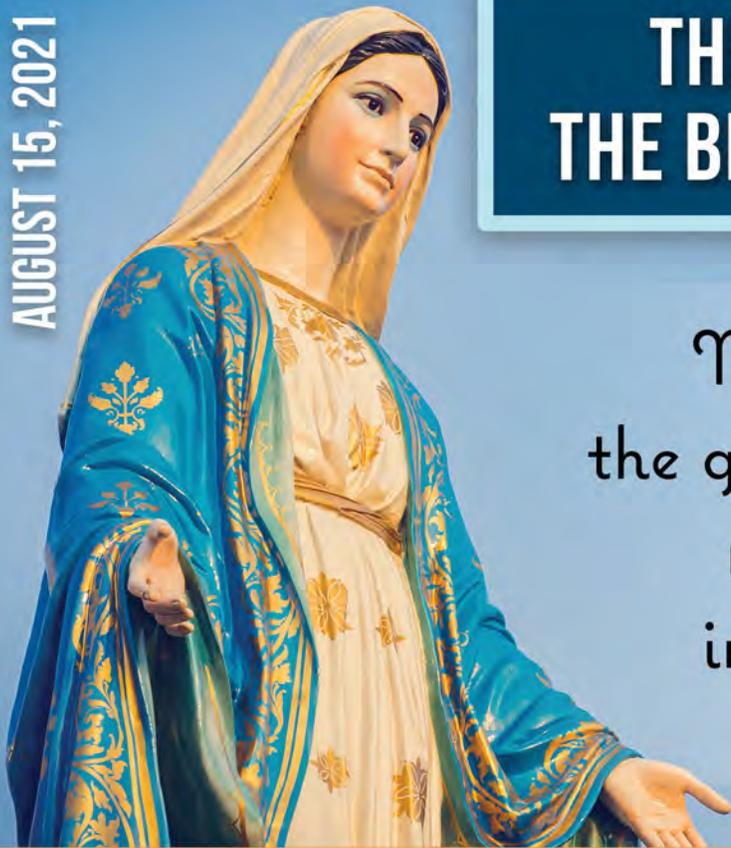


AUGUST 15, 2021



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

My soul proclaims
the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior.

Luke 1:46

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Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 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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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, August 16***St. Stephen of Hungary*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Marilyn Kurtzman

Tuesday, August 17*20th Tuesday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am † Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, August 18*20th Wednesday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am † Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, August 19*Saint John Eudes, Priest*

7:00 am † Rev. Daniel J. Zak

Friday, August 20*Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Tom Dix

Saturday, August 21*Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm † Marilyn Kurtzman

Sunday, August 22*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am † Rev. Daniel J. Zak

9:30 am † James Sgambellone

11:30 am Pro Populo (For the Parish)

IN GOD'S ARMSJoe Wendling
Melinda Thull Currens

Michael Earhart

***ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD.*****PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Names will only be listed for four (4) weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the Parish Center at (419) 524-2572.



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FROM THE PASTOR:

Thanks to the many people who contributed to the success of our first parish **AugustFest** last week! It was a wonderful evening that I greatly enjoyed, as did many others. Justin and Jess Berry, along with sixteen others, organized and planned for several months to make the evening successful and fun.

The dedication and hard work of the committee made it possible for hundreds of people to have an enjoyable evening outdoors. The Knights of Columbus were grilling hamburgers and brats, the Soccer families were handling concessions, and parish and school families, as well as school faculty and staff, were helping in many other ways. God's blessing to all of you!

I'm also grateful to the businesses and others who sponsored the evening. Their generosity and commitment to our parish and school are much appreciated. Thanks also to you, the parishioners who joined us at Spartan Fields for some or all of the evening. We did have to get under the tents briefly for the passing rain shower but were quickly back out mingling and enjoying the food, drinks, and games. I enjoyed getting to know more of you while I grazed on popcorn and listened to good music! Again, my deepest thanks to everyone who helped or attended **AugustFest** this year!

On Wednesday, we begin a new school year. The teachers and staff return Monday and Tuesday to make their final preparations before the students return midweek. In all the busyness that Monday is sure to bring, we will stop midway to go to church for prayer. The prayer that we will offer goes back to Christ and is almost as old as "Our Father". It's the prayer of the Mass. We will begin by each of us acknowledging that we have sinned and are in need of mercy and forgiveness – God and each other. Then the Teacher of teachers will speak to us through the Sacred Scriptures. After a short reflection, we pray for our parish, school, family, and friends, etc., before offering the prayers at the altar. There we will be reminded of what Godly love is, and through that, refreshed and renewed in our quest to do the same. Wow! The Mass is a powerful experience when we enter into it at this level.

Our students this year will be going to Mass on Wednesday mornings each week. The lower grades will be attending at 8:25 a.m., and the upper grades at 9:35 a.m. These two Masses will replace the current 7:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday mornings. Parishioners and school parents are invited to attend either Mass to sing and pray with the students. Fr. Kevin and I are looking forward to this Mass arrangement because it allows us to address each group of students at their level.

We are also looking forward to visiting the classrooms and teaching every week. We plan to visit each grade level every three weeks. We are looking forward to getting to know the students and teaching them about God, and maybe even an occasional math or science question since we are engineers!

Gratefully,
Fr. Miller

ADULT FAITH FORMATION/RCIA

If you have family members, friends, neighbors, coworkers who have expressed interest in learning more about the Catholic faith, please prayerfully encourage them to consider being part of RCIA.

As Father Miller stated in his column in last week's bulletin, there is no pressure in attending RCIA. All who attend, both prospective candidates and their sponsors, learn so much about Catholicism and, most importantly, grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Please call the parish office soon to start the process. (419) 524-2572.

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 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. The Bell Choir performs approximately once a month.

The **Parish Children's Choir** will begin rehearsals soon after school resumes. Full safety measures will be observed. Rehearsal times and performance dates will be announced as soon as possible thereafter.

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

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Our Parish Prison Ministry goals for this summer have focused on establishing consistency as we get "back to normal" in both ManCI and RiCI following the long Covid lockdown. Our brothers at ManCI have had the opportunity to attend Mass every Saturday since March 27.



Our first Mass upon our return to RiCI was June 5. As these statistics show, our attendance at RiCI increases with each week and month: In June we had a total of 398 inmates attending Mass,, Music/Choir classes, Rosary Prayer groups, and Catechism. In July the number was 620. We were able to provide 38 hours of ministry in June and 60 hours in July.

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 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 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!

COURAGE: YOUNG ADULTS EXPERIENCING SAME-SEX ATTRACTIONS



Effective July, 1 2021 Bishop Thomas appointed Fr. Kevin as Chaplain for the Diocese of **Toledo Chapter of Courage.**

Courage is an apostolate that helps minister to those with same sex attractions. Each month Fr. Kevin hosts a local Chapter meeting here at St. Peter's and also a larger Chapter meeting in Fremont.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Kevin either at moebius.kevin@myspartans.org or (419)460-5761. Pamphlets with more information are available at all church entrances.

SUNDAY OFFERING



*As of July 2021
Sunday Collection*

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$67,264
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$71,000

Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit) (\$3,736)

School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$10,633
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$12,000

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit) (\$1,367)

WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION?

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son" (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

What does this all mean?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15.

Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.

While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (no. 974)

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life.

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ST. BERNARD SUMMER FESTIVAL

St. Bernard Parish in New Washington will hold its summer festival on Sunday, August 22.

BBQ Chicken & Ham with Homemade Dressing will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. or runs out. Dine-in, carry-out, and drive-thru available.

Bingo, Kiddie Tractor Pull, Live Music, Prizes, Games and \$1,000 reverse raffle.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Gervace & Bernadetha Kavishe who recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary of Matrimony with a renewal of their vows at Mass.

May they be blessed with many more years of happiness together.



GIVING BACK

The Virgin received salvation so that she might give it back to the centuries.

—Peter Chrysologus

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!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We hope to be able to resume **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday, Sept. 19th. This program is geared toward children in grades one through four. Additional leaders are needed.

Training will be given and leaders must complete the Diocese of Toledo Protecting Youth Certification which can be done online.

Contact Angie Dillon at the Parish Center 419-524-2572 ext. 3108 or dillon.angie@myspartans.org with questions or to volunteer.

WELCOME SPH CLASS OF 1986

A special welcome the Class of 1986 who are celebrating their 35th class reunion this weekend.

Members of the class are joining us at 11:30 a.m. Mass today. We hope you had a great weekend visiting your Alma Mater and safe travels as your return home.

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)
on the Blessed Virgin Mary**

"The Angel was sent to the Virgin, it says. A virgin in body and a virgin in mind, a virgin by her own choice, a virgin, as the Apostle describes her, holy in mind and body. Not someone just now found by chance, but chosen from the beginning of time, foreseen and prepared by the Most High, waited upon by the angels, prefigured by the patriarchs, preached by the prophets."

This excerpt from a sermon by St. Bernard of Clairvaux (Sermo 2: Opera omnia, Edit. Cisterc. 5 [1968], 364-368) is used in the Roman Office of Readings for Tuesday of the 20th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Bernard was Abbot of Clairvaux and a Doctor of the Church. His Feast Day is Friday, August 20.

FORMED

To sign-up is easy: Go to 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!

SFA SUNDAY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

St. Peter's Spartan Family Association invites school and parish families to an afternoon of fellowship following 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 22 in St. Peter's Elementary School playground and parking lot.



This will provide our community's children, parents, and guardians an opportunity to connect and socialize. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please park in the church or FAC lot. If you have questions, please contact Jess Berry, Spartan Family Association President, at spartanfamily@myspartans.org.

ELEMENTARY UPDATE

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer! I am looking forward to working with all of our families and students again as principal and I am excited to begin a new school year!



I would like to welcome all the new families and staff to St. Peter's as well as our returning families and staff. We have had some changes/additions to staff for the 2021-2022 school year.

Jamie Stima will be our elementary music teacher this year. She previously taught PE to our students.

Erin Keffalas will be our PE teacher as well as our fifth and sixth grade religion teacher. She previously served as an educational aide in the elementary building.

A warm welcome to Dolores Seidel is as our new third grade teacher and Marilyn Burchett as our new fifth and sixth grade social studies and language arts teacher. Both of these ladies come to us with many years of experience in education.

Finally, we have a new "Resilience Coach" this year at the elementary, Amy Secrist! She will be working with students and teachers on social and emotional learning.

Please keep our students in your prayers as they start a new school year!

Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer
Elementary Principal/Montessori Director

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- High School Science Teacher
- Cafeteria Cook (Part-time)

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

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

FEAST OF FAITH

The Shape of the Eucharistic Prayer

Our Eucharistic Prayers originated in the traditional Jewish meal prayers known as berakah, which were prayers of thanksgiving used at meals. Over the centuries, the Christian thanksgiving, or Eucharist, gradually took shape. While in the East the Eucharistic Prayers (called anaphora) took many forms, in the Roman Church there was for many centuries just one Eucharistic Prayer, called the Roman Canon (now known as Eucharistic Prayer I). Almost all Eucharistic Prayers include the same basic elements. They begin with thanksgiving and acclamation. Then there is an epiclesis, as the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts. Then follows the institution narrative and consecration, as the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper are repeated. After the consecration, we remember in an explicit way all that Christ has done for us—this is the anamnesis, or remembering. The prayer concludes with the offering, the intercessions—prayers for the Church, our leaders, ourselves—and a final doxology of praise.

The reforms of the Second Vatican Council enriched our liturgy with additional Eucharistic Prayers, including both ancient texts (Eucharistic Prayer II is based on the most ancient of all existing Eucharistic Prayers) and new compositions.

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THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our credal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22)

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AUGUSTFEST A BIG SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or attended AugustFest last weekend! Despite the wind and a bit of rain, the event was a resounding success with 300-400 people attending, a final tally will be announced in the coming weeks.

On behalf of the AugustFest committee, a special thanks to all our sponsors who covered the costs of the event, and all the volunteers who helped take tickets, deal cards, serve food or pour beer. **Thank You** to all who attended and enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship. We are already looking forward to AugustFest 2022!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading** — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).
- Psalm** — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).
- Second Reading** — Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).
- Gospel** — Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56)

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