



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
‘Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.’”

Matthew 5:33

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, February 13

Weekday

8:00 am R † Jeanie Chambers

5:30 pm P Religious Vocations

Tuesday, February 14

Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

7:00 am P † Michael Krebs

5:30 pm M † Bill Bartlett

Wednesday, February 15

Weekday

7:00 am P † Christopher Byrne

8:25 am P † Judy Durbin (*Elem*)

9:35 am P † Mary Jean Chambers (*HS/JH*)

10:00 am M † Marianne Bartlett (*School Mass*)

Thursday, February 16

Weekday

7:00 am P † Michael Krempel

5:30 pm R † Boyer/Baird Families

Friday, February 17

Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 am M † John Tiefenback

5:30 pm P † Patricia Morey

Saturday, February 18

Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:30 pm P Confessions

4:00 pm M † William Keck

5:00 pm P † Judith Foss-Boyer

6:00 pm R † Parishioners of St. Mary,

St. Peter & Resurrection

Sunday, February 19

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am P † Raymond & Kevin Smith

9:00 am R † Mark Ahles

9:30 am P † Joseph & Paula Timko

11:00 am R † Louis Mancha Sr.

11:30 am P † Carol Newton

The Sacrament of Penance will be available 30 minutes before every Mass. The Rosary will be said 30 minutes before weekend and most weekday Masses.

M—St. Mary | P—St. Peter | R—Resurrection

FROM THE PASTOR:



It is good to ask questions, to explore the deeper reasoning for things. The Psalm response this weekend is one such example: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord. Asking the question of why for this particular verse leads us to some of the fundamental truths of our existence. It reveals to us truth about our

relationship with God and others.

In pondering this, we find ourselves asking the deeper question about the purpose of the commandments that God gives to us and commands us to follow. We might be tempted to think they are simply tests of our loyalty to God, but we realize this isn't the case when we reflect upon commandments such as thou shall not kill. The wisdom and necessity of commandments like this are obvious to everyone with at least some goodness in their heart.

The reasoning for other commandments might not be as obvious, such as why sexual activity outside of marriage is sinful. We could be tempted to think that some of the commandments are randomly chosen by God or simply His personal preference of how things ought to be. However, looking deeper, we discover that God knows us, loves us, and desires what is best for us. We may not realize it, but God knows us better than we know of ourselves. God also knows what is harmful to us both in this world and in the world to come.

God has identified everything that is spiritually damaging to us and labeled it as sinful. Whatever thoughts, words, and deeds are contrary to the beautiful place we call heaven is what God has designated as sinful. There in heaven everyone chooses to act completely selflessly to every other person. In heaven, there is never even the thought of envy, jealousy, greed, pride, lust, anger, or any other form of selfishness. These sins and every other sin work against the intensely personal and beautiful relationship that each person is to have with God and other people. God's commandments direct us toward this communion with God and others.

Notice what God tells us first in the Scripture reading this Sunday: "If you choose, you can keep the commandments, they will save you." We need reminded that it is within our ability to keep God's commandments. We also need to be reminded that our actions have consequences: "God has set before you fire and water, to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him."

Sometimes people deceive themselves into believing that God is okay with certain sinful behaviors. God knows the damage those sins cause the person and so is reminded: "No one does God command to act unjustly, to none does He give license to sin. He understands man's every deed." The path to the fullness of life is not in self-deception and rationalization, but as follows: "if you trust in God, you too shall live. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord."

Sincerely,
Fr. Miller

IN GOD'S ARMS

Please pray for all our beloved dead.

*IN
LOVING
MEMORY*

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The parish needs more lectors, cleaning the church on the first Saturday of the month, and help with laundering server's albs once a month. If you would like to help with any of these ministries, please contact Angie Dillon at ext. 3108 or dillon.angie@myspartans.org.

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Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 8:30 am – 6:30 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 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 12:00 p.m., one week prior to publication date. All submissions must be in writing to bulletin@myspartans.org.

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PARISH NEWS

SHROVE (FAT) TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

The annual Knights of Columbus Council 687 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner returns to the high school cafeteria on Tuesday, February 21, from 5-6:30 pm.



All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, with juice, milk, or coffee.

Free for all! Donations will be accepted to support Knights of Columbus charitable programs.

CHANGE FOR LIFE 2023

The Mansfield Catholic Area Parishes are joining together to support *Change For Life*, a fundraiser to support Richland Pregnancy Services.



Pick up a baby bottle bank at church the weekend of February 18. Fill your bottle with spare change, cash or a check and return it to the parish center or church before April 2.

Funds raised go to support the life-saving work of Richland Pregnancy Services. Learn more at richlandpregnancy.com

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome the following individuals to the St. Peter Parish family.

- Andrew & Jeanette Jamison & Family
- Jerry & Kim Hartman
- Steve & Ronda Robey

If you are new to St. Peter Church, you can register online at mansfieldstpeters.org/parish and click "I'm New Here". You can also call the parish office.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



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| 2/9—Paul Gremling | 2/21—Orga Marinelli |
| 2/9—Florence Jakubick | 2/21—Mary Platania |
| 2/10—Marjorie Watson | 2/23—Paul Zelinski |
| 2/14—Carol Pittenger | 2/23—Charles Murphy |
| 2/14—Pauline Sellars | 2/24—Mary Halter |
| 2/17—Jane Ralph | 2/27—Nancy Kennedy |
| 2/19—Barbara Cope | 2/28—Norman Anton |
| 2/20—Shirlene Kowalksi | 2/28—Jane Wetzel |

JOB OPENING: TRI-PARISH FINANCE MANAGER

The Tri-Parish Finance Manager provides leadership and day-to-day supervision of the temporal affairs of three parishes and two schools in such a way as to enable the pastor to concentrate on the spiritual affairs of the parishes.

The Finance Manager oversees the business functions of the parishes to strengthen the Church and give the appropriate financial foundation to support the pursuit of the parishes' missions, ministries, and educational objectives.

A full job description can be found on our website mansfieldstpeters.org/employment-opportunities.

FEED THE NEEDY

Feed the Needy will take place next on Sunday, February 19. The new cooking location in the high school cafeteria and the new serving location along the side of the high school are working out well. If you are available in February, please volunteer. Arrival time is 1:15 pm. Please park at the back of the high school building. Ring the doorbell at the back entrance, and someone will come and let you in.

Questions: Paula Nestor 419-524-2572, Ext 2103.

FEED THE NEEDY - PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

We continue to take donations of these items to be distributed at our dinner every other week. Donations can be brought to the church any weekend.

- 3-in-1 body wash
- washcloths
- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- bar soap
- deodorant
- hair brushes
- disposable razors and shaving cream

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

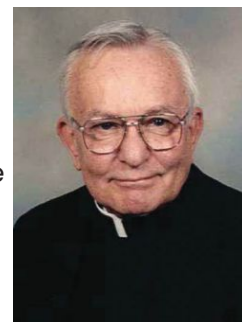
Our ManCI and RiCI brothers are grateful for the religious services we provide through our St. Peter Parish contracts for Catholic religious services to both institutions. We are blessed to go into RiCI seven nights a week, thanks to the dedication of our parish prison ministry team. We invite adult parishioners to consider joining us for Mass at RiCI at least once this year to experience this vibrant faith community. Mass is on Sunday evenings.

Please contact Lynne at lukach.lynne@myspartans.org for more information. Arrangements must be made several weeks in advance.



IN MEMORIAM

Fr. Richard T. Wurzel, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo died on Thursday, February 2, 2023. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



YOUTH NEWS

February Tri-Parish Youth Events

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| <p>Upper Room Sunday, Feb 5 & 19 Resurrection 6-8pm Grades 6-12</p> | <p>Super Bowl Party Sunday, Feb 12 St. Mary 6-8pm Grades 6-12</p> |
| <p>High School Bible Study Tuesday, Feb 7, 21, & 28 Resurrection 6:30-8pm Grades 9-12</p> | <p>Sweetheart Dinner Friday, Feb 10 St. Peter 5:30-8pm Grades K-8</p> |

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK—PENNY WAR

A Catholic Schools Week for the record books...insomuch that it's the first in recent memory without a snow day!

The week culminated with the annual penny war—this year our high school and junior high students were paired with elementary grades.

The team of Seniors, 1st and 2nd graders won this year's competition. All of the money raised will be donated to Catholic Charities of Richland County.



MARY POPPINS: SPONSOR A CLASSROOM

St. Peter's Department of Theater is looking for individuals, businesses and groups to support the theater department's spring musical, Mary Poppins.



One way you can support our program is by Sponsoring an elementary classroom. By sponsoring a classroom you will give each of our elementary students the opportunity to experience the musical.

When you sponsor the classroom, each student and teacher will receive one (1) ticket to attend the Spring 2023 musical. The cost to sponsor one (1) classroom is \$150.00. This is a great opportunity for each student to experience musical theater while supporting St. Peter's Theater Department!!

Sponsorship may be split between multiple sponsors!

For more information, please contact Shannon Ball at theater@myspartans.org or (419) 631-2771.

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Saturday, February 18, 2023

25 W. Perry St., Willard
Tickets \$25/person

Doors will open at 5:00 pm with food, beverages, race preview, prizes and raffles. First race begins at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available for sale in the St. Francis Xavier School office. Contact the school office at (419) 935-4744 to reserve a table for you and your friends. Your ticket includes meal, pop and water, and snacks. A cash bar is also available.

BETHLEHEM SACRED HEART—EUCHRE TOURNEY

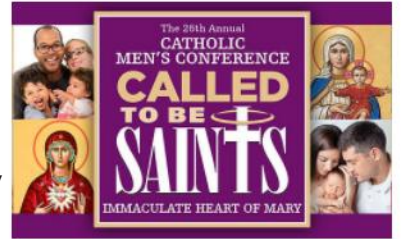
February 26

5761 State Rt 61, Shelby
\$20 per team

Doors open at 12:30 pm and play begins at 1 pm. 50/50 drawings, food and drinks available. Call (419) 565-1241 to sign up your team.

2023 MEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

The 26th Annual Catholic Men's Conference returns to Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center and State Fairgrounds on February 25, 2023.



THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY is this year's complementary theme, as we dedicate this Conference to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Holy Family. Through their intercession – and our consecration to them – we can experience a love and strength like no other, and walk with confidence on the path to Sainthood. Blessed Mother, pray for us!

To register visit:

catholicmensministry.com/2023conference

A bus will be provided to men in the tri-parish who would like to attend. Contact Bill Zirzow for more information. (419) 564-9943.




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| Eillana Nelson | John & Cindy Lloyd | Frederick Dale |
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13 |
| Tuesday: | Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a & 2; 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10; Mk 8:41-21 |
| Wednesday: | Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26 |
| Thursday: | Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mk 8:27-33 |
| Friday: | Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13; 14-15; Mk 8:34-9:1 |
| Saturday: | Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13 |
| Sunday: | Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48 |

Sunday Stewardship As of December 2022

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

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| Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection: | \$471,643 |
| Total Budgeted Sunday Collection: | \$435,733 |

Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit) \$35,910

School Collection

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| Total School Collection: | \$48,572 |
| Total Budgeted School Collection: | \$60,000 |

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit) (\$11,428)

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