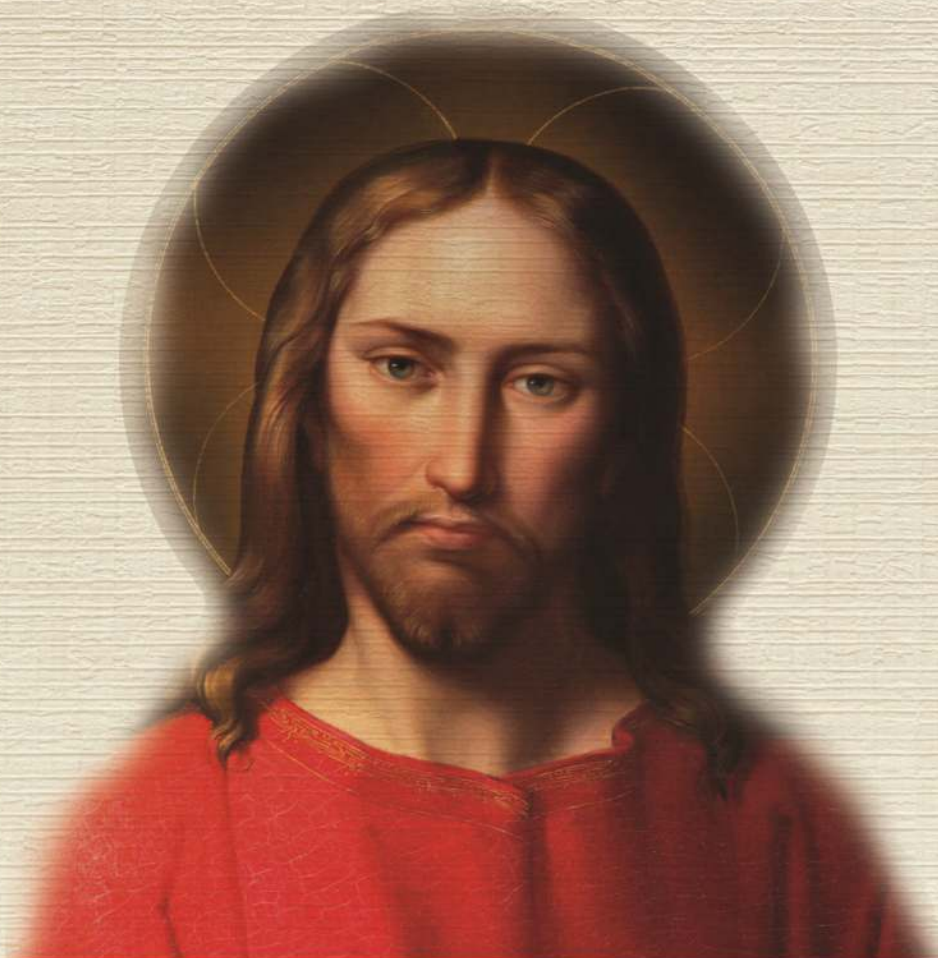


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JESUS CAME AND STOOD  
IN THEIR MIDST AND SAID TO THEM,  
“ P E A C E  
B E W I T H Y O U . ”

~ John 20:19



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 25

*Saint Mark, Evangelist*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Marilyn Kurtzman

### Tuesday, April 26

*Easter Weekday*

7:00 am † Generoso Lope

### Wednesday, April 27

*Easter Weekday*

8:25 am † Fr. Jim Holmer

9:30 am † Benefactors of St. Peter's Parish & School

### Thursday, April 28

*St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;*

*Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest*

7:00 am † John & Joann DeMatteo

### Friday, April 29

*Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Lillian Marshall

### Saturday, April 30

*Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter*

3:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm † Dan Krous

### Sunday, May 1

*Third Sunday of Easter*

7:30 am † Shannon M. Tyre

9:30 am For Parishioners

11:30 am † Catherine Liston

## FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

Thanks again to everyone who helped to prepare the Church for Holy Week, or assisted with the Liturgies, or sang in the choirs, and to the altar servers for their help. Your efforts and contributions are greatly appreciated by me and the parishioners. Sharing your God given gifts and talents with the parish in this way allows us to tangibly experience our faith in a much greater way. May God bless you abundantly in this life, but even more so in eternity!

The Easter Vigil last weekend was a very special evening as it always is. The evening is unmistakably spiritual and beautiful. One of the special moments that evening was when five people entered the Catholic Church and became the newest members of our parish. Each of them received one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation, which are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. Baptism is the "gateway" to all the other sacraments and is how a person becomes Christian. We should pray for them that their lives as Christians will be strengthened.

Four people that evening received all three Sacraments of Initiation: Riley Lambert, Skylar Pitzen, Beth Behrendsen, and Alesha Lee. One other person, Dee Troyer, had been previously baptized as Christian but wanted to enter into "full communion" with the Catholic Church. People like her come into the Church from many different Christian denominations. They appreciate all the good of their own denominations, but see there is something extra in the Catholic Faith. For some it is the sacraments, others it is the moral code of the Catholic Church, and still others it is the fact that Jesus only established one Church. Congratulations to all of them!

As we continue to remember and celebrate the sacred events of this past Holy Week, our prayer is that the Easter blessings will move each of us to greater faith in God and faithfulness to His teachings and commandments. It is not uncommon after Easter to lose some or even all of the spiritual progress we made during Lent. We can avert this by continuing throughout the year some of what we were doing during Lent. This will help prevent laziness and weakness in fighting temptations. God directs us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving throughout the year, not just during Lent.

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday and I invite you to a special **Holy Hour today at 3pm** in the Church. This special hour of prayer is not the product of human thinking, but given to us by Jesus himself. It was less than one hundred years ago that Jesus instructed St. Faustina about Divine Mercy. Jesus said: "*The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.*" Please consider the appeal of our Savior and join us for this beautiful hour of prayer.

Gratefully,  
Fr. Miller

## IN GOD'S ARMS

Cheryl Cullen Michael Krempel

Tom Miller Carl Musille

Frank Nemeth Pearlina Pelasky

David Speck

**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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### Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 9 am — 3 pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9 am — 6 pm  
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

### New Parishioners:

Welcome to St. Peter 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 pm & 30 minutes before every Mass

### Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your 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](mailto:bulletin@myspartans.org).

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## PARISH NEWS

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY RECEIVED CATHOLICS!



We congratulate and welcome five new parishioners! Riley Lambert, Dee Troyer, Beth Behrendsen, Alesha Lee, and Skylar Pitzen celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation and were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. We also extend gratitude to Missy Saprano and her hospitality team for the lovely reception after Mass.

### COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

Please be sure to remember in your prayers all of our young people who will be confirmed today at the 11:30 Mass. They have been preparing for nearly a year to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as they attain the full stature of their Baptismal calling.

### SING TO THE LORD!

The St. Peter's Music Series will present the oratorio *The Creation* by Franz Joseph Haydn in the Church on June 11 at 8:00 PM. The Traditional Choir is seeking additional singers to join us for this performance. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays. Please contact Bill Johnson at the Parish Center at extension 2113 or at [johnson.bill@myspartans.org](mailto:johnson.bill@myspartans.org) for more information.

### SUNDAY OFFERING



**As of March 2022**

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Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	654,285
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<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$13,035</b>
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#### School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$93,800
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$90,000

<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$3,800</b>
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## PARISH NEWS

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

The following have joined our parish family in the past couple of months.

- Garrett and Brooke Arnold
- Andrea Zanders
- Donovan & Michelle O'Neil and Family
- Brian & Ann Baumann
- Gabriel & Mary Phillips
- John & Julie Rohl and Family
- Alesha Lee and Family

### 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 on Saturday May 14 and put faith at the center of your marriage. St. Peter's Date Night is a great way to enrich your marriage and meet other couples in the parish while breaking bread together. Enjoy the fellowship, a home cooked meal, and see what our ministry is all about.

if you need more information, questions, childcare, or to RSVP, email Katie Michel at [stpdatenight@gmail.com](mailto:stpdatenight@gmail.com).

### PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

We were blessed to witness one of our brothers celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at our beautiful Easter Vigil Mass at RiCI. He is sharing this message:



"I'm so thankful for St. Peter's Parish and the RiCI Catholic community. I thank God everyday for you being here for me when I was at my lowest point in my life. In my darkest night you were a beacon of light for me, to help me find my way back to God. Thank you! It means so much for me to be a part of the Catholic community. Thank you to the St. Peter's Parish Prison Ministry team for their help and guidance. You don't know how much this means to me! When I get released I'll give St. Peter's Parish my 110% support for making me feel so loved and wanted. Thank you!"

Your Brother in Christ

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### ANNUAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. This year's audit examined the audit period of July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the Charter following the audit.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and to contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or to write to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date and plan to come and have a great time with us this year at VBS! This year we are going to see why Jesus is **"Out Of This World!"**

VBS is taking place July 11-14 from 9 am-11:30 am for 3-10-year-olds. To register, please contact Elizabeth Wurm.

### AND SPEAKING OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...

If you love to praise and worship and dance and sing, join our praise and worship team which meets the first Wednesday of every month. Due to Easter our next practice is on April 27 but we would love to see all kindergarten through sixth grade students join us for a lot of fun.



### TRI-PARISH YOUTH GROUP

All families from St. Peter are welcome to join the tri-parish youth groups. There are several opportunities for both junior high and high school students.

#### Junior High

April 26—6:30-8 pm @ Resurrection

#### Combined High School/Junior High

April 22—6:00-8 pm @ Resurrection

**RECYCLING DAY: FRIDAY, MAY 13**  
10—11 a.m. & 2—3 p.m. — FAC Parking Lot

**H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND**  
MAY 14 & 15



## SENIOR THEOLOGY—FAMILY LIFE



One of the sure signs that our school year is nearing the end is our senior class nursing their "baby" eggs during the school day. The annual project is part of Senior Theology class are learning about marriage and family life. The goal is to help students learn that parenting is a full-time job. Their "baby" must be in their care at all times.

## MAY CROWNING COURT ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2022 May Crowning Queen and Court. These students were nominated and voted on by their peers for upholding the ideals by the Virgin Mary.

**Men:** Zach Keffalas, Bryan Phillips, James Williams, Kellen Young

**Women:** Madison Bays, Elizabeth Dauterman, Kendall Nolen, Kyrah Williams.

**May Crowning Queen:** Alana Mitchell  
**Queen's Escort:** Corey Schenkelberg

May Crowning will be held on Monday, May 2 at 1 p.m. in the church.

## TOUR OUR SCHOOL

If you are interested in a Catholic education for your child, St. Peter's still has a seat. Please contact Jason Crundwell for more information on how you can be part of the St. Peter's School Family.

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## ELEMENTARY EASTER ART



Students in elementary school created Easter stylized stained glass eggs. Students in fourth grade show share their Risen Cross artwork.

All are welcome to see the amazing artwork by our students at our annual ArtFest on Tuesday, May 4 from 6 pm—8 pm at the elementary school.



## AROUND THE DEANERY & DIOCESAN NEWS

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### TOLEDO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN - DAY OF RENEWAL

**WHO:** All Women  
**WHAT:** Spiritual & Inspirational Spring Retreat  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 11 ~ 8:15 am to 3:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Our Lady of Consolation 315 Clay Street, Carey Ohio 43316  
**COST:** \$20.00

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Tammy Schroeder, Communication Chair, at  
ews@bright.net or 419-796-8964.

### 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. **As of April 8, our cash and pledge total is \$48,792. That's 81% of our goal with 225 donors.**



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. Please respond generously. For more information visit **acatoledo.org**.

### NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE

The Diocese of Toledo recently launched a redesigned website. It is full of new information on how to explore your faith, with resources for families, and Mass times for churches in the diocese and much more. Check it out at **toledodiocese.org**.



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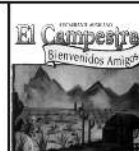
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Please join us in praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in Church today, April 24, at 3:00 p.m.



## ORIGIN OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE, THE CHAPLET AND THE NOVENA.

**Saint Faustina:** Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

—Pope Saint John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment .... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me .... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

**The Image:** Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death .... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687). (Instructions for its recitation are provided on a separate page.)

The Divine Mercy Novena: Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31)

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