delights in you; receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

All: My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
For he has looked upon his handmaid in her lowliness;
for behold, from this day forward,
all generations will call me blessed.

For the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is from age to age
for those who fear him.

He has made known the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit of heart.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has exalted those who are lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
mindful of his mercy,
Even as he promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his descendants forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

All: I tell you most solemnly, what you did for the least of men you did for me.
Come, my Father delights in you; receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Let us pray to the Father, the source of all holiness, and ask him to lead us to holiness of life through the example and intercession of his saints.

Leader: Holy Father, you want us to be called your children and truly to be such;
All: grant that your holy Church may proclaim you throughout the world.

Leader: Holy Father, you want us to walk worthily and please you in all we do;
All: let us abound in doing good works.

Leader: Holy Father, you have reconciled us to yourself through Christ;
All: preserve us in your name so that all may be one.

Leader: Holy Father, stir up in your children a zeal for justice and charity;
All: that every ethnic group and each nation can live in harmony and peace.

Leader: Holy Father, forgive the offenses of every sinner;
All: let the dead perceive the light of your countenance.

All: Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: O God, who made Saint Peter Claver a slave of slaves
and strengthened him with wonderful charity and patience
as he came to their help,
grant, through his intercession,
that, seeking the things of Jesus Christ,
we may love our neighbor in deeds and in truth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Leader: May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ" (Matthew 16:13-20).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

This Weeks Cover Art: Peter receiving the keys to the Church from Christ window, St. Peter Church.