

July 25, 2021 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THE LOAVES,
GAVE THANKS,
AND DISTRIBUTED
THEM TO THOSE WHO
WERE RECLINING,
AND ALSO AS MUCH
OF THE FISH
AS THEY WANTED.

JOHN 6:11

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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.

A PARISH OF THE SAINT JUAN DIEGO DEANERY, DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, July 26***Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Marilyn Kurtzman

Tuesday, July 27*17th Tuesday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am † Fred A. Stuht

Wednesday, July 28*17th Wednesday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Parish

Thursday, July 29*Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

7:00 am In Honor of Stella Sutter (95th Birthday)

Friday, July 30*Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Tom Dix

Saturday, July 31*Vigil of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm † Lucille Hale

Sunday, August 1*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am † Marilyn Kurtzman

11:30 am Parish

IN GOD'S ARMS

Sue Swetlick
James Gambellone

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	Michael Caldwell
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From the Pastor:

As I was talking with some parishioners outside the church this past week, I heard a very distinctive sound for the first time this year. In the midst of an engaging conversation, I couldn't help but notice the unmistakable noise of a summer locust. Instinctively I thought of summer days on the farm during my childhood. The buzzing of cicadas reminded me and my brothers that the joy and freedom of outdoor summer life would be coming to an end, and we would have to return to school. Our response to their noisy reminder was to make the most out of every remaining day. In the remaining weeks of this summer, be sure to do the same. Keep life simple and not cluttered with stuff. If you do that, you're sure not to miss what's most important – God and family.

The focus of my energy and activity here at St. Peter's is going to be the same – simple and uncluttered. We are finite people in a finite world, which is a philosophical way of saying our time and energy are limited. As a result, an assessment of what is achievable is needed, along with prayer about the direction that God desires for the present moment. In my prayer and reflection, I've narrowed my focus this year to three things—the first of those I share with you this week – spiritual opportunities for the parish. I'm excited about this and will give more details about this in the weeks ahead, along with the other two areas.

As you know, it was announced last weekend that Mrs. Laurie McKeon has been hired to fill the newly formed *Head of School* position. She is an energetic and knowledgeable person who will positively contribute to the guidance and direction of the school. She is committed to ensuring the Catholic identity of our parish school as excellence in all areas is pursued. I look forward to getting to know her and working with her this school year. Her responsibilities will be very similar to that of a school superintendent. She will work directly with and supervise the two principals and indirectly with the other school faculty and staff. She will report to the School Governing Board, which is in the process of being finalized and approved by the Diocese of Toledo. I'm very grateful to the Msgr. Dunn Foundation for financially funding this school position for the next three years.

As a reminder from last week, my bulletin column will be the primary way I communicate you, the parishioners. There is much happening each day here at this parish and in the world in which we live. I'll try to pick what I think is most relevant for us and what is not addressed somewhere else in that week's bulletin. Keep in mind the bulletin is sent to the printers early in the week and that I rarely repeat the same parish news in my column. That means you need to take a few minutes each week to read this column and the bulletin.

Gratefully, Fr. Miller

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.

PARKING LOT REMINDER...

As Mass attendance continues to return to normal levels, our parking lots are reaching capacity once again. Please do not park in areas not designated as parking spaces. These driving lanes need to remain open in case of an emergency.

Thanks for your understanding!

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

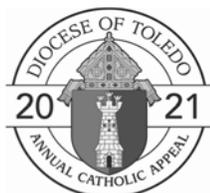
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PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

As our prison ministry programs at ManCI and RiCI continue to return to more regular schedules with the Covid-related restrictions being lifted, we would welcome more parishioners to seriously think about ways to be involved. Not yet - but in time - we will invite our parishioners who feel called to prison ministry to join us for Mass at RiCI. Later, perhaps in the fall, we will offer other opportunities for parishioners to visit and witness our dynamic prayer and music gatherings.



Please pray for the Spirit to open our hearts to ways we can all support our outstanding parish prison ministry programs. Just a reminder: We are collecting plastic bags, yarn, and knitting/crochet supplies. Please bring to the Parish Center office during business hours or give to Lynne after 7:30 Mass most Sundays.

FATHER DANIEL J. ZAK



Fr. Daniel J. Zak, 79, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Saturday, July 10, 2021.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



Today is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly!

"It is important for grandparents to meet their grandchildren and for grandchildren to meet their grandparents, because — as the prophet Joel says — grandparents, before their grandchildren, will dream, and have illusions [great desires], and young people, taking strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy."

– Pope Francis, January 31, 2021

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.

— Psalm 145:15

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

FEED THE NEEDY: CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas in July event on Sunday afternoon. Our volunteers served 239 meals to members of the community. All of the toys that we did not give away or raffle off were given to a group that provides toys to children at Christmas and Easter.



Please continue to donate personal care items which are distributed at the Free Dinner twice a month. Especially popular are washcloths, 3 in 1 body wash, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, hair brushes, and disposable razors. These can be brought to church any weekend or to the parish center.

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Enjoy and grow in the faith!

NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING WEEK JULY 25-31, 2021



"To have ... To hold ... To honor, Natural Family Planning, Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage" is the theme of this year's National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, an educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote the methods of Natural Family Planning.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a general title for ethical, natural, safe and effective methods for both achieving and avoiding pregnancy in marriage. NFP methods teach couples how to observe and interpret the wife's signs of fertility and infertility. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, NFP methods "respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them and favor the education of an authentic freedom." (CCC, no. 2370)

The Catholic Church invites all the faithful to embrace God's plan for married love. Learn more about these beautiful teachings which support the use of NFP in marriage at usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/church-teaching.

Working & Saving

Work hard and save your money so when you're old you will be able to buy the things only the young can enjoy.

—Anonymous

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SPARTAN SPIRIT



GOD'S WILD ADVENTURES

Last week, 68 children from St. Peter's, St. Mary, and Resurrection Parish participated in Vacation Bible School. Thanks to all our volunteers, especially our 23 youth leaders and Mrs. Wurm, for making this year's VBS an excellent time for all involved!



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)

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

160TH EAGLE SCOUT



St. Peter's Scout Troop 121 is proud to announce that Scout Nathan Smith recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Nathan is the 160th Scout since 1950 to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout at St. Peter's.

Scouting is open to any boy or girl in the parish from grades Kindergarten—High school. For more information, contact Scoutmaster Jim Cox at (419)571-9874 or jameshuntercox1@gmail.com.

PARISH AND SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Did you know that there are many ways in which you can become more involved at St. Peter's? We are always looking for volunteers for the various ministries provided by both the parish and school. The complete list can be found on our website at mansfieldstpeters.org/parish or by contacting the Parish Center office at 419.524.2572.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Accounting Assistant (Part-time)
- High School Theology Teacher
- High School Math Teacher
- High School/Junior High Academic Assist Monitor
- 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.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is a familiar one, and has many lessons, not least of which is our willingness to share who we are and what we have.

Exercising good stewardship serves to release God's power and bountifulness on the world and its people. Do we realize that there is enough for all if we are willing to share? Are we aware that God is at work when we share our time, our money and our other resources in His name?

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today's first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God's power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today's passage from John we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.

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MIRACLE OR MAGIC?

It can be easy to just say, "Oh yes, this is the story of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, when everybody decided to share the bits of food they had." But how much of it is really about feeding the crowds? "Jesus said to Philip, 'Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?' He said this to test him, because he knew what he was going to do." It must have been very hard to trust Jesus, especially when the disciples often didn't understand him. This year has been challenging for us, too, to trust that God will provide, and also challenging for us to ask for help.

In the Rule of Saint Benedict, there is a chapter called "The assignment of impossible tasks." It says, in essence, that when your superior tells you to do something impossible, it is fine to go talk to them about it, but in the end you may still be asked to do this task. In what situations are we called to trust? When are we asked to act in faith or to do the impossible task?

**FEAST OF FAITH
The Preface Dialogue**

"Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right and just..." to give him thanks and praise. With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be "lifted up," to ascend, to climb the Lord's mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to "Eucharist!" It is right and just that we do this.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading** — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).
- Psalm** — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).
- Second Reading** — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).
- Gospel** — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

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