

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is in the LORD.
He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream.

Jeremiah 17:7–8



Sixth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, February 14

Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † For Vocations

Tuesday, February 15

Weekday

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

7:00 am † Phil Hawk

Wednesday, February 16

Weekday

8:25 am † Christopher Byrne

9:35 am † Benefactors

Thursday, February 17

Weekday

7:00 am † Sr. Lauren Wiegman, OSF

Friday, February 18

Weekday

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Deceased members of Ellish & Sutter Families

Saturday, February 19

Vigil of The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 pm † Albert DiMarzio

Sunday, February 20

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am For Parishioners

9:30 am † Mildred Taylor

11:30 am † Raymond & Kevin Smith

FROM THE PASTOR



There are times in life when words fall short of conveying the thoughts, feelings, and emotions which we wish to convey. The situation of Fr. Michael Zacharias being in the news again is one of them for me. I know that all of "us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". (Rom. 3:23) Each of us has our faults. However, the actions of one of my fellow priests go far

beyond any venial sin. His actions hurt more people than he ever imagined. Yet the wounds are real, and they do not heal quickly.

Speaking for myself and my fellow priests, we offer our most sincere apology for the action of one of our brother priests. The hurt and betrayal so many people experience is very saddening to us. My thoughts and prayers go out, especially to the victims. Their suffering is the greatest of all those who have been affected by Fr. Zacharias's actions. In your charity, please include them in your prayers and people everywhere who have been victimized by another person. It's good to remember that God always provides a pathway to healing and wholeness for every person, regardless of their situation.

At Mass two weekends ago, we heard that "love does not seek its own interest." (1 Cor. 13:5) Pursuing our own interests without regard for God and other people is not love. Whenever our comfort or pleasure comes at the expense of another person, we are involved in evil. Satan is always at work seeking to lead you and me astray. He wants us to choose evil rather than good. His means of doing so are very simple: doubt, temptation, and rationalization. With these, Satan leads us into spiritual tunnel vision, where we become so focused on what we want that we tune out God and neighbor. We ignore the consequences or rationalize them away.

Fr. Zacharias had many positive qualities, yet there was an area of his life that he had not turned over to Christ. In this, he thought he could walk with evil and be in control. He found out differently in the most dramatic of ways. Fr. Zacharias had his moments of spiritual weakness and blindness, but there were moments of clarity and strength that he could have fought with everything in him to overcome his sin. He must still do that now. What are the sins that you need to fight to overcome? Stop with the excuses and rationalization. Instead, get on your knees and beseech (prayerfully beg, plead, implore) God to give you the conviction to turn away from whatever leads you to sin.

Pray for your priests. Challenge them to holiness. The more we encourage each other in holiness, the better we will all be. We should not be timid or bashful in doing this. Invite priests to your home, or take them out to eat, and while you look into their eyes, encourage them in the way of holiness. You don't have to assume there is anything wrong with them, just that they will benefit from your encouragement. I'm always happy when someone speaks to me about growing in holiness and becoming saintly! It's the pathway to heaven.

Relying on the Mercy of Christ,

Fr. Miller

IN GOD'S ARMS

Please remember our beloved dead.



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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Dina Riley	Amy Malaska	Dan Henige
Eilana Nelson	David Donley	Jim Keil
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Maria Loschinkohl	Kathy Deckard	Gloria Harris
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Marlene Ziegler	Ben Hahn	Cindy Lassen
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Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
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.

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PARISH NEWS

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our second-grade students who received their First Reconciliation last week. This was the first step towards First Eucharist this May!



FEED THE NEEDY—OFFERING OF LOVE

THANK YOU!

Because of your awesome generosity over the past several months, we were able to distribute nearly 1,000 blankets, coats, hats, scarves, and other clothing and a variety of other items at our Free Dinner this past Sunday. We served nearly 200 meals to members of the community.



Thank you to our many volunteers, especially scouts from St. Peter's Scout Troop 121. "Many hands make light work."

Our next meal will be Sunday, February 20. In March, we will be again be distributing personal care items. You can bring donations of toilet tissue, hairbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, washcloths, razors, liquid and bar soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors, baby wipes, and shampoo to the church or the parish office.

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

H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND
MARCH 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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PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM—MICHEL



We are excited to welcome Kolbe Michel to the church through the sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

She is the daughter of Brad and Katie Michel.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following parishioners who are age 85+ and celebrating a birthday in the month of February.



2/9 Paul Gremling	2/21 Orga Marinelli
2/9 Florence Jakubick	2/21 Mary Platania
2/14 Pauline Sellars	2/24 Mary Halter
2/17 Jane Ralph	2/28 Jane Wetzel
2/19 Barbara Cope	2/28 Norman Anton
2/20 Shirlene Kowalski	

CENTERING PRAYER

The Centering Prayer group will be postponed until May 1st. Attendance has dropped and it seems to be related to the weather. If there are questions please call Carol Kirkbride at 419-512-4441.

RCIA

Upcoming RCIA schedule:
Wednesday evening class 7:00-8:30
at Resurrection Parish on Feb. 16; RCIA
Retreat on Feb. 27 at Findlay St.
Michael. Please keep our
catechumens and candidates in
prayer as they journey closer to celebrating the
Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.



PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

As we prepare for special devotions during Lent at Richland Correctional, we invite our parishioners to consider a one-time visit to pray with us. Stations of the Cross are scheduled for every Saturday afternoon during Lent. Please email Lynne - lukach.lynn@myspartans.org - to indicate your interest and to receive more information.



YOUTH MINISTRY



Combined Youth Night
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Resurrection Parish
2600 Lexington Ave, Lexington, OH 44904

February 6th
"In Your Hands" - Confession available

February 20th
"In Their Shoes" - Service opportunity

February 27th
"With Him" - Adoration

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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. to 6 p.m. The retreat is open to 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.

Children will receive lunch, dinner and a snack and will end with 5 p.m. Mass.

The cost is \$10 per child. If you are interested in registering your child for our retreat, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org or by calling (419) 524-2572 x 2114. A registration form will be sent to you! We hope your child can join us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

KofC Hall—1114 Park Ave West
Reservations (419) 529-5532

Feb 18	Stuffed Pork Chop, green beans with bacon, bread & salad
Feb 25	Lasagna, garlic bread and salad.
Mar 4	Friday Lenten Fish Fries begin



KofC St. Patrick's Day Party & Fundraiser
Save the Date: Saturday, March 19

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Though the weather was not particularly cooperative, we could still celebrate three great days of Catholic Schools Week. This special week allows us to fully embrace the importance of Catholic education and the many ways that St. Peter's School has and continues to contribute to our parish, our school, the community, and the nation.

We kicked off the week with our Open House on Sunday. We had several prospective families come to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast and learn more about St. Peter's School. Many thanks to our student volunteers, our dedicated faculty and staff, the Spartan Family Association, and to the Knights of Columbus for being such terrific St. Peter's ambassadors. Thanks also to those current families who referred their family, friends, and neighbors to us. Special thanks to Jason Crundwell for organizing this very successful day. Please keep spreading the word about St. Peter's School. Your positive endorsements are our very best advertisements.

From the elementary school flash mob dance (a particular highlight which the final product will be released soon) to the high school spirit days, from the thoughtful gifts provided for our faculty and staff to the beautiful appreciation letters our students wrote to our priests, Catholic Schools Week reminds us all of the wonderful and distinct, faith-filled environment of our school. While we celebrate this distinct character and ethos specifically during Catholic Schools Week, this faithful spirit is embedded in our school every single day of the school year, and that is what makes St. Peter's School different.

While I love a good flash mob, I love even more that our students care about and uplift each other—every day. I love that our faculty and staff always go the extra mile for our students—every day. I love that our families, our volunteers, the Spartan Family Association, the School Board, our donors, and our alumni generously support our school with their time, treasure, and talent—every day. Here at St. Peter's School, we live our faith, commitment to God, service to the community, and our bond with each other daily.

This spirit is who we are and what we do. I see it in our classrooms when our teachers quietly encourage a student who is struggling with an assignment. I see it in the hallways when our students reach out to include a newcomer. These small but significant moments of compassion and goodness create a communal grace that infuses our school. We are all blessed to receive, share and perpetuate this grace.

Thanks to you all for being a part of our school family. Thank you for making St. Peter's School such a special place, not just during Catholic Schools Week, but every single day of the year.

Yours in faith and gratitude,
Laurie McKeon
Head of School

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THANK YOU TO OUR PRIESTS

Elementary students presented two books, one for Father Miller and one for Father Kevin at Mass last Wednesday. Inside the book were messages of thanks for their vocations and support of our students.



900 BOOKS READ!

Our small but mighty 2nd graders earned a pajama party last week because they read 900 books this year on Epic!



Epic is a reading app with books that students can read at their own pace.

SCOUT SUNDAY

Last Sunday, Eagle Scouts Jaxon Westwood and Nathan Smith were awarded the Pope Pius XII award during 9:30 Mass. It is the highest Catholic honor awarded to a Scout.



St. Peter's Parish has sponsored scouting for more than 70 years and produced 161 Eagle Scouts.

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE

Catholic Charities – Mansfield located at 2 Smith Avenue has a newly renovated self-contained Suite consisting of approximately 700 sq. ft.

Lease rate includes such items as utilities/trash removal, building security, ample parking, shared reception/lobby area, handicap accessibility, and conference room. Please contact Pam Sellards at (419) 524-0733 x235 or psellards@toledodiocese.org.



JOB OPENING—CRISIS NAVIGATOR

Catholic Charities is seeking a fulltime Crisis Navigator for the HOPE Pantry. This position provides Crisis Navigation services to individuals visiting the HOPE Food Pantry in Mansfield. The Crisis Navigator responds to inquiries for assistance to help navigate the other services and resources available, both through Catholic Charities and other agencies. Full job description at <https://toledodiocese.org/page/employment>

LENTEN POWER HOUR SERIES

FOR CATHOLIC COUPLES

REGISTER: [MASSIMPACT.US/POWER](https://massimpact.us/power)

It is a fun, supercharged date night every Wednesday in Lent in the comfort of your own home LIVE via Zoom for just an hour, between 8:30–9:30 p.m. from March 2 – April 13. Our amazing speakers will take us deeper into the T.R.I.N.I.T.Y.

Each Power Hour will also consist of short breakout sessions with up to four other couples. You can register solitarily as a couple (we will place you in your breakout group), or invite 2-4 close couple friends to join your breakout group.

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PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

FEELING BLESSED

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today? © J.S. Paluch Co.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters. (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalms — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Psalm 1)

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20)

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing. (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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