



In the Catholic school, subjects do not present only knowledge to be attained but also values to be acquired and truths to be discovered.

-The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, January 31

Saint John Bosco, Priest & Religious Founder

5:00 pm Rosary
5:30 pm † Angelo Taddeo

Tuesday, February 1

Weekday

7:00 am † Jean & Walter Smrekar

Wednesday, February 2

*The Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life*

8:25 am † Sharon Timmer & Family
9:35 am † Benefactors

Thursday, February 3

Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr & Saint Ansgar, Bishop

7:00 am † Sr. Anton Marie Tesch

Friday, February 4

Weekday

5:00 pm Rosary
5:30 pm † Huschka Family

Saturday, February 5

Vigil of The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 pm † Frank Jerger

Sunday, February 6

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am † Russell Moebius
9:30 am † Harley Steggall
11:30 am For Parishioners

FROM THE PASTOR



If there is anything that people would universally agree upon today, it's that the world is continually changing. There is change at every level of society and within every aspect of creation. We experience it often, and sometimes we even like what change brings. As hard as we might try, we cannot avoid change. Understanding this is one of the difficult lessons of life.

One of the changes the western world has been experiencing for decades is a decline in the number of people choosing to be Christian. Catholicism has experienced this, but not to the same extent as other Christian denominations. The decline in our numbers has been felt in many ways. There are fewer people at Mass on Sunday mornings, fewer children in our schools, and fewer priests.

The fewer number of priests has required the Priests Personnel Board and Bishop Thomas to be more creative in assigning priests to parishes. First, parishes in Toledo that have become smaller in recent years will soon be twinned just as all the other parishes in our deanery are twinned. Secondly, they are looking to give newly ordained priests more time as "vicar" priests before being assigned as pastors. However, this will require a decrease in the number of priests serving as pastors throughout our Diocese.

Some very recent changes in the number of available priests in our Diocese have accelerated the timeline of when these proposed changes need to occur. As a result, there is a "strong possibility" that the three Catholic parishes here in the Mansfield area will collectively be assigned three priests with one of them being the pastor of all three parishes. At this point it seems that Bishop Thomas would appoint me as pastor of the three parishes. Fr. Matt Frisbee has demonstrated strong spiritual and pastoral leadership at St. Mary and Resurrection parishes. As a result, he would be reassigned to other parishes in our diocese this summer and replaced by a newly ordained or foreign priest.

All indications are that if this change doesn't happen this summer, it will eventually. It's important to remember that each parish would function and operate as they do now, except that one team of priests would serve all three parishes. Such an arrangement would provide opportunities and challenges for both priests and parishioners. The person most affected by this would be me, the pastor. All of my life experiences would be needed to make a tri-parish arrangement functional and effective. I'm expecting the Diocese will make their decision about this within the next 4-6 weeks.

Please include this potential change as part of your 30 minutes of daily prayer. Pray that those having the burden of making these decisions will seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Pray also for those who will struggle with these potential changes. In your prayer, be sure to thank God for the many, many blessings we have all received from Him. Taking the time to thank God and being grateful can have a bigger positive effect on your life than you may realize.

Jesus, I trust in You!
Fr. Miller

IN GOD'S ARMS

James Wellmann
Kevin Dillon



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 Office.



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Aaron Blank	Alan Gallaway	Mike Yoha
Dina Riley	Amy Malaska	Dan Henige
Eilana Nelson	David Donley	Jim Keil
MaKaya Butler	Jordan Hiser	Sarah Brennan Shira
Sharon Valdry	William Scales	Richard Steele
Maria Loschinkohl	Kathy Deckard	
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Tuesday & Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Peter's Parish! We encourage you to register as a parish family as soon as possible. You can call the parish office or register on our website.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30–4:50 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 twelve months** in advance of the ceremony.

Bulletin Deadline:

Friday at 12 p.m., one week prior to publication date. All submissions must be in writing to bulletin@myspartans.org.

A parish of the  **Diocese of Toledo** Saint Juan Diego Deanery

PARISH NEWS

FEED THE NEEDY

St. Peter's Feed the Needy will host an **Offering of Love** event on Sunday, February 6, from 3–5 p.m. in the church parking lot.

We are asking for donations of home-baked cookies to be served with our meal. Cutout hearts would be awesome.

Special thanks to St. Peter's Scout Troop 121, Benon Books, Panera Bread, and Bellville Neighborhood Outreach for their help with volunteering and donations of books, bread, and chickens to help with this special event.

The event will begin set up around 2 p.m., weather permitting. The inclement weather date will be Sunday, February 13. Contact Pam Taylor at (419) 989-8963 if you would like to help. God bless you for your support.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The next luncheon and meeting will be Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at the Roadhouse Brown Derby Event Center at 3985 Park Avenue West.

Lunch will start at noon, with the meeting and program will follow. We invite all Catholic women in the Saint Juan Diego Deanery to join us. If you are new, you are encouraged to come and join us and get to know the Catholic women in the area. Please contact Carol Sgambellone, February Chairperson, at (419) 529- 2758, or Anita Holloway at (419) 524-2219, President, to make a reservation.

Reservations must be made by February 4, 2022, before noon. We are looking forward to seeing current members and meeting new members!

RECYCLING DAY: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
10–11 a.m. & 2–3 p.m. — FAC Parking Lot

H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 12 & 13

SUNDAY OFFERING



As of December 2021

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$429,744
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$427,500

Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,244
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School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$65,693
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$60,000

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5,693
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BELOVED: FINDING HAPPINESS IN MARRIAGE

Understanding God’s plan for marriage is one thing, living it out is another. **Beloved: Living Marriage** examines the day-to-day challenges of being united as husband and wife while maintaining individuality. Join us to watch the series and learn how to put faith at the center of your marriage.

Date/Time: February 12, after 5 p.m. Mass in the Church Basement

Whether you are newlyweds or have been together 40 years, St. Peter’s date night is a great way to enrich your marriage and meet other couples in the parish while breaking bread together. Dinner is provided and if you need more information, questions, childcare, or to RSVP, email Brad or Katie Michel at stpdatenight@gmail.com.

RCIA

This weekend at 7:30 a.m. Mass we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance. Please pray for our catechumens and candidate, Beth Behrendson, Alesha Rowe, and Dee Troyer as they continue their journey toward reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil.



PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

As we dedicate ourselves to at least 30 minutes of prayer each day, let us include these intentions:



- That victims of violence will find support in their path to healing;
- That families of those incarcerated will know they are not alone;
- That all who work in prisons, in law enforcement, and in our judicial system will be given strength and compassion;
- That more reentry programs will be made available to those released from prison;
- That those who are unjustly imprisoned will be set free.



LIFE NIGHT

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the Combined Youth Night events at Resurrection Parish. These events are being led by the Damascus Missionaries and Resurrection Parish’s new youth minister, Mikayla Gypton.

Upcoming Dates:

- January 30
- February 6
- February 13
- February 20

CHILDREN’S LENTEN RETREAT

We hope that your child can join us for our Children’s Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 5, from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. The retreat is open for all who are in preschool through



fourth grade. The retreat will include learning more about the Three Pillars of Lent which are prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and how we can live those out more fully during Lent. We are also going to take a walk through Holy Week with Jesus and those who lived the experience with him to understand Christ’s sacrifice for us. We will end by attending Mass with our fellow parishioners at 5 p.m.

In addition, the children will receive a light symbolic Lenten Lunch, dinner, and a snack. We will have crafts, games, prayer and interactive activities so that we can make the Lenten Season come alive for our youngest disciples!

The cost is \$10 per child. At Saint Peter we are following all recommended health and safety precautions, so those who participate will need to provide their own water bottle and wear a mask. We will practice social distancing and sanitizing throughout the retreat.

If you are interested in registering your child for our retreat, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org or by calling the parish office at 419-524-2572 x 2114. A registration form will be sent to you! We hope your child can join us!

2022 MARCH FOR LIFE

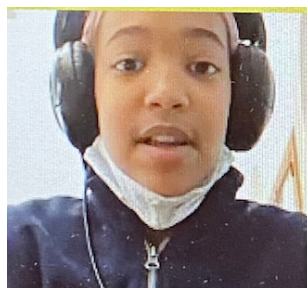
Students from St. Peter's School, along with parishioners and members of the community, braved the cold to participate in a local version of the 2022 March for Life.

Fr. Kevin led a Eucharistic Procession from the church to the gazebo at Central Park. The group heard from several speakers and joined in prayer and song before returning to the church.



RICHLAND COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Lily Richlovsky, Daniel McGuire, Juliana Williams, and Natalie Lindsey, who participated in the Richland County Spelling Bee! Both Julianna and Natalie finished in the Top 10 and will represent St. Peter's School next month in the Tri-County Spelling Bee!



Juliana Williams (upper right)
Natalie Lindsey (lower right)

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BLOOD DRIVE—FEBRUARY 3

St. Peter's High School is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, February 3 in the Franciscan Activity Center Atrium.



Time: 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Scan the QR code with your phone or visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code SPSHS.



Blood is always in critical need this time of year so every pint can help save a life!

NCEA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS
A quick take on issues and statistics

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted in his ..."

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O _ _ _ _ _ ."

Answer: *no one native place*

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TO BE A PROPHET

Today's readings show us what it is like to be a prophet. As Jeremiah recounts his call, God warns him that he will need strength and perseverance to withstand the hostility he will face from "Judah's kings and princes" and "its priests and people" (Jeremiah 1:18b). God also assures him that they "will not prevail over you, for I am with you" (1:19). The psalm reflects both of these struggles as well as deliverance from them ("salvation").

This is exactly what Jesus experiences in today's Gospel. After he claims that his own mission is the same as what Isaiah proclaimed, at first the people marvel at his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22). Soon, however, they become suspicious, skeptical, and hostile, even threatening to kill him. But just as God promised to deliver Jeremiah, so Jesus "passed through the midst of them and went away" (4:30).

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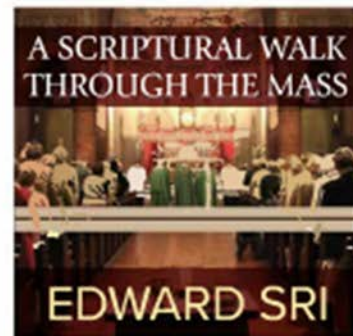
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 30, 2022

LISTEN

A SCRIPTURAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS BY EDWARD SRI

Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind the Mass? Are you looking to stop going through the motions at Mass? Join Dr. Edward Sri as he dives into the Scriptural roots of the Mass that will help you to pray the Mass like never before.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

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