

# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



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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.

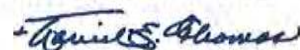
As these outlines examine the many life issues affecting the dignity of the human person in this upcoming election, we are committed to defending and protecting life in the full spectrum of areas of intense disagreement including Euthanasia, Religious Freedom, Marriage and Family, Human Trafficking, 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 – 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 first of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This first outline will provide a framework to examine all the other issues effecting the human person by answering the question: what is Catholic Social Teaching?

### Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) "Is built on the foundation handed on by the apostles to the Fathers of the Church and then received and further explored by the great Christian doctors. It is attested to by the saints and by those who gave their lives for Christ." Specifically, "It is an expression of the prophetic task of the supreme pontiffs to give apostolic guidance to the church of Christ and to discern the new demands of evangelization." (Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, 12)

This prophetic teaching from the heart of the church, "Rests on the threefold cornerstone of human dignity, solidarity and subsidiarity." (Saint John Paul II, *Ecclesia in America*, 55) Along with the idea that we should search for the "common good" these are the preeminent themes of Catholic Social Teaching:

1. **Human Dignity:** Every human person conceived is made in the image and likeness of God and is thus deserving of fundamental rights and respect, including first and foremost, the right to life.
2. **Solidarity:** As Pope Francis has said we have a 'common father' and thus we all belong to one family. Being a part of one family we have a responsibility to care for one another.
3. **Subsidiarity:** The belief that problems are best handled at the level in which they arise. Subsidiarity then insists on limits to State's intervention in the affairs of the family and society.

It is from the dignity of the human person that all of Catholic Social Teaching flows. Being made in God's image and likeness, Catholic's must defend the dignity of each human life especially when life is in its most vulnerable state. This is why in their 2020 introductory letter to "*Faithful Citizenship*" the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops wrote:

*The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.* (<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-introductory-letter>)

Beyond the threat of abortion, Catholic Social Teaching communicates that the key to addressing issues of justice and the serious destruction of our society begins with the family. CST defines the family as "Founded on marriage, in which the mutual gift of self by husband and wife creates an environment in which children can be born and develop their potentialities, become aware of their dignity and prepare to face their unique and individual destiny." (Saint John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 39) Indeed, it is the family, "In which man receives his first formative ideas about truth and goodness, and learns what it means to love and to be loved, and thus what it actually means to be a person." (CA, 39)

In summation, as we form our conscience, build a culture of life and love, and vote; it is imperative that we direct our minds and hearts, those whom we love, and those we encounter every day to the Church's fruitful vision for the sanctity of life and the sacredness of the family. For it is from the family that "citizens come to birth" for the "development of society itself." (Saint John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*, 42)

Peter Range, Director, Office for Life and Justice, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo, [prange@toledodiocese.org](mailto:prange@toledodiocese.org).

Learn more and watch videos at [www.awakenecatholic.org/election](http://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)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**This is an invitation to ALL PARISHIONERS** to come to spend some time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration **on 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 "Yellow 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!



## ST. MARY OF THE SNOWS FESTIVAL

Due to COVID-19 **St. Mary's of the Snows** 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) \$50

Additional meals \$10 Child Meal \$5

First Prize \$5,000,

All tickets can be purchased on line at St. Mary of the Snow Website. [www.mansfieldstmarys.org](http://www.mansfieldstmarys.org) or in the office.



We are all very excited to welcome our St. Peter's families back to school on September 8! The Elementary staff spent two weeks in August attending technology professional development training to learn more about the digital platforms we will be using this school year, as well as training on our new COVID policies and procedures and cleaning protocols. Teachers have also worked countless hours on preparing and setting up their classrooms to welcome students back to school safely. The week of August 31 was spent assessing students and welcoming students back into school a couple grade levels at a time for orientation during the later part of the week. It was so nice to see everyone again!

Please join me in welcoming a new staff member to our team! Miss Meghan Keller is joining us as a Montessori teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. She is a recent graduate of The Ohio State University and actually attended Montessori when she was younger. She is also a graduate of St. Peter's! Meghan is the sister of our second grade teacher, Miss Kathleen Keller. We're so happy Meghan is here! She is a wonderful addition!

As we begin a new school year, please join me in saying a prayer for safety of our St. Peter's students and staff:

Dear Father God,

Please keep our students safe and protected as they begin a new school year. Please Bless the teachers and administrators, God. Keep them safe. These men and women who have committed to invest in the next generation. Give them discernment and wisdom to see each student's unique abilities and gifts. Multiply their preparation and may their plans be fruitful. Fill the day with moments of wonder. Remind them of their special place in the lives of their students and give them confidence in their abilities. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

As always, please feel free to stop in or make an appointment! My door is always open!

Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer  
St. Peter's Elementary Principal/  
Montessori Director



**For all of the current important information about St. Peter's 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.**

### **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)*

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

It is with great joy and excitement that to announce that starting Sunday, September 20th from 3:00pm - 5:00pm, St. Peter's Church will resume it's Feed the Needy program!!

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. Peter's cafeteria school, wearing gloves and following all necessary policies.

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

God be blessed!

**MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, September 7 *Weekday*

9:00 am Theresa Kolar

Tuesday, September 8 *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin**Mary*

7:00 am Parish

Wednesday, September 9 *St. Peter Claver, Priest*

7:00 am Kathy Weaver

Thursday, September 10 *Weekday*

7:00 am Parish

Friday, September 11 *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Parish

Saturday, September 12 *Vigil of the Twenty-Fourth**Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm Mary Anne Voytko

Sunday, September 13 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in**Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Wiecher family

11:30 am Mary Ellen Brucato Higgins

**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](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org). Thank you on behalf of our students, faculty, staff and PSR students.

**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.lynn@myspartans.org](mailto:lukach.lynn@myspartans.org) to begin the process.

**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 [toledoanniversarymass.org](https://toledoanniversarymass.org) or contact Alice Jacobs [ajacobs@toledodiocese.org](mailto:ajacobs@toledodiocese.org). 419-214-4978.

**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."

**THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND**

The site of Jesus' life, ministry, death and Resurrection – suffers immensely from persecution and instability brought on by war and terrorism. Our special collection on September 12-13 assists Catholics in the Holy Land. Your support helps with ministry in parishes, Catholic education and faith formation, humanitarian aid to refugees and preservation of the sacred shrines in the Holy Land. Please be generous in your donation to the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land by mailing your check to the parish, through our online bill pay, by texting HOLYLAND to 91999 or visiting <https://bit.ly/HolyLandCollection>.

**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.

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...**

Edward Morris Sue Zeides Janet Jenkins

*ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.*

**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](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) to register them today.

**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](http://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**

Beginning Tuesday 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.

**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 Phlaum 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](mailto: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).



**RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2020**

**FOOD COLLECTION: September 12 & 13****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
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$8,571)</b>

**School Collection**

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

## 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](mailto:jjkastelic40@gmail.com)).

## 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 [schuck.brenda@myspartans.org](mailto:schuck.brenda@myspartans.org).

## 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](mailto: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: [ytertel@toledodiocese.org](mailto:ytertel@toledodiocese.org).

## 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](http://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 \$41,693.10 with pledges from 310 households or 75.81%. 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! 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).

## 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.**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



It was wonderful to welcome back our students to our classrooms this week. We started the school year on a staggered start with a different grade level attending each day.

About 25% of our students have elected to learn remotely this year. However, our faculty have worked hard to implement new tools to teach in-person and remote simultaneously.

Father Kevin, sporting his retro Spartan basketball warm-up, visited students this week to talk with them and how he is here to help them walk on their spiritual journey and become closer to God.

Life at St. Peter's will be much different this year, but we are committed to making sure our mission of academic excellence is built on Catholic spirituality and service. Thank you for your support of the youth of our parish and community.





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Edward P. Zarczynski, MD      Carolyn A. Chambers, MD

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## A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us. Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible. We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

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## SAINT PETER CLAVER (1581-1654)

September 9

Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed "that all men are created equal," two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream," and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become "the slave of the slaves," and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: "We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures" (see Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver's enduring witness.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

**Gospel** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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