

# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## OCTOBER 4, 2020



### Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your PEACE, where there is hatred, let me SOW LOVE; where there is injury, PARDON; where there is doubt, FAITH; where there is despair, HOPE; where there is darkness, LIGHT; and where there is sickness, JOY.

O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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 – 5<sup>TH</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 fifth of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This fifth outline will provide an overview of the issue of immigration.

### Immigration

The first principle of Catholic Social Teaching is the dignity of the human person. From the moment of conception, each person is made in the image and likeness of God. This principle teaches us then that every immigrant, documented or undocumented, is made in God's image and deserves our love and respect as a child of God.

As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written:

*The Church supports the human rights of all people and offers them pastoral care, education, and social services, no matter what the circumstances of entry into this country, and it works for the respect of the human dignity of all especially those who find themselves in desperate circumstances. (Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity, A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2000)*

Thus our starting point in discussing the immigration issue is one of mutual respect and the recognition of the dignity of our fellow man, especially the immigrant among us. One who has traveled to Latin American countries in particular can understand some of the desperate circumstances which drive migrants to our border seeking a better life.

Of course, the Church recognizes that a sovereign nation has a right and a responsibility to protect its own borders. As Pope Francis has stated:

*Can borders be controlled? Yes, each country has a right to control its borders, who enters and who leaves, and countries that are in danger—of terrorism or the like—have more right to control them more . . . (Pope Francis, Interview with the Spanish newspaper El País on January 22, 2017)*

The sovereignty of nations is consistent thought in Catholic Social Teaching as is further explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2241:

*Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws, and to assist in carrying civic burdens.*

In summation, Catholics approaching the immigration issue must maintain a balance between caring for the dignity of every human person, be they documented or undocumented in our nation, while appreciating the necessity of each nation state to regulate its borders for the common good. Given the prosperity in the United States of America, it is also important for our nation to strive to seek to help, as best as we are able, those seeking a better life:

*The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2241)*

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/3hrosqq>; 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.

In October, we will fast for the intention of holy families. More information will be shared in the bulletin and social media. You can also visit [ReconnectToledo.org/October](https://ReconnectToledo.org/October).

## **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

### **First Week of October**



**Fast**

You might choose other works of charity or exercises of piety to take the place of fasting and abstinence. This week fast from television or internet use – instead, spend that time in prayer or spiritual reading.



**Pray**

Incorporate prayer throughout the day. Prayer does not have to be restricted to mealtimes and the evening; there are numerous ways to bring prayer into your day. For example, you can say a quick prayer as a family in the morning before everyone heads off to his or her activities for the day. You can pray the Angelus together. You can read a short passage from Scripture during lunch or dinner. You can pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m. Particularly if you have older kids, you can learn how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours together.

*-from FamilyRosary.org*



**Watch**

Marriage and Family: Love Unveiled by Dr. Scott Hahn (Lighthouse / FORMED Audio) Strong relationships and marriages are of vital importance to individuals, the Church, and society overall, but real effort and wisdom are indispensable to making them last. In this focused presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn shares key principles that he has lived out in his own life. His advice is practical, challenging, and sometimes requires sacrifice, but it is sure to bear fruit and bring forth many blessings.



**Reflect**

Looking at the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus, we see what family is meant to be. A healthy family should consist of people who are trying to love each other, and mutually grow in holiness. No family is perfect, and no parents will be able to be as perfectly selfless as Mary and Joseph — but good and healthy parents will try to sacrifice for the well-being of their children. What is one way that you can become a more holy family?

*Reconnect*  
navigating Catholic life through a pandemic



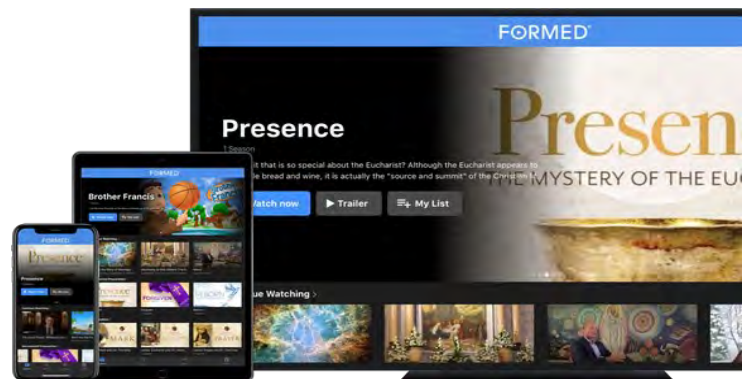
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**You are invited to our first FORMED event!**

**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](http://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*

### High School Juniors & Seniors Ave Maria University

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up to 4 years*

Michigan / Toledo  
Homeschool Faith  
Scholarship

*\$9,000/year  
up to 4 years*

*plus additional Academic and Athletic Aid Available*

### College Seniors & Post-Grads Ave Maria School of Law

Michigan / Toledo Scholarship

*Full-tuition + Stipend*

Free Event - Registration is Required  
by October 5th at

[AveMariaFoundation.org](http://AveMariaFoundation.org)

(734) 930-3441

### 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](http://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](mailto:prange@toledodiocese.org) or Veronica Leguire at: [vleguire@gmail.com](mailto:vleguire@gmail.com). Join the movement, and help us end abortion in northwest Ohio!

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated October 17/18, 2020. Please support the missionary work of the Church by your prayers and financial assistance. On Sunday, October 18, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will celebrate the 10:00 AM Liturgy at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. All are invited to attend.

### 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).

### CRESTLINE ST. JOSEPH PARISH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Crestline St. Joseph Parish is pleased to announce: ***Our Knights of Columbus Fall Fish Fry Friday!*** **Drive-thru only on Friday, October 23, from 5:00 until 7:00pm.** Drive-thru and pick up the area's best deep fried or baked fish, served with a baked potato, two sides, and a dinner roll, all for just \$10! Cash or Credit Card accepted. Come to the St. Joseph Catholic School Convocation Center at 333 N Thoman Street in Crestline. We will have two drive-thru lines, one in the parking lot in front of the Convocation Center and one behind the Convocation Center. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School.





## SAINT PETER'S PARISH MASK POLICY

Richland County is now under a "Red 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!

## 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](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) to register them for classes today! Registrations are also now being accepted for First Eucharist and Confirmation!

## 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.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

We want to recognize and say a special prayer for the parishioners celebrating birthdays in October, especially those who are 85 years of age and above:

Anthony Marinelli, John Schwartz, Dorothy Studer, Marjorie Ryckman, Jack Walter, Kathleen Patterson, Frances Bender, Lawrence Tisdale, John Rincich, Virginia Anton, Rita Day, Jean Cullen, Marilyn Clement, Gertrude Steele, Rosemary Musille, Dominic Grillo, and Sydonna Leaf.



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

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> at Noon

At Mansfield Central Park Gazebo

Please contact Sue Domyan at 419.961.2732 with any questions.



**MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, October 5 *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm North Central Ohio Vocations Club

Tuesday, October 6 *Weekday*

7:00 am Bernard Alfieri

Wednesday, October 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

7:00 am Lillian Marshall

Thursday, October 8 *Weekday*

7:00 am Dr. Fred Wiecher

Friday, October 9 *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Parish

Saturday, October 10 *Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth**Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm Alta Walker

Sunday, October 11 *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in**Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Leroy Steiner

9:30 am Paul Forster

11:30 am Parish

**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."**

Greetings from St. Peter's High School and Junior High!

We are off to a strong start to the school year despite the ongoing pandemic. Over the summer we developed a very thorough plan to Restart Smart and the execution of that plan has gone very well through three weeks of school. The primary aspects of our plan include universal masking and social distancing in the school building while also offering an online alternative for those families who preferred that their children not attend in person. Despite these new policies and procedures, we are still highly focused on providing an outstanding and Christ-centered learning environment.

We have three new staff members this year. Each of them brings unique skills and experiences to St. Peter's and all are practicing Catholics. Mrs. Nicole Chambers worked as a long-term substitute for us last year and has returned this year teaching social studies and theology. Mr. Nick Granitz has also joined us to teach several AP courses as well as critical thinking and practical law. We believe his experience teaching at the college level will serve him and our students well. Our third new staff member, Mr. Andy Zmecsek, a recent graduate of Walsh University, has joined us to teach Theology. Finally, I would be remiss if I failed to mention Father Kevin Moebius who has already become a constant presence and source of positive energy in the school this year.

As we begin this unusual year, we remain committed to our mission to provide students with an environment focused on academic excellence enhanced by Catholic spirituality and service. Catholic education at St. Peter's and in general is far more than just well-behaved students achieving academic success. We are here to educate the whole child, academically, socially, and spiritually. While we certainly hope that our students and graduates will achieve success in high school and beyond, we have an even greater investment in them becoming caring and compassionate people who help lift up each other, our community, and the world at large.

As always, thank you for your continued support of St. Peter's School.

Jon Cuttitta

Junior High/High School Principal



**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 Bohr, Patrick and Judy Boyer, Mike Fisher, Ardis Steggall, John Doty.

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...**

Virginia St. Clair

Bill Bohr

Joan Malaska

Barbara Crundwell

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.****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](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**

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.

**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.lynn@myspartans.org](mailto:lukach.lynn@myspartans.org) / 419-524-2572

**RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2020****FOOD COLLECTION: October 10 & 11****SUNDAY OFFERING**

Year to Date

September 30, 2020

**Sunday and Holy Day Collections**

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$202,963
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$213,000
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$10,037)</b>

**School Collection**

Total School Collection To Date:	\$23,546
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$36,000
<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$12,454)</b>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org).

## SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY & CLASSROOM SUBSTITUTE

St. Peter's Elementary is in need of substitute teachers and substitute secretaries for the 20-21 school year. Must have Bachelor's degree, substitute/teaching license, and have BCI, FBI checks completed as well as VIRTUS requirements. Send resumes to [rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org](mailto:rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org). The secretary subs do not need a degree/license...they just need FBI, BCI, and VIRTUS. Thanks!

*All candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo VIRTUS training and pass an FBI/BCI background check.*

## MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

The maintenance assistant will be responsible for assisting the St. Peter's Parish maintenance crew, and other staff, with various cleaning and repair projects throughout campus. Qualified candidates will have various levels of experience with maintenance related duties and tasks. All applicants must be able to lift at least 50 lbs. and be comfortable using various power tools and cleaning equipment. Candidates must also complete the Toledo Diocese Virtus training and pass an FBI/BCI background check. Please send resumes to Paula Nestor, at [nestor.paula@myspartans.org](mailto:nestor.paula@myspartans.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 \$42,643.10 with pledges from 317 households or 77.53%. 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

## 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](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).





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

Each month we focus on a different Virtue and teachers nominate one student/class that has been exceptional at living this Virtue throughout the month. Students are then presented with a certificate, out of dress code day, and a Spartan prize for being "Spartan of the Month" each month. We also take their picture for social media/school website.

Spartan of the Month and the Virtue program coincides with our PBIS "Be a Spartan" school-wide expectations and students are expected to "Be safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible" Spartans every day.

Teachers reinforce the Virtue of the month with lessons in their classrooms and the Virtue is reinforced every morning on announcements and students are given a task each week so that they practice the Virtue of the month in action.

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## THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: "This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders."

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

"And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.

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## SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1182-1226)

October 4

When Franco Zeffirelli's *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* was released (1972), people were shocked by the movie's graphic nudity in the dramatic conversion scene. Son of a wealthy merchant, Francis' aimless adolescence ended when a failed military expedition led to his imprisonment and complete breakdown. Once home, Francis rediscovered God in the beauty of nature and the ugliness of human suffering, caring for lepers, praying in the little church of San Damiano, whose crucified Jesus he heard calling, "Repair my house, Francis, which is falling into ruins." Francis sold his possessions—and his father's—to fulfill this command. When his father objected, Francis disrobed: "I return the clothes, your name, and all you gave me: God alone is my Father now." Later, the pope would dream of a ragged friar stretching forth a single hand to prop up the crumbling papal Cathedral of Saint John Lateran. Francis indeed helped rebuild the universal Church, founding the Friars Minor (Franciscans), dying at a young forty-four, bearing the stigmata of the Christ whose living icon he remains—in the Church and far beyond it.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

**Psalm** — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

**Gospel** — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

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