

## AUGUST 1, 2021 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.  
Monday & Friday 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 a.m.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:50 - 4:50 p.m. &  
30 minutes before every Mass

#### Sacrament of Baptism:

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

#### 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.

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Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 12 p.m., one week prior to publication date. All submissions must be in writing and approved.

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**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, August 2***Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop & Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Hildegard Kleinguetl

**Tuesday, August 3***18th Tuesday in Ordinary Time*7:00 am † Marilyn Kurtzman (*Anniversary*)**Wednesday, August 4***Saint John Vianney, Priest*

7:00 am † Barbara Crundwell

**Thursday, August 5***Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

7:00 am † Rosemary Martin

**Friday, August 6***The Transfiguration of the Lord*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Raymond and Kevin Smith

**Saturday, August 7***Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm † Tom Dix

**Sunday, August 8***19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am † Isabel Stuhrt

11:30 am William Rickert

**IN GOD'S ARMS**Michael Earhart  
Gary Maricsin  
John MoritzTeresa Potter  
Jo Touby***ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD.*****PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

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



Bill Ruhl	Elaine Johnson	Ellen & George Weirich
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***"Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life." (Jn 6:24-35)***

St. Peter's Parishioners and Friends,

Happy Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! An ordinary time, that these days, seems anything but ordinary! A world where we are getting "used to" not wearing masks. We live in a world where there is fear about what tomorrow has to offer. A question on my mind these days is, "What can I trust anymore to be long-lasting?" To be long-standing, permanent, established and long-lived. We currently reside in a world where brief, momentary and short-lived seems to be the new norm. I believe in today's gospel, Jesus is calling us to something else.

It was just six weeks ago today, on that Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Father's Day), that we made a chair announcement inviting men of the parish to join a St. Joseph's group for the reading of the "Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father." The invitation actually began with a question and went something like this, "What are you doing between the hours of 6am to 7am this coming Friday morning?" To which I heard people respond....."Sleeping!" I must admit, after hearing that, I wasn't too hopeful for a good turnout! I expected to be sitting there alone, reading my 33 day Consecration to St. Joseph with Jordan Tackett, Brad Michel and Zak Bramlage, the other masterminds who helped bring about the St. Joseph's Fellowship group. Boy were we wrong!

"Work." No doubt, the men of this group worked! They worked hard! Almost all of them had to go to work at their jobs after attending the 6am morning meeting! Work and sacrifice. All of them had to wake up early, get done what they needed to at home with their family, travel in the dark and sometimes the rain, to join the fellowship of the St. Joseph's group. These men no doubt worked. For what? They worked "for the food that endures for eternal life." A food that feeds their families. A food that no amount of money they get from their jobs can buy. Food that was free. That we all sat around and ate together every Friday morning. No not Buckeye Donuts, although we ate those too, but food that pierced our very soul.

This past Tuesday, the men finished their 33 day consecration to St. Joseph. All 25 of them, and by the way, that's a whole lot more than 4! God is good! Imagine, we had multiple fathers attending with their sons. Fathers who were no doubt wonderful fathers to their children, but wanted more for them. Men who were no doubt excellent husbands to their wives, but wanted more. St. Joseph no doubt blessed us. This past Friday morning, at 6am, at the altar of St. Joseph, 25 men consecrated themselves to St. Joseph. That's a big deal. There they promised to consecrate themselves each and everyday, not to any man, but to a man

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**CONFESSIONS BEFORE MASSES**

Beginning the weekend of July 17/18, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered for 30 minutes before each Mass.



This includes weekday **and** Sunday Masses.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT**

As August approaches, please watch this space and listen to announcements at Mass regarding exciting new changes to our RCIA process. All who are thinking about "becoming Catholic" or who want to learn more about Catholicism are encouraged to call soon to begin the initial discussion. Call the Parish Office 419-524-2572.

We are continuing to enjoy our 10:00 Tuesday morning **Crochet & Pray Class**. All are welcome! Enter thru the Parish Center entrance and the receptionist will direct you to the Adult Faith room.

**ST. PETER'S MUSIC MINISTRIES**

Summer is flying by and we are only a month away from the start of a new music season at St. Peter's.

The **St. Peter's Traditional Choir** will begin its season with rehearsals starting Thursday, September 9 at 7 p.m. in the choir loft.

In addition to the choir's usual performances at 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, the choir also sings at Christmas Midnight Mass, Holy Week and Easter Masses, the annual Lessons and Carols for Advent, plus other special events.

The **Parish Contemporary Ensemble** sings weekly at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in either the HS Choir room. It is open to singers and musicians.

The **Parish Handbell Choir** always welcomes new ringers. The choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the HS Choir room.

If you would like to know more contact, Bill Johnson at ext. 2113 or johnson.bill@myspartans.org

**PRISON MINISTRY CORNER**

Because of the dedication and commitment of our parish prison ministry team, we are able to offer religious services EVERY night of the week at RiCI. Our schedule is Mass on Saturday evening, Music & Fellowship on Sunday, Rosary Prayer Group (which also includes sharing the daily readings and reflections followed by discussion and faith sharing) three nights a week, a dedicated Church Music class once a week, and Catechism class on Friday / Adoration on First Friday each month.



We have a core group of men who attend EVERY night of the week! We are pleased to have a number of men who are not of the Catholic faith come regularly, as they are attracted to the structure and prayerful atmosphere. The Holy Spirit is alive in prison ministry!

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

If you have been attending St. Peter's on a regular basis, and wish to register in our parish, please contact **our parish office: 419.524.2572**. You can also register electronically on the parish website.

**PSR CATECHISTS NEEDED**

We are searching for some catechists for our PSR program for the 2021-2022 year. The year starts in September and ends in April, and the commitment is for 1 1/2 hours per week along with completing a VIRTUS Child Protection Training and background check through the Diocese of Toledo (which is all on-line and takes one hour).

The greatest gift you could ever share is your experience and knowledge of the faith to help our smallest disciples! If you have any interest in either our Wednesday night or Sunday morning program, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) or at the parish office at 419-524-2572 x 2114. Each of us has a story to tell about our faith...share yours and help a young person take a step farther on their faith journey!

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chosen by God to be both the Father to his Son and husband to his Mother. Congratulations! I am so so very proud of each and every one of them for their time and energy they have given to this consecration and to the family who supported them.

In case any of you were wondering, we did in fact have a giant celebration on Friday, eating both food that perished and food that will no doubt endure for eternal life. However, the latter is something that I can certainly get very very "used to." So everyone, stay tuned for future events planned by St. Joseph's Fellowship.... Are you hungry?

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Kevin

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	
<i>As of June 2021 Sunday Collection</i>	
<b>Sunday and Holy Day Collections</b>	
Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$859,226
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$852,000
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$7,226.00</b>
<b>School Collection</b>	
Total School Collection To Date:	\$120,292
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$144,000
<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$23,708.00)</b>

**DEACON REEF'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY**



Congratulations to Deacon John Reef as he celebrates his 10th Anniversary of his ordination to the Permanent Diaconate!

He was ordained by Bishop Blair in 2011 at Rosary Cathedral. For the past 15 months, Deacon John has assisted at every single Mass on the weekend, in addition to the TV Masses as we battled through COVID. He also visits the sick and homebound regularly, in addition to presiding at baptism and generally being available to assist the priests as he is needed.

We thank God for his ministry and his service and wish him many, many more years of service with God's Blessing!

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following parishioners 85+ who are celebrating a birthday during the month of August!



Mary LaSusa  
Joan Gaughan  
Rose Graham  
Carolyn Studer  
Robert Turner  
Barbara Riley  
Beverly Doty

Louis Gaul  
Norbert Rall  
Anne Vaughn  
Samuel Sgambellone  
Lewis Pakes  
Stella Glowski.

**BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to the following who were welcomed into the church through the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, July 25.



Colt Jensen, son of Jody and Felicia (Romagnoli) Beal



Luke Elliot, son of Tim & Meg (Finnerty) Mergel.



Stella Rose, daughter of Jakob and Sophia (Winters) Merle.



Mercy Lynn, daughter of Kevin Lewis and Amy Mullins.



Sawyer Rain, daughter of Jerrod and Danielle (Jaranowski) Senter.

**FORMED**

To sign-up is easy: Go to [formed.org](https://formed.org), select our parish (listed as St. Peter's Catholic Church, 104 West First Street, Mansfield), and provide your name and email.

Enjoy and grow in the faith!

**RECYCLING — FRIDAY, AUGUST 13**

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**Online pre-sale ends on Monday.**

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**SPARTAN SPIRIT**

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION—REGISTRATION**

Registration forms for the PSR (Parish School of Religion) school year are now available. Classes begin in September. If you have not received a registration form, you can get one by contacting Elizabeth Wurm. ([wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org))

Classes are for those who will be entering kindergarten through twelfth grade this coming school year!

**GARBAGE BAGS AVAILABLE**

St. Peter's still has yellow (33 gal) and white (13 gal) garbage bags available for sale in the Parish Center Office.

Cost is \$10 and can be purchased between 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

**CHECK OUT THE KIOSK!**

Check out the items in the Respect Life kiosk in the main vestibule. We have new CDs, pamphlets and some new books. The CDs are great to listen to in the car when you take a short drive. We are blessed to have so many great items available to us to keep us knowledgeable in our faith.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

St. Peter's Parish & School is currently seeking to fill the following positions.

- High School Theology Teacher
- High School Math Teacher
- High School/Junior High Academic Assist Monitor
- Fifth & Sixth Grade Language Arts & Social Studies
- Third Grade Teacher
- Cafeteria Cook (Part-time)
- Director of Development and Advancement

To learn more about the job positions and to apply, please visit our website: [mansfieldstpeters.org/employment-opportunities](https://mansfieldstpeters.org/employment-opportunities).

All employees must pass BCI/FBI background checks and complete VIRTUS requirements.

**FEAST OF FAITH**

**The Preface: Thanksgiving**

The preface of the Mass has been called "a poem, the cry of joy and recognition, the song of the world discovering its salvation . . . the certitude of faith making hope spring forth" (Philippe Béguerie, quoted in *The Mass*, Lucien Deiss, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 1992, p. 70). The preface takes up the last words of the dialogue, and expresses briefly and simply why we are grateful, why it is right and just to give thanks and praise to God. On feast days, the preface sings of the specific mystery or saint we celebrate; in Ordinary Time, the Sunday and weekday prefaces express our gratitude for God's gift of the Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption and newness of life. The prefaces offer a succinct account of what God has done for us in Christ; they express the mystery of faith, always relating it to us, to our lives. "By his birth we are reborn," we hear in Preface IV for Sundays in Ordinary Time. "By his suffering we are freed from sin. By his rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life." Yes, we have cause to give God thanks and praise.

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**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

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## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

In Year B, the reading for the Transfiguration comes from Mark's gospel. (The Transfiguration also appears in the other two synoptic gospels, Matthew and Luke.) In Mark, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, apart from the other apostles and disciples.

There, Jesus is transfigured (changed in form and appearance) and appears in dazzling white clothes. Elijah, the great prophet, and Moses, through whom the Israelites were given the law, appear with Jesus. A cloud appears, overshadowing them, and a voice states, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Jesus charges the three to not share with anyone what they had seen "except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead." They keep their experience to themselves, pondering what Jesus meant by rising from the dead.

How are we to understand the Transfiguration? The story of the Transfiguration is also proclaimed on the second Sunday of Lent—a key part of Jesus' journey towards the Cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church draws parallels between Jesus' Baptism and the Transfiguration. Jesus is baptized at the start of his public ministry. His baptism proclaims the mystery of our first regeneration—we die and rise again with Christ. The "Transfiguration 'is the sacrament of the second regeneration': our own Resurrection (St. Thomas Aquinas, *STh III*, 45, 4, ad 2). From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ.



The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body (Phil 3:21)'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 556).

During the Prayer after Communion, we pray that God might "transform us into the likeness of your [his] Son, / whose radiant splendor you willed to make manifest / in his glorious Transfiguration." The Collect, or opening prayer, tells us that the mystery of the Transfiguration "prefigures our full adoption to sonship." The Transfiguration, initially revealed to Peter, James, and John, reveals to all of us a taste of what is yet to come.

The Transfiguration is the fourth of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or  
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19;  
Mk 9:2-10

**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;  
Jn 6:41-51

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

**Psalms** — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

**Second Reading** — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

**Gospel** — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35)..

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