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As the test of what the potter
molds is in the furnace,
so in tribulation is the test of the just.

Sirach 27:5

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, February 21

Weekday

5:00 pm Rosary
5:30 pm † Sharon Timmer

Tuesday, February 22

Weekday / Shrove Tuesday

7:00 am † Phil Hawk
5:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Dinner (HS Cafeteria)

Wednesday, February 23

Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Parishioners
8:25 am Parishioners
9:35 am Parishioners
12:05 pm Parishioners
6:30 pm Parishioners

Thursday, February 24

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 am † Florence Kastelic
6:00 pm Holy Hour with Exposition

Friday, February 25

Friday after Ash Wednesday

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross
5:30 pm † Kevin Dillon

Saturday, February 26

Vigil of The First Sunday in Lent

3:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 pm † Ed & Mary Anne Voytko

Sunday, February 27

The First Sunday in Lent

7:30 am Parishioners
9:30 am † Carol Ann Bramlage
11:30 am † Cindy Wroblewski

FROM THE PASTOR



Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. Although we may not be jumping for joy about this, it is good to remember that Lent is the most important preparation time of the year. The forty days of intensified prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are how we become more like Christ. We know that Jesus lived each of these perfectly, and calls us to imitate Him

through these spiritual disciplines. If we commit to intensely living each of these this Lent, we will experience spiritual growth, and other people will benefit from our spiritual activity.

In the next few days, I encourage you to put together your spiritual plan for this Lent. Your plan should include both what you hope to achieve spiritually and how you will do that. Your spiritual plan should be aggressive. God says "whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." (2 Cor. 9:6) What aspects of your life aren't what God wants them to be? In what areas of your life is God calling you to progress from good to better? If we're honest about it, we need the season of Lent as much as creation needs springtime.

You will be receiving in the mail, if you have not already, a Lenten calendar from the parish. It lists various spiritual opportunities for you here at the parish in the weeks ahead. Consider joining fellow parishioners to pray the Stations of the Cross, devote an hour with Jesus, attend the Sunday afternoon Bible study, or one of the adult faith groups. Remember you also have free online access to FORMED, which is an amazing resource of Catholic materials for adults and children, including movies. If you are driving or at home, also consider listening to Annunciation Radio, which is our local Catholic broadcast. My prayer is that this Lent will bring lasting, spiritual growth for all of us!

On another topic, the insert in last weekend's bulletin was from the Diocese and is related to what I shared with you several weeks ago about the potential changes coming to our area. My understanding is that this same diocesan publication was in the bulletins of other parishes in our diocese who are likely to experience future changes. The diocesan restructuring plan is a multi-year process. Some parishes will see changes this summer and others in future years. Please keep this in mind when considering the timing of this diocesan proposal letter.

The meaning of the data can be somewhat ambiguous, especially when looking at the historical trend of how many people for whom priests are celebrating Mass each Sunday. The most critical data in what was reported is that the number of Catholics has been declining steadily for decades. As I mentioned before, the number of Christians in the western world has been declining, but globally the number of Catholics is increasing. This is well worth our consideration. Maybe worldly wealth has been detrimental to us spiritually. Maybe we need Lent more than we realize!

Gratefully,
Fr. Miller

IN GOD'S ARMS

Clara Killinger
Joan Rose
Carol Newton



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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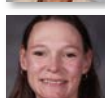
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Monday, Thursday, Friday: 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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.



PARISH NEWS

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign: Do Prayer, Do Service, Do Gratitude is underway. The campaign goal is \$3 million and our parish goal is \$60,268.



Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each year, including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. We ask you once again for our help. Please respond generously. For more information visit acatoledo.org.

FEED THE NEEDY

We will serve our Feed the Needy meals on March 6 and 20. Our serving time will be from 3-4:30 rather than from 3-5. We will help those who have signs to update them. Donations of baggies of any size are welcome. We can also use drink boxes/pouches of any type.

Our main dish on March 6 will be bratwurst, and we will serve chicken and noodles on March 20. Feel free to let Pam Taylor know if you would like to be added to the email list of contacts at teach621@aol.com or by calling 419-989-8963.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The next luncheon and meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, at the Brown Derby RoadHouse & Event Center. The lunch will start at noon with the meeting and program to follow. All Catholic women in the Saint Juan Diego Deanery are invited.

Please contact Valerie Mapes, March chairperson, (419) 564-3034 or Anita Holloway (419) 564-3034, president, to make a reservation. Please RSVP by March 4.

SUNDAY OFFERING



As of January 2022

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$506,750
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$502,085

Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,665
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School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$75,978
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$70,000

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5,978
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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner will be held Tuesday, March 1, from 5:00-7:00 pm in the **high school cafeteria**.

Dinner includes pancakes, sausage and a drink. Donations appreciated. Handicap accessibility is available from 5-6:00 pm through the parish center.

Thank you to the members of Knights of Columbus Council 687 for volunteering to cook once again!

LENT: FAST & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

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WOMEN'S LENTEN STUDY

A Women's Lenten Study will start on Sunday, March 6, from 10:30 a.m.- 12:15 p.m., based on the women of the Passion.

It is an amazing opportunity to really delve into Lent this year and take your prayer life a little deeper. Each week features different speakers, prayer, small group and of course, food! It is an awesome opportunity to learn, experience and share our faith with one another.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Elizabeth Wurm or call the parish office.

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.

Date/Time: March 12, after 5 p.m. Mass in the Franciscan Activity Center. Email stpdatenight@gmail.com for more info.

EASTER BAKE SALE: SAVE THE DATES

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming dates in preparation for our annual Easter Bake Sale.

March 11 • Pierogi Making
March 23, 24, 25 • Cabbage Roll Making
March 26 • Pierogi & Cabbage Roll Pre-Sale
March 29, 30 • Candy Making

April 12 & 13 • Easter Bake Sale
April work days will be announced at a later date!

GIFT SHOP

Our Catholic gift shop in the parish office has several nice gifts for upcoming sacramental celebrations. We also have religious gifts for weddings and our ever-popular Rosaries and Cards. Open during parish center office hours.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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. The program 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!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Catholic Women's Club of the St. Juan Diego Deanery is offering a \$500 Scholarship to a Catholic high school girl planning to attend college. You do not have to be attending a Catholic high school or plan to attend a Catholic college to apply. See your youth director or the parish center office for an application form and guidelines.

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

H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND

SIXTH GRADERS IN RCIA

Two sixth-graders are making the journey to becoming Catholic this Easter. They completed their Rite of Acceptance during their school Mass last week. Please keep Riley Lambert and Skylar Pitzen in your prayers as they complete their journey to join the church.



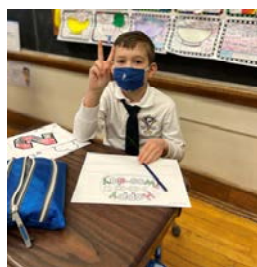
100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

Students in grades Pre-K through 3rd celebrated their 100th day of school with cookies, collections, crafts, creative lessons, and a lot of counting. Congratulations on being 100 days smarter to all of our Spartans!



2-22-22 TWOS DAY

Celebrating a once in a 200 year event! On Tuesday, our elementary students were able to wear ties or a tutu! They also learned about palindromes, since every date this week reads the same backward and forward.



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VISIT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

We welcome all families who have school-aged children to come take a look at the great programs our school has to offer! Rooted in our Catholic faith, your child will be known, valued and loved by our caring and committed faculty and staff.

Since the start of the school year, our student enrollment has grown by 3.5%, with four new students transferring in the last month.

If you are a Catholic family who is active in practicing your faith, or know someone interested in a high quality Catholic education, there are several scholarships and financial aid to make Catholic school affordable for you.

To schedule a personalized tour, please contact Jason Crundwell or visit:

mansfieldstpeters.org/school/tour.

BEST OF LUCK TO SPS ALUMNUS MATT FAILOR!

Class of 2000 alumnus and former parishioner, Matt Failor is getting ready to participate in his 10th Iditarod next week in Alaska.

Matt will make the nearly 1,000 mile race with 14 dogs across the Alaskan Wilderness. He is looking to improve on his 21st place finish last year and his best finish of 13th place in 2018.



Please keep Matt and his dogs in your prayers for a safe and successful race! Learn more at akhusky.dog or Iditarod.com

Later this spring the school will resurrect the **Spartan Iditarod—Race for Hunger** event. It raises money to support Catholic Charities H.O.P.E. Pantry. #SpartanSpirit.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

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

Friday Lenten Fish Fries begin this Friday,
March 4—April 8 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
\$10 per person.



KofC St. Patrick's Day Party & Fundraiser

Save the Date: Saturday, March 19

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

We invite you to join other Christians from March 2, through April 9, for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

- Peter Range, prange@ohiolife.org;
(440) 821-1533
- Veronica Leguire, vleguire@toledodiocese.org;
(419) 721-1094

or visit 40daysforlife.com/toledo.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

"For every tree is known by its own fruit." Jesus states this principle in today's Gospel reading to illustrate a parallel stewardship principle in our spiritual lives. Just as a good tree bears good fruit and a bad tree bears bad fruit, so also the good steward produces good and an evil person evil. This is no coincidence. Our words and actions are outward expressions of what lies in our hearts. It is out of the "store of goodness in his heart" that the good person produces good and "out of the store of evil in his heart" that the evil person produces evil. A reflection for the week: How are our words and actions accurately reflecting what lies deep in our hearts?

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GIVING THINGS UP FOR LENT

Ask nearly anyone who grew up Catholic what they're doing for Lent, and they'll probably tell you what they're "giving up" for Lent. The notion of giving up some pleasure for the 40 days of Lent is very much in keeping with the penitential character of the season. Of course, the primary pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. All of these are intended to turn our hearts back to God, to purify us, and prepare us for the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. One of the things that the whole Church gives up for Lent is the acclamation "Alleluia", before the proclamation of the Gospel.



Of course, when it comes to giving things up for Lent, people often get into trouble by taking on too much, or by working from the wrong motivation. To take on too much is to set oneself up for failure. Several years ago, I decided to give up both meat and chocolate for Lent. Instead of turning my heart back to God, this only served to make me irritable, as every bacon cheeseburger or peanut butter cup I encountered began to take on demonic proportions. The following year, I decided that perhaps the spiritual discipline of Lent was what I needed to help me lose 10 pounds by Easter. This was obviously the wrong motivation, because it made my Lenten practice all about me. This discipline is supposed to get us out of ourselves, and back to God. Needless to say, by Easter I still had those 10 pounds, and felt like a failure besides. The gift of humility comes from all sorts of interesting places.

So this year, I'm trying a different tack. For Lent, I'm giving up complaining. I'm also trying to give up a grudge that I've been quietly carrying around since Christmas. I've also given up elevators, as an occasional reminder of my tendency to take the easy path. Time will tell, but I think I might make it all the way to Easter this year.

By Fr. Larry Rice

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FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

February 27, 2022

WATCH

FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY: AN AMERICAN BLESSED

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This new documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalms — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45))

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

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