



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

“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

*Matthew 14:31*

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, August 14

*Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary & Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr*

8:00 am R † Father Herman F. Scherger  
8:30 am R † Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:30 pm P † For Religious Vocations

### Tuesday, August 15

*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 am P † Benjamin Zirzow  
12:00 pm M † Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:30 pm M † Ben Zirzow  
7:00 pm R

### Wednesday, August 16

*Memorial of Saint Stephen of Hungary*

7:00 am P † Steve Kopina, Jr.  
5:30 pm P † Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Thursday, August 17

*Thursday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am P † Donald Steele  
5:30 pm R

### Friday, August 18

*Friday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am M †  
5:30 pm P † Deceased Members of the Voytko Family

### Saturday, August 19

*Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

3:30 pm P † Confessions  
4:00 pm M † John Pawlikowski  
5:00 pm P † Parishioners of St. Mary, St. Peter, and Resurrection Parishes

6:00 pm R

### Sunday, August 20

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am P † Bernie Collet  
9:00 am R †  
9:30 am P † Teodoro Torres  
11:00 am M † Ben Zirzow  
11:30 am P † Raymond & Kevin Smith

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:



This Tuesday is the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. It is a holy day of obligation, meaning Catholics are required to attend Mass. The reason for this isn't just to honor Mary, but for us to understand what her assumption means for us. Unlike Jesus who ascended into heaven with His own power, Mary was taken up into

heaven - body and soul - by God at the end of her life on earth.

Jesus alone is our Savior but Mary is the example for us of perfect discipleship of Christ. God wants us to contemplate her life so that we too can better follow Christ in faith and faithfulness.

Monday evening, at the vigil Mass, we will hear: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?" Mary did not experience the physical or spiritual sting of death. The physical sting of death we will each experience but it need not be the case for us spiritually, even if we experience the cross of suffering during the dying process. This was the case for many of God's holy people throughout the history of the Church. Death was simply a transition from this world to being face-to-face with God, which is what any true follower of Christ desires more than anything else. Maybe that thinking is not yet ours. Then we need to ask ourselves whether we really take time to be with God each day, to reflect on what He taught us, and to make whatever sacrifices necessary to live according to His teachings and commandments. This is what true discipleship entails.

When our love of God becomes greater than self and the enticements of this world, we find ourselves on the pathway of true discipleship. Jesus tells us this isn't the broad, easy road that leads many to destruction but the narrow, difficult path that leads to life. (Matt. 7:13-14) Mary correctly understood and wisely chose the narrow path that leads to life. Every day God was first in her life. She desired to do the will of God because she loved God and knew human wisdom falls infinitely short of God's wisdom. When we choose to know and love God, the path of true discipleship becomes clear, not necessarily easy but easier. In doing so, the "sting of death" is being overcome because we are being transformed. In this regard, the same Scripture passage tells that the sting of death is overcome, "...when that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality."

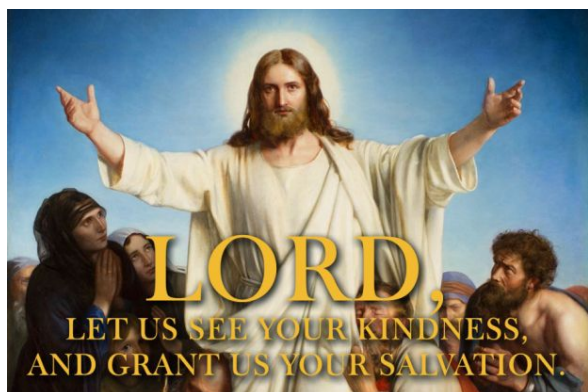
As Mary is assumed into heaven, it becomes obvious at that point, if not so already, that she who is mortal has clothed herself with immortality. This is not meant to be just a special gift to Mary, but it is God's will for each of us. We will not be taken into heaven like her, both body and soul, but one day body and soul will be reunited for each person. Will we have clothed ourselves in immortality? God offers this gift to each of us but ultimately we must put forth the effort to receive it. God will help us with His grace but He cannot do it for us. In a reference to this, Jesus tells us: "Do not marvel at this, for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth," to the "...resurrection of life," or to the "...resurrection of condemnation." The difference between the two, of whether we are clothed in immortality, is doing the will of God as Mary models for us. (Continued on Page 4)

## IN GOD'S ARMS

Marietta Jean Baretta  
Richard G. Steele, SPHS '46

*IN  
LOVING  
MEMORY*

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*



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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 Noon, one week prior to publication date. All submissions must be in writing to [bulletin@myspartans.org](mailto:bulletin@myspartans.org).

## PARISH NEWS

### ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Do you know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and her teachings? We would love to help you find the answers to your questions and accompany you on your faith journey through the OCIA process. Classes begin this fall. Please contact Jenny Ewing for more information at [ewingstmary@gmail.com](mailto:ewingstmary@gmail.com) or 419-589-2114 ext 508.

### IS YOUR CHILD OVER THE AGE OF 7 AND NOT YET BAPTIZED?

Does your child want to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist)? Because they have reached the "age of reason" the Catholic Church considers them "adults" and invites them to participate in the OCIC process to prepare them to receive the sacraments and become full members of the Catholic Church. Please contact Jenny Ewing for more information at [ewingstmary@gail.com](mailto:ewingstmary@gail.com) or 419-589-2114 ext 508.

### ST. PETER FUNERAL CHOIR

The Funeral Choir is looking to add several new members. This is especially opportune for stay-at-home moms or dads, retirees, and those who work third shift.

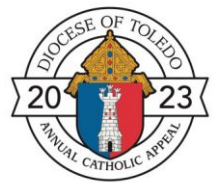
Burying the dead is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy and is thus a very important ministry. Virtually all our funerals occur in the morning, most of which are at 10:00 or 11:00 am. The ability to read music or to sing four-part music is required. You just need to be able to sing. Call Bill Johnson at the Parish Center if you'd like more information.

### ATTENTION HOLY LAND PILGRIMS

There will be a meeting for all who are registered to go on the Holy Land Pilgrimage. Please attend Mass **Friday August 18th 5:30 Mass** and stay for the meeting directly following Mass. Mr. Petro will speak and collect the balance due on the trip at that time.

### 2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal and assure the continuation of these programs and services. For more information and to make your gift, visit: [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org).



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| <b>St. Peter Parish Goal:</b> | <b>\$59,068</b> |
| Gifts/Pledges to Date:        | \$43,816.25     |
| % of Goal                     | 74.18 %         |
| Total Families Donated:       | 214             |

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### JOIN OUR FUNERAL LUNCHEON TEAMS

The funeral luncheon teams are looking for volunteers to join a team to help prepare and serve lunches for funerals held at St Peter. Please contact Ann Harraman at 419-524-3275 or call the parish office if you are interested in helping out.

### FEED THE NEEDY

The next Feed the Needy dinner will be Sunday, August 20, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at St. Peter. If you can volunteer, please arrive at 1:30 pm to the door at the back of the high school. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry on a regular basis, please email: [nestor.paula@myspartans.org](mailto:nestor.paula@myspartans.org).

### DAMASCUS CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Support the attendees of the Damascus Catholic Youth Leadership Conference! Help Catholic youth grow in faith and leadership! Your donation empowers young leaders from our parishes to attend CYLC on August 26.

Donations may be given during the regular church offering (please be sure to put this donation in a separate envelope marked '**Damascus Scholarship Donation**') or drop off your gift at the church office. Cash and checks are gratefully welcomed.. Please make out checks to St. Peter Catholic Church.

Together, let's inspire the future of our Church!

If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Truax at [truax.kayla@myspartans.org](mailto:truax.kayla@myspartans.org).

### PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Our RiCi Catholic community had a joy-filled Sunday. Fr. Jeremy Miller brought a group of (male) students from the University of Toledo Corpus Christi Parish to play softball with our RiCi Catholic Crushers team. Following the game we celebrated Mass for the Transfiguration. Our new friends from Toledo were an absolute delight and we hope to make this an annual event. Our RiCi brothers greatly enjoyed the day with one saying it was his "best ever" day since he entered prison.



### Tri-Parish Pilgrimage

Sept. 21

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### PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER KISHORE KOTTANA

Tri-Parish pilgrimage Sept. 21, 2023...Trip to Canton, Ohio area includes stops at the following places:

**St Dymphna National Shrine  
Mother Angelica Museum**

**Rhoda Wise House & Grotto  
Sancta Clara Monastery**

Leave St Mary Church parking lot 7:30 am and return to St. Mary by 5:00 PM. Registration available at all three Parish Offices. \$60 registration fee. Checks payable to St. Peter Parish due by September 7.

### SAINT PETER'S MUSIC SERIES PRESENTS VIOLINIST ANDREW SORDS

**You are cordially invited** to the premiere program in the 2023/2024 season of the Saint Peter's Music Series. After a lengthy hiatus due to covid and illness, the Series returns this year with an especially diverse and amazing set of programs. We begin this year with **acclaimed violinist Andrew Sords**, performing in concert with cellist Nathanael Matthews and pianist Elizabeth DeMio and featuring a program featuring works by Johannes Brahms, Clara Schumann, G.F Handel as orchestrated by Johan Halvorsen, and Dimitri Shostakovich. The concert will be held in the Church beginning at **7:00 PM on Saturday, September 9. Admission is free and open to the public.** Call 419-524-2572, ext 2113 for more information.

### FATHER MILLER (CONT'D)

One of the prayers at Mass speaks about both the Blessed Mother's "lowliness" and yet her "surpassing glory" in heaven. When we stop to consider what is really being said here, we discover some of the beauty of Mary. She made a deliberate, conscious choice to be "lowly". She was content not being a person of popularity, prestige, or wealth because God was the center of her life. She experienced more in her relationship with God than the world could provide. She found in God the 'pearl of great price' and she looked no further. As a young girl, she discovered what takes many people a lifetime to discover, that popularity, prestige, and wealth can get in the way of our relationship with God. Sadly, some people never realize this.

Gratefully for Mary,

Fr. Miller

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

**H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND**  
August 12 & 13

**AUGUSTFEST THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who attended our 3rd annual Augustfest! A special thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers and committee members whose support makes this event possible.



**CLASS OF 1968, 1993, 1998 & 2003 CLASS REUNIONS**



We were excited to welcome back members of the Class of 1968, 1993 and 2003 to Mansfield for their 55th, 30th, and 20th class reunions.

In addition, the Class of 1998 celebrated their 25th class reunion on July 29 at Studio Linden in Downtown Mansfield.



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**ST. PETER'S ANNUAL FUND**

Thank you our parishioners, alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends for their ongoing support of St. Peter's School Annual Fund.

**563 donors generously gave \$178,744** to the Annual Fund between August 1, 2022 and July 31, 2023. This includes gifts from the Key & Shield Society, Richland Gives, memorial gifts, and general support.

**100% of Annual Fund gifts go to support our students in the classroom.**

**A sincere thank you for your support of Catholic Education and the future of our community!**  
[mansfieldstpeters.org/annualfund](http://mansfieldstpeters.org/annualfund)

**DIOCESAN & DEANERY NEWS**

*“There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood,  
just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist.”*

In response to the priest shortage in the Diocese of Toledo, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas is asking the faithful to **pray** and **fast** for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

**One Hail Mary each day.** Families are encouraged to add this Hail Mary to their prayer before meals, regular daily prayers or family rosary, as a way of encouraging their children to seek God’s call for their life.

**Fasting or penance each Friday** The fasting or penance might be forgoing a meal, abstaining from meat, avoiding snacks between meals, or some other small sacrifice



Learn more at [toledopriesthood.org](http://toledopriesthood.org).

**YOUNG ADULT EVENT**

Calling all young adults and those who are young at heart! Join us for our Sip and Paint taking place August 23rd at the Bucyrus Knights of Columbus Hall (217 S. Poplar Street, Bucyrus) from 6-8 p.m. Appetizers and beverages will be provided and the cost for materials is \$13.00 Please RSVP no later than August 11th if you are able to attend. Come make some great friends and some great art! Our regular Theology on Tap sessions will begin in September and more information will be available at the Sip and Paint! We hope to see you there!

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## 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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| MaKaya Butler       | Danny Kiehl            | Don Yockey             |
| Jim Cantinilla      | Jeannine Klotz         | Michael Yoha           |
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| Shirley Castrataro  | Krista Marshall        |                        |
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| Caroline Clark      | Dr. Kimberly Nemeth    |                        |
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| Josephine Contra    | Lynn Raque             |                        |
| Sarah Croker        | Stephanie Reynolds     |                        |
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| Scott Darnell       | Bill Ruhl              |                        |
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## Sunday Stewardship As of July 2023

## Sunday and Holy Day Collections

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|--|-------------------|
| Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:   | \$71,434          |
| Total Budgeted Sunday Collection:          | \$84,738          |
| <b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b> | <b>\$(60,231)</b> |

## School Collection

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Total School Collection:                   | \$8,034          |
| Total Budgeted School Collection:          | \$11,058         |
| <b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b> | <b>\$(3,024)</b> |

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27<br><b>Vigil:</b> 1 Chr 15: 3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132: 6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Day:</b> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21 - 19:1  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24; Mt 19:3-12   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28<br><i>Your Word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path - Ps. 119:105</i>              |

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Sign up here using QR Code & phone camera  
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|              |           |           |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Monday       | Tuesday   | Wednesday |
| Resurrection | St. Mary  | St. Peter |
| 8:00-Noon    | Noon-5:30 | 5:30-9:00 |

## SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE - AUGUST 14



Perhaps most well known for his martyrdom in a concentration camp where he offered to die in place of a father with a family, his story of sainthood began much earlier. He entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in his native Poland at a young age and was ordained a priest at 24. He founded *The Militia of the Immaculata* to fight evil through the positive witness of a holy life. He also began a magazine to spread the good news and it eventually reached one million subscribers. All that he did was driven by his devotion to the Blessed Mother, for it was she who appeared to him holding in her hands one white and one red crown, asking him if he would like to have purity or martyrdom. He chose both and lived out his days dedicated to her and her son, until he died by starvation and lethal injection to save another man's life. Although we may not be called to physically die for another, there are many ways we can die to ourselves each day in love and service to others. Let us follow the example of Saint Maximilian Kolbe and be willing to lose our lives that we might find eternal life in heaven. —Tami Urcia

"What I would have *meant* to pray isn't to be given the iron will that I imagined St. Maximilian Kolbe possessing, but the love and generosity that allowed him to offer his *whole* self to God and his neighbor, instead of constantly busying one part of himself with containing the other." — Leah Libresco

