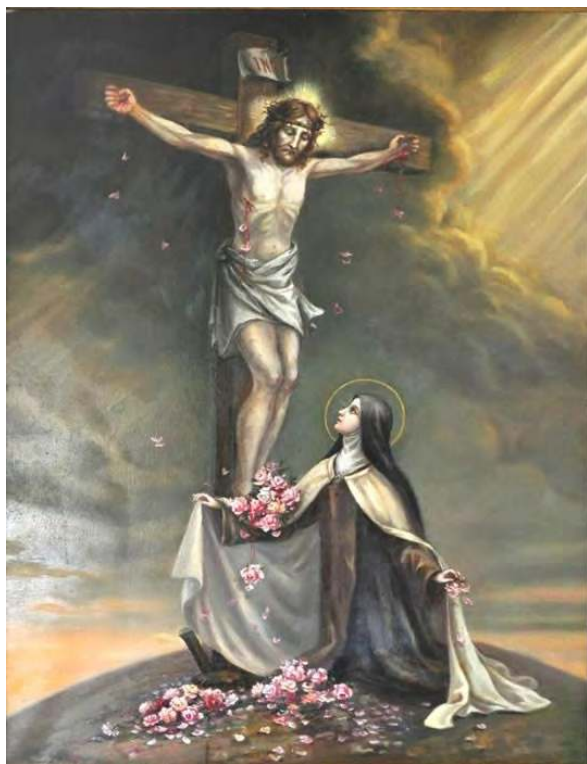


SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020



My Novena Rose Prayer

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus,
please pick for me a rose
from the heavenly gardens and
send it to me as a message of love.
O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors
I now place with confidence in your hands...
(mention in silence here)
St. Therese, help me to always believe, as you did,
In God's great love for me,
so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.
Amen.

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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

Acting Parish Business Manager:

Mrs. Paula Nestor

Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

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CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER

"In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation."

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 13

In the current environment of extraordinary polarization and having been prompted by many Catholics of good will for guidance in this election year, I am pleased to present to you "Conscience and the Catholic Voter," a series of eight outlines with a view to the upcoming election, prepared by the Director of the Office for Life and Justice of Catholic Charities, Peter Range. These outlines are offered in a spirit of encouragement to provide insight into Catholic Social Teaching regarding issues of consequence in this year's election. I am asking that these outlines together with this introduction be broadly distributed and be made available for placing in parishes bulletins and on parish and diocesan websites.

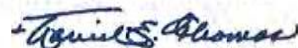
As these outlines examine the many life issues affecting the dignity of the human person in this upcoming election, we are committed to defending and protecting life in the full spectrum of areas of intense disagreement including Euthanasia, Religious Freedom, Marriage and Family, Human Trafficking, Immigration, Prisoners, Racism, Socialism and the Environment. That said, it is critical for Catholics to recall that the destruction of innocent human life through abortion is not simply one among many issues but the foundational and preeminent life issue facing our nation. "No human law can validly contradict the Commandment: 'Thou shalt not kill.'" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics* [1998], no. 31).

In this election year, there is no doubt that we are faced with a choice between two deeply flawed candidates, and that neither party perfectly aligns with our Gospel values. As Catholics, we do not cast votes based on whether we like or dislike the personality of the candidates; we do not cast votes based on whether the candidate does or does not have the same color of skin as us; we do not cast votes based on the age or gender of the candidates; we do not cast votes based on the political party a family has or has not endorsed in the past; we do not cast votes based on whether the person does or does not share our religious affiliation.

Instead, as Catholics, we need to ask ourselves which party platform, which evident actions and voting records of candidates are more closely aligned to what we hold to be true and just, and whether any of these are directly opposed to the consistent fundamental moral teachings of the Church. With the Democratic and Republican Conventions now in the rear view mirror, their candidates endorsed and their platforms published, it now falls to us to realize that, no matter whether we are affiliated with this or that political party or no party at all, it is our responsibility as Catholic citizens of our nation to exercise our civic duty to vote - for the sake of the common good of society - and that we do so with minds and hearts informed by what the Church herself teaches, not what this or that person says the Church teaches or what this or that person holds, mindful that ultimately we are called first to be citizens of heaven.

As Catholics, it is imperative that we form our consciences from the heart of the Church. I pray these outlines will aid in helping you to form your conscience through understanding Catholic teaching and I encourage you to approach these issues with prayer, charity and fidelity. Please share these outlines broadly in your parishes and schools and invite discussion using these documents. May the Lord guide us and our nation at this critical time.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,



Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas

CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 4TH OF 8

“In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”

- *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 13

Since participation in political life is a moral obligation, Catholics need to form their conscience with the mind and heart of the Church on issues of consequence. This outline is the fourth of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This fourth outline will provide an overview of the issue of religious freedom.

Religious Freedom

Catholics in America have long enjoyed the fact that in the Bill of Rights, religious liberty, with its rights of conscience, is the first freedom that is protected in our Constitution. Yet today, religious freedom, even in the United States, is consistently being challenged. As Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, the acting chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty has pointed out:

Religious freedom is under stress throughout the world. Even in our Western liberal democracies, discrimination against religion in general and Catholic Christianity, in particular, is growing... “Yet, just as freedom of speech depends not only on one's right to say what's on one's mind but also on the existence of institutions like newspapers, universities, libraries, political parties and other associations that make up what we call ‘civil society,’ so too freedom of religion ‘for the good of all’ must also encompass protecting those institutions that nourish the individual's free exercise of religion. (Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, <http://www.usccb.org/news/20-100.cfm>)

We can see this stress and hostility towards religion from cases against the Little Sisters of the Poor to faith-based adoption agencies, the accreditation of religious educational institutions, the grants and contracts of faith-based charities and small businesses, and the licensing of religious professions. Our cherished religious liberties are now at stake by our political choices. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written:

In the United States, religious freedom generally enjoys strong protection in our law and culture, but those protections are now in doubt. For example, the longstanding tax exemption of the Church has been explicitly called into question at the highest levels of government, precisely because of her teachings on marriage. Catholics have a particular duty to make sure that protections like these do not weaken but instead grow in strength. This is not only to secure the just freedom of the Church and the faithful here but also to offer hope and an encouraging witness to those who suffer direct and even violent religious persecution in countries where the protection is far weaker. (The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, P. 30)

It is imperative then as Catholics that we defend religious liberty and the rights of conscience in our political choices. For religious liberty has its foundation in the dignity of the human person. As Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami points out:

The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person. Religious freedom is the human right that guarantees all other rights — peace and creative living together will only be possible if freedom of religion is fully respected. (<http://www.usccb.org/news/20-100.cfm>)

In summation, it is the duty of every Catholic to fight for religious liberty to ensure not only the right of conscience in the workplace, but so that families, Churches, and peoples of all faiths can work in accordance with their religious beliefs while they care for the common good, the poor and vulnerable, and God's creation.

Peter Range, Director, Office for Life and Justice, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo, prange@toledodiocese.org,

Learn more and watch videos at www.awakenecatholic.org/election. Read the party platforms: Democratic Party, <https://bit.ly/3hrosqg>; Republican Party, <https://bit.ly/3hqWV8D> (Note: Rep. Party voted to continue their 2016 Platform)



We invite you to join in the diocesan-wide initiative to reconnect with our faith and one another during the months of September, October, and November. Each month will focus on a pillar of the Christian life with a specific intention from our diocesan prayer.

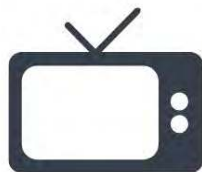
HOW TO PARTICIPATE



Pray

Pray the Rosary

Did you know that Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary is the patroness of our diocese? Pray the rosary this week for the intention of becoming a holier disciple.



Read & Watch

Sign up for FORMED.org

It offers movies, children's programs, bible studies, sacramental preparation, and more! Most parishes have subscriptions for their parishioners to utilize this great tool free of charge. Watch The Search or The Wild Goose on FORMED.



Reflect

How will my discipleship impact others?

Being a holy disciple does not just impact our own lives – our love for God necessarily overflows into love for His Church, for all of mankind, and for all of God's creation. Once we have found the joy and peace that comes with knowing the Lord, we will find it more and more difficult to keep it to ourselves. Our holy discipleship will manifest itself through reverence and obedience to the teachings of the Church, sharing the Gospel with those we meet, acts of service and charity, and concern for all mankind and all of God's creatures. We pray that God will give us the strength and courage to live the lives of holy disciples in humble love for Him and for one another.

Reconnect
navigating Catholic life through a pandemic



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You are invited to our first FORMED event!

Saturday, October 3, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We will watch

"St. Francis of Assisi: His Life & Miracles"

followed by discussion and hospitality.

2020 FEAST OF

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Join In Celebration

6:30 p.m.: Holy Rosary led
by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas
and a guest family

7 p.m.: Holy mass
with Bishop Thomas as
Celebrant

**OUR LADY, QUEEN
OF THE MOST HOLY
ROSARY CATHEDRAL**

2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo

Wednesday, Oct. 7

6:30 p.m. Holy Rosary

7 p.m. Holy Mass



**Diocese
of Toledo**

JOIN IN PREPARATION Sept. 29 – Oct. 7: Pray a Novena of Our Lady of Mercy
in preparation for the Feast Day. Register at Toledoprays.org

Generous Scholarships Available!

Ave Maria Fall Fest, Sat., October 10

Outdoor Pavilion of the Monaghan Residence, Ann Arbor

3:00 pm Tailgate & Livestream Ave Maria Football Game

4:00 pm Dinner / 5:00 pm Program

meet with admissions representatives & alumni

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN BEGINS SEPTEMBER 23

Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical 40 Days for Life campaign in Northwest Ohio from September 23 through November 1. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil. We invite you to pray for an hour in front of Capital Care of Toledo, located at 1160 W. Sylvania Avenue. To learn more or to sign up for daily prayer intentions, hours of prayer and information on upcoming events visit: www.40daysforlife.com/toledo. Since the international 40 Days for Life Campaign began in 2007, over 1 million volunteers in over 61 nations have stood in prayerful witness at abortion clinics to witness to the dignity of human life. Through these prayerful campaigns, over 17,226 lives have been saved, 206 abortion workers have quit their positions, and 107 abortion facilities have shut down! To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org or Veronica Leguire at: vleguire@gmail.com. Join the movement, and help us end abortion in northwest Ohio!

FEED THE NEEDY—RELAUNCH

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt 25:35)

Our first Feed the Needy event was very well attended and we ran out of food! As we had hoped, we served many families with our to-go boxed meals. Also, we were so happy to see so many new faces who were able to volunteer to help serve. Our next food distribution will happen on Sunday, October 18!

Is God placing in your heart a desire to feed the hungry? Are you a Boy Scout, Girl Scout, K of C and looking for service hours? Do you want to introduce your family to the beauty of feeding the poor?

What's changed?

- St. Peter's will no longer be serving meals on the 2nd week of every month. Instead, St. Peter's will now serve a Sunday dinner on the 3rd Sunday of every month! Why the change you may be asking? First, this will eliminate the problems we were running into with serving meals at the same time our St. Peter's School was in session. Second, we feel St. Peter's can provide a great service to our Mansfield community! Currently, there are no Sunday meals being provided for our homeless community! It is our great hope and prayer that by serving a Sunday dinner, our St. Peter's Feed the Needy program can attract more needy elderly, families and children!
- At this time, meals will not be served in the church basement. Instead, prepackaged meals will be made available for drive through or pickup only.
- Apart from Mr. Dick Renie, Mr. Tim Markel and myself who will be available to direct volunteers, we are asking for a new set of volunteers each and every Sunday! This means we are asking you to pray about either signing up individually or as a group. 10 volunteer positions are available. Volunteers will be asked to arrive after the 11:30 pm Mass (~12:30 pm) and stay until 5:30 pm.

COVID-19! Of course precautions will be taken! All volunteers will be required to wear facemasks and practice social distancing. Cooks will follow policies of St. Pete's school cafeteria, wearing gloves and following all necessary policies.

Please contact Fr. Kevin at 419-460-5761 or email me at moebius.kevin@myspartans.org to sign up for this beautiful ministry!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This is an invitation to ALL PARISHIONERS to come to spend some time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration **this Sunday, September 27, 2020.**



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the end of the 11:30 Sunday Mass, and our church will be open for private, silent prayer until 5 pm when we will pray Evening Prayer together as a community of faith.

This seems like an opportune time to place our needs, our burdens, and our thanksgiving before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament – asking for His many graces that are available to us.

Prayers for family members, the sick, the dying; prayers for our Church; prayers for our Nation as we anticipate presidential elections; prayers in reparation for all who have suffered any form of abuse; prayers for those who are unemployed; the enduring COVID19 pandemic; for our Mansfield community; for welcome, love and trust for people of every ethnic origin; and the list could go on. We need to bring them all to our Lord and ask for His guidance, His grace, His love!

Please mark your calendars for this date. I sincerely hope that there will be people throughout the afternoon offering prayers of petition and adoration! It would be unfortunate to miss this graced opportunity!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Hite & Father Moebius

SAINT PETER'S PARISH MASK POLICY

Richland County is now under a "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!

ANointing MASS POSTPONED



We are sorry to announce that we have postponed our annual Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick until further notice. This liturgy offers anointing to the sick of our Parish, along with the elderly, those with chronic diseases, pain, and other debilitating conditions. Those who would normally attend this Mass are also those who are, largely, vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus. Once this pandemic is under control we will reschedule the Anointing Mass to allow our parishioners to take advantage of this sacrament of healing. In the meantime, if you or a member of your family should require the sacrament, especially those in danger of death, please call the Parish Center at 419-524-2572 to arrange anointing. Please remember that area hospitals, convalescent centers, and nursing homes are all still restricting access to their facilities and patients. In those places anointing can only be provided to those who are in immediate danger of death. We pray with all our brothers and sisters for a swift and complete end to this pandemic. Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us!

HIGH ALTAR TABERNACLE

You may have noticed that there is a temporary tabernacle on the high altar in church. We are using this tabernacle while we have copies made of the key to our own tabernacle. Previously we only had one key. We will resume use of our own tabernacle once the original key and its copies are returned to us.

ROSARY RALLY FOR PEACE

Saturday, October 10th at Noon

At Mansfield Central Park Gazebo

Please contact Sue Domyan at 419.961.2732 with any questions.



GROWING IN OUR FAITH

One of the many joys of being part of our parish RCIA process is seeing how our "newest" Catholics are such bright witnesses to the faith in the ways they share their time and talent. I love watching our catechumens and candidates grow in their faith through the RCIA process, then seeing how they contribute in beautiful ways to the parish. They are School of Religion catechists, lectors, cantors, choir members, hospital visitors, Vacation Bible School volunteers, gardeners on our parish grounds, participants and facilitators of adult faith enrichment programs, Feed the Needy team members, and the list goes on. They truly fall in love with our Lord, they take faith development and evangelization seriously, and they serve as examples of true disciples.

Another joy of being part of the RCIA process is hearing the seekers' stories. Some individuals have not been baptized and have never experienced "church." Others may have been baptized and perhaps were even active in another denomination, but feel they are being called to the fullness of the Catholic faith. Still others may have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have had little or no catechesis their entire life and desire to find their way "back home." By the grace of God the journey may lead all of these seekers to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist).

I believe if the RCIA process is such a positive experience for those "coming into" the Church, the same is true for those of us who have been "in" the Church our entire lives, those of us often called "cradle Catholics." Our faith development certainly didn't end in elementary or high school or at the time of our Confirmation or anywhere along the continuum. Our faith growth is part of our entire life. What we can decide is HOW to encourage that growth. Parishioners sometimes ask if they can "sit in" on RCIA classes. Of course! Give me a call so we can discuss the details. Perhaps you would even be willing to serve as a sponsor!

For all of the current important information about St. Peters Parish operations during these troubled times, please visit our website at:
MANSFIELDSPETERS.ORG
There you will also find devotional materials for use at home for you and your family.

We on parish staff desire to do all that we possibly can to provide opportunities for adult faith formation and enrichment. Thanks to a generous donor to the Diocese of Toledo, every parish household with internet access is able to explore the FORMED platform, an excellent source of Catholic materials for members of the entire family. There are over 4000 titles on hand – video series, movies, talks, books, children's material, etc. If you haven't already done so, we ask you to sign on. It's easy to begin:

- Go to formed.org
- Click Sign up
- Click I belong to a Parish or Organization
- Type St. Peter's Catholic Church (make sure it's our parish – 104 W. First St., Mansfield, OH)
- Type your name and your email address
- After your one-time Sign Up, you'll click "Sign In" from then on.

All are invited to our first "special" FORMED event – Saturday, Oct. 3 immediately after the 5:00 Mass. Together we will watch *Saint Francis of Assisi: His Life & Miracles*, followed by discussion and hospitality. Please add this event to your schedule next week. We look forward to sharing more group FORMED events in the future.
 Your sister in Christ,

Lynne Lukach

419-524-2572

lukach.lynne@myspartans.org



MASS INTENTIONSMonday, September 28 *St. Wenceslaus, Martyr, and**St. Lawrence Ruiz and
Companions, Martyrs*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Robert Sutter

Tuesday, September 29 *Saints Michael, Gabriel and**Raphael, Archangels*

7:00 am Charles Koehler

Wednesday, September 30 *Saint Jerome, Priest*

7:00 am Parish

Thursday, October 1 *Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,**Virgin*

7:00 am Parish

Friday, October 2 *Holy Guardian Angels*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Pro Populo

Saturday, October 3 *Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh**Sunday in Ordinary Time*

2:00 pm Gregg/Thompson Wedding Mass

5:00 pm Joseph Milavec

Sunday, October 4 *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in**Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Richard and Marilyn Landoll

11:30 am Judy Durbin

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 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.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know someone who is seeking to learn about the Catholic Church? Are YOU an inquirer searching for a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through the fullness of the Catholic Church? If you answered YES, please consider joining us for the RCIA process. We're here to journey with you. Contact Lynne this week: lukach.lynne@myspartans.org / 419-524-2572

ST. PETER'S RESTART SMART COMMITTEE MESSAGE

St. Peter's Restart Smart Committee would like to thank the community for their prayers as we continue to safely reopen campus. Opening those doors to students in the midst of a pandemic is an overwhelming effort that requires the support of the whole community. From purchasing PPE, developing new cleaning protocols and gathering supplies, investing in remote learning technology, reconfiguring classrooms, installing a new restroom, training faculty to teach remotely, opening buildings to provide for social distancing, and the myriad of sweeping changes we have made to create a safe learning environment for our children, St. Peter's has made unprecedented investments in our school. In keeping with the mission and ministry of our parish to answer the Gospel's call to model the teachings and evangelizing of Jesus, we ask our faith community to consider supporting our schools during this challenging time. **Donations of any amount will help us ensure those doors stay open to students and to allow us to continue to heed Jesus' call in Matthew 28 to "teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you."**

SCHOOL MASSES

Our students will be attending Mass every other week during this school year. Because of the need for social distancing only students and teachers will attend. **At this time we cannot accommodate additional people in the High School auditorium.** Please keep all students and teachers in your prayer during this challenging school year.

PSR CLASSES

PSR classes have now begun! If you have a student who is in preschool through the eight grade, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org to register them for classes today! Registrations are also now being accepted for First Eucharist and Confirmation!

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.

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, 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 Strauser, Thomas Caldwell, Dennis Caldwell, Mark Hawkins, Barb Jefferies, Lucille Thompson, Myrna and William Bohr, Patrick and Judy Boyer, Mike Fisher, Ardis Steggall, Barbara Crundwell.

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

SACRAMENTS

Students who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation are expected to attend all of the classes for their sacraments. 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.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

This letter represents the many messages we have received by mail from our brothers at Richland Correctional:

"Brothers & sisters of St. Peter's Parish and the entire Prison Ministry Team,



Thank you so much for your kind words and prayers of encouragement. It is a challenging time but knowing we are not alone and that we have our brothers and sisters inside and out - and ultimately God - to turn to makes it so much better. Thank you so much to Fr. Kevin and the message you sent us. It was great timing along with your homily "A Heart for a Heart." Thank you also to Fr. Hite, Deacon John and the parish for their ministry especially for us to be able to be with you on Sunday mornings for the televised Mass. Thank you for maintaining communications, prayers, and support. We look forward to the day we are able to fellowship again."

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

Our regular office hours will be Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—2:00 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.

WEDDING BANNERS

III — Kennedy Gregg and Michael Thompson



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2020

FOOD COLLECTION: October 10 & 11

SUNDAY OFFERING



*Year to Date
August 31, 2020*

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$133,429
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$142,000
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$8,571)

School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$16,811
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$24,000
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$7,189)

BUSINESS MANAGER

Reporting to the Pastor, the business manager provides leadership and day-to-day supervision of the temporal affairs of the parish and school. Essential duties include financial responsibilities, personnel responsibilities, and administrative responsibilities. Must have BA/BS in Business, Finance or Accounting with at least five years of business management experience. Requires a high level of expertise in QuickBooks and Microsoft Office products including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. Practicing Catholic preferred.

Send resume to Finance Council
Chair jjkastelic40@gmail.com.

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.

Please submit a resume to: ytartel@toledodiocese.org.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word (aka Kids Word) will begin the weekend of Sept. 20th but will NOT meet in person at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. The resource program that we use is published by Pflaum Publishing Group. The Good News is geared toward a grade 2-3 reading level. We are offering the materials to children who are in kindergarten through grade four. Please email dillon.angie@myspartans.org to request the materials. Please include your child's name and current grade in school. You will be contacted about how and when to get your materials for Unit One (8 weeks).

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 \$42,243.10 with pledges from 314 households or 76.81%. 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! We are still within reach of our goal with only \$13,307 to go! Thank You!

2020 CROP WALK

Do you love walking? Do you care about feeding the hungry in Mansfield? Either join or donate to the Team St. Peter's Crop Hunger Walk page!

How you may ask?

1) You may walk the normal 3 mile route on Sunday, October 4 with your family or group you are with between 2 & 4 pm.

2) You may walk a 3 mile distance at your convenience and document your walk on Facebook/Facebook Live.

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/mansfieldoh/Team/View/136078/St-Peters>

25% funds raised stay local - St Paul's Saturday Meals; First Christian Church Community Breakfast; MOSAIC Meals; Grace Episcopal Food Pantry and NECIC for gardening supplies (such as seeds).

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

This school year, our Masses are being held in the High School auditorium in smaller groups to make sure we can maintain social distancing requirements.

However, weekly Masses are still a core part of our school life. Although we are not able to worship together as one school community, we continue to minister to the spiritual lives of our students.

Our auditorium and gym is serving multiple purposes this school year. The gym floor is covered with over more than 50 socially distanced desks and allow students a place to go when they arrive to school early. (They are not allowed to sit in the halls this year.)

The gym is also available for emergency classroom space if classes need to be combined staff illness.

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FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so. In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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October 1

"The cornerstone's dated 1872, but the stained glass is much later," explained the pastor, astonished when his visitor accurately dated it to just before the Great Depression, explaining, "The window for the Little Flower"—Thérèse's nickname—"gives it away." From her canonization in 1925, her statues and windows adorn most churches where European immigrants worshiped. Entering Carmel at fifteen, victim of tuberculosis at twenty-four, Thérèse proposed her "Little Way" to sanctity: doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. Thus ordinary Catholics, many of whom had lost loved ones to tuberculosis, embraced her. Though she never left her cloister, this Carmelite's spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries earned her the title Patroness of Missions. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, continuously in print since her death, chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church. Countless physical healings and spiritual conversions testify to her fulfillment of her deathbed promise: "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!"

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130;
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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