

# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”

*Matthew 5:44*

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 20

Weekday

8:00 am R † Jeanie Chambers

5:30 pm P † Patricia Taddeo

### Tuesday, February 21

Memorial of Saint Peter Damian,  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 am P † Mildred Taylor

5:30 pm M † Matthew Tullis

### Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

7:00 am P Fr. Miller, Fr. Kevin, Fr. Kishore

8:00 am R † Souls in Purgatory

8:25 am P † Beverly Strauser (All-School)

10:00 am M † Ben Zirzow (School Mass)

12:00 pm P † Donald Steele

5:00 pm R Conversion of Sinners

6:00 pm M † Peggy McClure

7:00 pm P † Mary Jane Chambers

### Thursday, February 23

Memorial of Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 am P † Kenneth Bartlett

5:30 pm R Sick & Dying

### Friday, February 24

Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 am M † Salvatore Battaglia

5:30 pm P † Orvy Wilson

### Saturday, February 25

Vigil of the First Sunday in Lent

3:30 pm P Confessions

4:00 pm M † Parishioners of St. Mary,  
St. Peter & Resurrection

5:00 pm P † Darlene Redfield

6:00 pm R † Strengthening of Marriages

### Sunday, February 26

First Sunday in Lent

7:30 am P † Donald Steele

9:00 am R † Elderly & Homebound

9:30 am P † Joseph & Paula Timko

11:00 am R † Gladys Stevens

11:30 am P † Herbert Zirzow

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:



Lent begins this Wednesday. It is one of the most important times of the year for Christians, especially for Catholics. It is meant to be a special time of spiritual renewal and growth. Special opportunities and graces are available to us throughout the 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The more deeply we take part in these, the more grace we will receive from

God, and the more spiritual progress we will make. Said differently, the ultimate goal of all this is to become more like God, in whose image and likeness we have been made. That is an amazing fact about every human person!

Before sharing a few suggestions for this Lent, I call to your attention the Mass schedule for this Wednesday, which is listed to the left. As you can see, there are many opportunities to attend Mass among our parishes. In three weeks, Bishop Thomas will be at St. Peter to lead in prayer not just our three parishes but all those in the area. This will also coincide with the beginning of our upcoming 3-day Tri-Parish Mission on the topic of the Eucharist. Fr. Timothy Hayes, a Dominican priest, will be leading the retreat. Mark your calendars each evening of March 13-15 for this spiritual opportunity.

The blest ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday is a sacramental, which is different than a sacrament. We are physical people and experience much of reality through our bodily senses – sight, touch, sound, smell, taste. As a result, the Church, following Jesus's example, uses physical objects to remind us about spiritual realities. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us how sacramentals are different than the seven sacraments: "Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church. They prepare people to receive the fruit of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances of life."

The blest ashes that we receive at the beginning of Lent remind us that one day our physical bodies will die, at which point we leave this earth and stand before God in judgement. We don't like the idea of being judged by anyone, but all of Scripture and Christian teaching makes this clear. As this thought settles into our minds and hearts, we realize that we need to repent and conform our lives to God's teaching and commandments. We hear this when we receive the blest ashes on our head and the minister says, "...to dust you shall return" or "repent..." These point us toward and lead us to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So, which is more important, receiving the sacramental (blest ashes) or the sacrament (Confession/Reconciliation)? The sacrament, of course!

Lastly, a few spiritual suggestions for this Lent. Make challenging but realistic goals with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Don't just do what is easy, but what is hard and needed for your spiritual growth. Reacquaint yourself with the 7 deadly sins and how they might be active in your life. In both what you are giving up and doing extra for Lent, offer it for people throughout the world whose suffering is great for many different reasons. Pray at least 30 minutes every day!

Gratefully,  
Fr. Miller

## IN GOD'S ARMS

Kenneth W. Miller

*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](mailto:dillon.angie@myspartans.org).

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**Parish Office (419) 524-2572 x2101**

### 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](mailto: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 bring it to church and place them in the baskets the weekend of April 1.

Funds raised go to support the life-saving work of Richland Pregnancy Services. Learn more at [richlandpregnancy.com](http://richlandpregnancy.com)

### TIME FOR A CHANGE DIAPER BANK

Time for a Change Diaper Bank is a new 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide diapers to those in need and break the cycle of poverty.

It's estimated that 700 families in Richland County are in need of diapers.

Please consider becoming a donor or volunteering. Full and partial boxes of diapers can be dropped off at St. Peter Church or Mechanics Bank. You can learn more at [timeforachangedb.org](http://timeforachangedb.org)

## YOUTH NEWS

### Upper Room

Sunday, Feb 19 | 6-8 pm  
Resurrection Parish  
Grades 6-12

### High School Bible Study

Tuesday, Feb 21 | 6:30-8 pm  
Resurrection Parish  
Grades 9-12

**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](http://mansfieldstpeters.org/employment-opportunities).

**FEED THE NEEDY**

Feed the Needy will take place this 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
- deodorant
- washcloths
- hair brushes
- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- disposable razors and shaving cream
- bar soap

**PRISON MINISTRY CORNER**

Thank you to parishioners from our three parishes for your interest in prison ministry. We look forward to having many of you join us at Mass at RiCI in the coming months. Thank you for your ongoing donations of yarn and plastic bags (grocery/drugstore type - not heavy plastic). The plastic bags are used at both RiCI and ManCI to produce sleeping mats given to homeless shelters.

The Advanced Crochet class at RiCI creates beautiful items with the yarn; these blankets, hats, baby items, etc., are then given away through our St. Peter's Feed the Needy luncheons.



**GUIDELINES FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT**

Lent is almost here, and most Christians know they're not supposed to eat meat on Fridays.

As per the Code of Canon (Church) Law and the United States Catholic Bishops, Catholics who are 18-59 years of age are required to FAST on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of only eating one full meal. Snacks are allowed around breakfast and in the afternoon or evening, depending on when the person decides to eat his or her full meal.

Catholics who are 14 years and older should participate in ABSTINENCE from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays throughout Lent.

Since Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, consider spending some time in prayer and outreach to others - in addition to fasting and abstaining.

**HUMANITARIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF COLLECTION**

Our prayers go out to the people of Turkey and Syria. More than 40,000 lost their lives and the death toll continues to rise. Hundreds of thousands are now homeless suffering from the devastation wrought by the recent back-to-back earthquakes, the deadliest quakes since 1939.



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is helping Caritas teams respond to urgent humanitarian needs in both countries, providing evacuation and transportation services, food and safe shelter, emergency supplies, and preparing medical and mental health teams for dispatch.

As in past disasters, Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Relief Services for this international humanitarian relief effort.

You may donate on our secure website: [catholiccharitiesnwo.org](http://catholiccharitiesnwo.org), selecting Earthquake Relief Efforts Turkey + Syria as your donation designation. Please make checks out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a notation designating Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief. Please mail checks to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you for generously supporting those in need.

**RECYCLING DAY: FRIDAY, MARCH 10**  
10-11 a.m. & 2-4 p.m. - FAC Parking Lot

**H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND**  
MARCH 11 & 12

CELEBRATING ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Students in both the elementary and high school celebrated Valentine's Day this week. The elementary students all had parties with fun snacks, drinks, and gifts for each other. High school and junior high students wore red or pink and sent candy grams to fellow students.

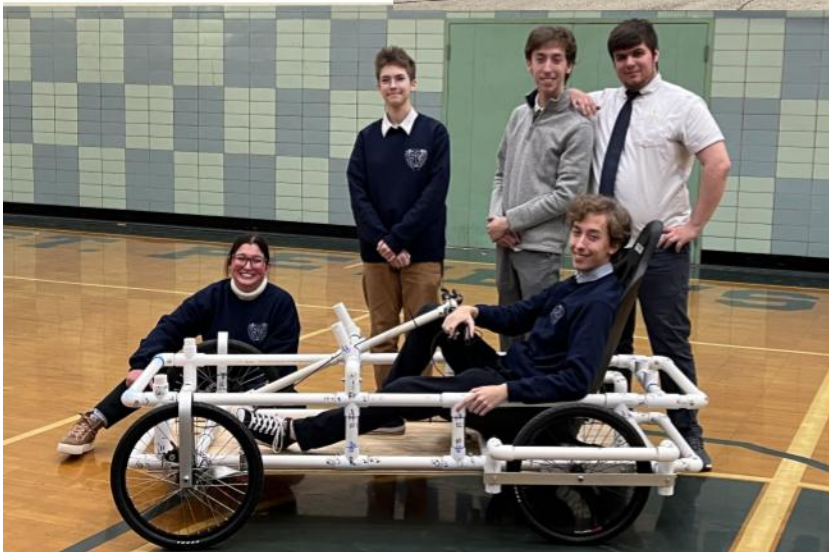


SPARTAN CREATE: ELECTRIC CART COMPETITION

This year, our Spartan Create class has been building an electric PVC go-cart. This week, the team road-tested their vehicle for the first time!

In May, the students will compete against teams from area colleges at Mid-Ohio Race Car Course. (St. Peter's is the only high school team.)

They still have a lot of work ahead of them, but the important part was the brakes worked!



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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 [stpetestheater@myspartans.org](mailto:stpetestheater@myspartans.org) or (419) 631-2771.

MARY POPPINS: TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Tickets for the 2023 performance of Mary Poppins are now on sale. Show dates are:

- Saturday, March 25
- Sunday, March 26
- Friday, March 31
- Saturday, April 1

Tickets are \$12 & \$15 and all seats are reserved. Visit: [mansfieldstpeters.org/theater](http://mansfieldstpeters.org/theater) to purchase.

LENTEN FISH FRY GUIDE

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Dine-In & Drive Thru: March 3, Mar 17 & Mar 31  
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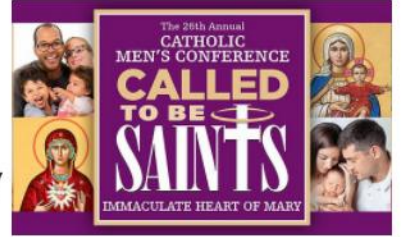
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2023 MEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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](http://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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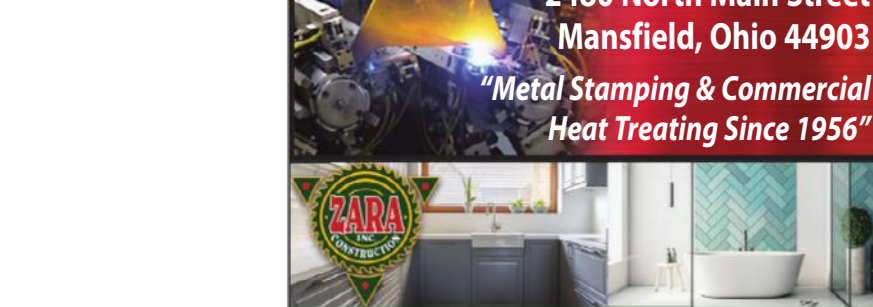
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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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Dina Riley	Kathy Deckard	Frederick Dale
Eillana Nelson	John & Cindy Lloyd	Joan Schonhardt
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Sharon Valdry	Rose Mary Martin	Micah Galuzny
John Ziegler	Josephine Contra	Barbara Riley
Marlene Ziegler	Marianne Cappadonna	Colleen & Fred
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JoAnn Marbaugh	Bill, Linda & Cindy	Bill Johnson
Gwen Yockey	Thompson	Steve Reynolds
Louise Steggall	Jerry Bradner	Levi Boals
Keith Combs	Michael Yoha	Robert Vaccaro
Mady Ziegler	Rick Gasper	Christine Caudill
Jeannine Klotz	Cindy Lassen	Danny Marti
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## FAITH FORMATION



with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

St. Peter, Mansfield  
3:00pm - 4:30pm

60 S Mulberry St, Mansfield, OH 44903



### Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday:</b>	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 9:22-25
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
<b>Saturday:</b>	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
<b>Sunday:</b>	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

### Sunday Stewardship As of December 2022

#### Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$553,964
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection:	\$508,356
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$45,608</b>

#### School Collection

Total School Collection:	\$60,858
Total Budgeted School Collection:	\$70,000
<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$9,142)</b>

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