

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time



*T*he kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1

Monday, September 25

Monday in the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am R † Ann Halaparda
 8:00 am R Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:30 pm P † **Marilyn Kurtzman**

Tuesday, September 26

Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
 7:00 am P † **Souls in Purgatory**
 12:00 pm M Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:30 pm M

Wednesday, September 27

Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
 7:00 am P † **Donald Steele**
 8:30 am P † **Hilda Schemine**
 9:30 am P † **Rose 'Tootsie' Hess**
 9:45 am M
 5:30 pm P **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, September 28

Thursday in the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time
 7:00 am P † **Eva Kopina**
 5:30 pm R † Bob Sutter

Friday, September 29

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
 8:00 am M Protection of the Unborn
 5:30 pm P † **Barbara Crundwell**

Saturday, September 30

Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 pm M †
 5:00 pm P † **Paula Renie**
 6:00 pm R † Patricia Morell (Mother of Tom Morell)

Sunday, October 1

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 am P Parishioners of our Tri-Parish Community
 9:00 am R † Bob Sutter
 9:30 am P † **Max Taylor**
 11:00 am M † Freda Bishop
 11:30 am P † **Beverly Strauser**

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



Last week I shared here the first in a series of reflections on love. I mentioned our desire to love and be loved is not present in us because of our own doing but because God intentionally created us this way. God's understanding of love is much greater than the limited notion of it simply being an emotion or a feeling. For God, love never seeks its own interest and relentlessly pursues the good of other people, regardless of the cost. That is why God tells us we need to love even our enemies. Jesus willingly offering Himself for crucifixion makes this clear. We are reminded of this each time at Mass when the priest repeats the words of Jesus at the consecration: "This is My body given up for you!"

The opening prayer of Mass this weekend is as follows: *O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ...* Through this prayer we are being reminded that each of God's teachings and commandments are about loving God and neighbor. When we take them to heart, and allow them to direct our thoughts and actions, the benefit for doing so extends beyond this world into eternity.

Jesus, being the Good Shepherd that He is, reminds us during our weakness that God's commandments are not burdensome. Every person has the ability, if they apply themselves, to live according to the plan of Godly love. Even the thought of acting differently is not present in any person in heaven. Choosing to disregard any of God's commandments is choosing to only partially live the plan of Godly love. There is good in every person, but the unGodly aspects of the them are what damages their relationships with others and prevents them from entering heaven. We see that at every level of society.

The sins of pride and selfishness are the cancers that are destroying us and society at many levels. It's well worth our time to examine the many ways that these two sins give birth to every other sin. They are completely incompatible with heaven, yet many people allow these to remain part of their daily thoughts and actions. These two sins are the freeway to hell that many are traveling. In the first Scripture reading at Mass last week, God asked us to reflect on why "the sinner hugs [sin] tight"? Why do we cling to what prevents us from entering heaven?

You might consider praying the following prayer, or something similar to it, each day. *Lord, help me to love You authentically with my whole heart, mind, soul, and strength. Help me to have such an honest love for You that it overflows to others. Help me to look past myself in pride and selfishness. Help me grow in self-discipline so that I will generously and sacrificially give of myself to You and my neighbor. May Your holiness permeate my life completely and totally, and help others do the same. Amen.*

Jesus, I Trust in You,
Fr. Miller

IN GOD'S ARMS

Judge Frank Ardis, Jr.

Scott Biggs SPHS '79

John Clemons

Martha Kondos

Father J. Norbert Howe

Sarah Anne Volk

*IN
LOVING
MEMORY*



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SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Do you or someone in your family or circle of friends have their substitute teaching license? We are in dire need of substitute teachers for grades preschool through twelfth. In addition to a substitute teaching license, applicants must be VIRTUS trained and must complete BCI and FBI checks. Please email Kelly Brown at brown.kelly@myspartans.org

St. Peter Catholic Church

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Website: mansfieldstpeters.org/parish
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.

A parish of the  Diocese of Toledo Saint Juan Diego Deanery

PARISH NEWS



Reverend J. Norbert Howe, Senior Status Priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Monday, September 11, 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



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.

CRAFTERS WANTED for the Christmas Bazaar at Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish in Shelby on Saturday, December 2, from 9 AM until 2 PM. If you would be interested in participating, please contact: Lynelle Boyce at 419-632-0821 or email her at: boycelynelle@yahoo.com

Sunday Stewardship As of July 2023

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$71,434
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection:	\$84,738

Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit) \$ (13,304)

School Collection

Total School Collection:	\$8,034
Total Budgeted School Collection:	\$11,058

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit) (\$3,024)

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.



St. Peter Parish Goal:	\$59,068
Gifts/Pledges to Date:	\$50,228.75
% of Goal	85.04%
Total Families Donated:	254



Women's Bible Study
 Wednesdays 9:30a or 6:00p
 starting Sept. 20th at
 Resurrection Parish
 Contact Judy Tridico at
 419-631-7595 or
 MPRwomen@gmail.com
 to register

FAMILY & HOLY HOUR RESOURCES FOR THE PARISH YEAR OF THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Here are a variety of Holy Hour resources.

- [Eucharistic Adoration Lectio Divina](#)
- [How to Make a Holy Hour](#) from Blessed Is She
- [The Holy Hour](#) by Bishop Robert Barron
- [A Holy Hour with Mother Angelica](#)
- [The Magnificat Adoration Companion](#)
- [Prayer for Beginners](#) by Peter Kreeft
- [Evening of Revival resouces](#)
- [Heavenly Hosts](#) (kids book)
- [The Weight of a Mass](#) (kids book)

All titles available from Catholic Booksellers everywhere

FEED THE HUNGRY

The next Feed the Hungry dinner will be Sunday October 1, 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, please email: nestor.paula@myspartans.org.

FEED THE HUNGRY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Donations are needed for our community outreach at our Feed the Hungry Sunday Dinners for those in need. We need: combs and brushes, disposable razors and shaving cream, shampoo and conditioner, bar soap, washcloths, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, socks, and children's books. Bring to the Parish Office or church anytime. Thank you for your generosity.

SAFETY COMPLIANCE

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. 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 for fiscal year 2021-2022. 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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On September 27th, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our Parish.



This past month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "bring good news to the poor" by assisting 4 Families (12 total individuals), providing \$391.06 towards assistance with their water bills to avoid termination of services. God Bless You for supporting our ministries efforts in serving the needs of our community through your donations and in prayer. For more information about joining our efforts, please contact us by voice mail leaving a message for St. Vincent de Paul ministry by calling the Parish Center at 419-524-2572.

High School
JESUS MOVEMENT

At Resurrection Parish 2600 Lexington Ave.

SEPTEMBER | **TRUTH NIGHT** | SEE FULL SCHEDULE:
24 | CAN I HEAR GOD? | 
HIGH SCHOOL | 6-8PM SUNDAY

High School
JESUS MOVEMENT

At St Joan of Arc 10700 Liberty Rd S, Powell, Oh 43056

OCTOBER | **Jesus Night** | SEE FULL SCHEDULE:
1 | COME FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER SURROUNDING JESUS MOVEMENT PARISHES | 
6-8PM SUNDAY

SINGING IS PRAYING TWICE!

So said, Sister M. Raphael Wand, OSF/J, many times during her service here as Music Teacher at St. Peter School. Some of our more venerable and mature members may yet remember hearing her say that.

But it's true. Singing is praying twice. Don't believe us? Why not give it a try and find out?

Please consider joining the St. Peter's Traditional Choir, Bell Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, and/or our Funeral Choir. The ability to read music is not required. Rehearsal schedules and other information can be obtained by calling the Parish Music Office at 419-524-2572, ext. 2113. Please join us!

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

As mentioned in last week's Prison Ministry Corner - and adding to the list - we are able to take the following items into Richland Correctional: plastic bags (grocery/drugstore type), yarn, softbound Catholic Bibles, holy cards (especially a variety of saints), rosaries (black or brown/in good shape). Items can be dropped off at St. Peter's Parish Center during business hours. Please mark "Lynne" or "Prison Ministry." We cannot accept hardbound books or outdated material.



Thank you to all who support our dynamic prison ministry programs. Those who would like to join us for Mass at Richland Correctional are asked to email lukach.lynne@myspartans.org for further information.

Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment - Hebrews 13:3

 **ST. PETER'S SCHOOL**
Catholic Preschool-High School

Every Ohio Family Scholarship Eligible



Now Enrolling for Fall - Grades K-12
Educating future scholars and leaders.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of our academic programs at St. Peter's School, contact Admissions Director Jennifer Jones at jones.jennifer@myspartans.org.

Thank you for your continued prayers for all of our students as we begin the school year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL JESUS MOVEMENT
ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL TEENS FROM OUR TRI-PARISH AND BEYOND ARE INVITED

St Peter in the Franciscan Activity Center Atrium
111 W. First St. Mansfield, Oh 44902

Sundays 6:00PM - 8:00PM

THERE WILL BE FOOD | COMMUNITY | GAMES | WORSHIP | AND SO MUCH FUN

September 10 & 24
October 8 & 22
November 5
December 3
January 14 & 28
February 18
March 3 & 17
April 7

October 14 & 15

RECYCLING DAY: FRIDAY, October 13
10-11 a.m. & 2-4 p.m. - Franciscan Activity Center Parking Lot

The first quarter is in full swing at the elementary school! Mr. Bob Keller (Title I teacher) has started providing remedial support to students in small groups in the areas of math and reading and Mrs. Jenny Pennell (gifted and talented teacher) has started working with small groups of students on enrichment activities that challenge their critical thinking and analytical skills. We are looking forward to Mrs. Anne Petrie joining us at the end of the month to work with our students (K-8) on 21st century learning skills and hands-on STEM concepts that incorporate science, technology, engineering, and math.

In the classroom, students have started building important "habits and skills" as homework has been assigned across grade levels (K-5) and student planners have been implemented in grades 3-5. The weekly newsletters that teachers have been sending home in the home-school envelopes on Wednesdays outline homework expectations, content standards being covered in the classroom, and important dates and reminders. Students are to copy assignments and due dates into their planners at the end of each day. Parents are expected to review their child's planner each night and sign it. Teachers are expected to do a quick planner check each morning to look for parent signatures. In alignment with our PBIS "Be a Spartan" program, students will be rewarded with Spartan Bucks for following the planner expectations.

Over the last several weeks, students have been learning all about two programs that are foundational to St. Peter's Elementary: (1) **Virtues in Practice (VIP)** and (2) **Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS)**. Students are now comfortable with the programs and teachers have begun to put these programs into practice.

Virtues in Practice (VIP)

VIP is a two-year character development program. This program is structured to fit the monthly school calendar, as well as liturgical season, and eighteen virtues are emphasized during the course of the two-year cycle.

Each month's virtue includes four weekly tips or suggestions for students to follow in order to practice the virtue in a concrete and practical way. The monthly virtue and weekly tip are announced each morning as part of daily announcements as a reminder to students and staff. In addition, VIP reminders are placed in each classroom and teachers emphasize the virtue in class activities, stories, discussions, and assignments. "Students of the Month" are selected by their teachers based on demonstration of that particular month's virtue.

The virtues, which form the heart of the program, are: courtesy, responsibility, honesty, patience, respect, self-discipline, compassion, courage, tolerance, cooperation, empathy, citizenship, generosity, hope, charity, mercy, humility and perseverance.

For the month of September, the virtue is cooperation. Children are encouraged to work together to solve problems, think about their talents and find ways to share them with others, remember that everybody should contribute to the group and deserves to be heard, and be willing to listen to others' ideas and compromise.

Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS)

PBIS is a systematic process that guides districts and schools in developing policies and practices that proactively define, teach and support appropriate

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behavior. PBIS suggests a shift in thinking about behavior and discipline so that emphasis is on reinforcing positive behaviors.

By focusing on prevention-oriented programs, reinforcing positive behaviors, and offering individualized instruction, PBIS practices support Ohio's strategic plan (*Each Child, Our Future*) and fulfill the call to educate the whole child by emphasizing social and emotional learning to increase success in academics and in life.

The theme of St. Peter's PBIS process is "Be a Spartan" and focuses on three expectations that guide student behavior in all areas of our campus: classroom, restroom, hallways, playground, cafeteria, and mass. The expectations are:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

The expectations are defined by specific guidelines and are posted throughout the school campus reminding students how to "Be a Spartan" during each activity of their day.

As part of our PBIS process, teachers and other staff members use evidence-based practices to increase student learning and decrease classroom disruptions.

To offer positive reinforcement of appropriate behavior during all activities and academic learning, the teachers and staff:

- Constantly teach and refer to our school-wide expectations
- Provide students with more praise than correction
- Talk to students with respect using positive voice tone
- Actively engage everyone in the class during instruction
- Use pre-correcting, prompting, and redirecting while teaching
- Look for the positive first and provide positive, immediate, frequent, and explicit feedback

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“Be a Spartan” is a team-based process for systemic problem solving, planning, and evaluation. It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment where teachers can teach and all students can learn. When students are “caught being a Spartan,” they earn “Spartan Bucks” to use in the school store each week.

Overall, the administration and school staff have worked really hard over the summer to ensure that all of the programs, policies/procedures, and supports mentioned above were in place for our students when they returned to school in August. From remedial support to enrichment opportunities, St. Peter’s is unique in that we know each of our students individually and their learning needs. We work really hard to put programs in place that support each student’s individual needs and help students learn and grow socially, academically, and spiritually. I am looking forward to another fantastic school year!

Ashley Rastorfer
St. Peter’s Elementary Principal/Montessori Director



THE BISHOP'S CORNER

Do you watch or listen to The Bishop’s Corner?

Don’t miss the weekly show where Bishop Daniel E. Thomas answers questions from the Faithful, gives a Gospel reflection, and talks about the upcoming events on his calendar and around the Diocese. Send in your Questions on the Catholic faith, diocesan news and events, or anything you’d like to ask Bishop Thomas.

Visit annunciationradio.com/bishopscorner.html or email bishop@annunciationradio.com.

Listen: Annunciation Radio, Thursdays at 4:30 pm on 89.5 FM in Mansfield.

Watch on: [youtube.com/ToledoDiocese](https://www.youtube.com/ToledoDiocese) or [facebook.com/bishopdethomas](https://www.facebook.com/bishopdethomas)



CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CLUB

The October meeting of The Catholic Women’s Club of the Saint Juan Diego Deanery will be Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at the Ontario Event Center, 3985 Park Avenue West, Mansfield 44903. The luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon and a meeting and program will follow.

All Catholic women in the Saint Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, please call Valerie Mapes, President at 419-564-3034 or Sandy Trebonik, October Chairperson at 419-610-4380 before noon on Thursday, October 5, 2023, to make your reservation. We look forward to seeing current members and meeting new members.



Eucharistic ADORATION



Every Sunday
October 1 - November 5

5:30-7:00pm

Holy Trinity Church

760 Tiffin Street, Bucyrus



Please pray for the DEFEAT of this dangerous amendment.



Issue 1 is an extreme amendment on the Ohio ballot this November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents, and the lives of preborn babies up to 9 months.

SANCTUS: EUCHARISTIC FAMILY REVIVAL

Join us for SANCTUS...a day of Eucharistic Family Revival. This day long event will be held on Saturday November 4, 2023 at the Franciscan Center of Lourdes University at 6832 Convent Blvd. in Sylvania. The day will be guided by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, with worship led by Seph Schlueter. See the Toledo Diocesan website for more information, including how to register, when to arrive, etc., lunch, child care, etc.

Go to: <https://toledodiocese.regfox.com/sanctus>

TODAY IS PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday seeks to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. This day also specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes. Celebrate and thank a priest today!

Priesthood Sunday—September 24, 2023

2023 CENTURY FARM AWARD APPLICATIONS

Catholic Charities is now accepting applications for Century Farm Awards. This award designation honors Catholic families who have maintained a farm or homestead within their family for at least 100 years in the Diocese of Toledo, with an emphasis on well-preserved working farms.

Applicants will be asked to submit a registration form, copies of old deeds, and pictures to support claims. The information submitted must show family residence and ownership of a farm for at least 100 years in the Diocese of Toledo.

Applications should be submitted **no later than Tuesday, October 10, 2023.**

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will celebrate a [Mass honoring Century Farm Award](#) recipients at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 307 N. Locust Street, Ottawa, OH. For more information or to request the registration form, please contact: **Paula J. Kidney at (419) 214-4898 or email pkidney@toledodiocese.org.**

DAMASCUS AT ST. PETER
Night of Worship

SUNDAY 15 OCT 2023
10:30 AM MASS MUSIC
POTLUCK 4:00 PM
TALK & WORSHIP
5:00-7:00 PM

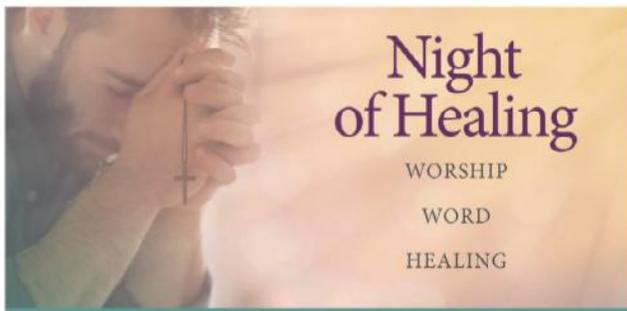
YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT CATHOLIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP - NOW EXPERIENCE DAMASCUS WORSHIP FOR YOURSELF!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

HISTORY TIDBIT ABOUT ST. PETER PARISH



In a sense, Father Maurice Howard could be considered the first Pastor of Mansfield Saint Peter's, since it was he who was asked in the early autumn of 1844 by the Bishop of Cincinnati (really the Bishop of all of Ohio), John Baptist Purcell to attend to the people of Mansfield on a regular basis. Often impassable roads, extraordinarily long distances between mission stations, and inclement weather made for frequent challenges to Father Howard's ministry.





Night of Healing
WORSHIP
WORD
HEALING

TUESDAY	SEPT. 12	7:00 - 8:30 pm
Sacred Heart, Fremont 550 Smith Rd, Fremont, OH 43420 Fr. Krzysztof Kardzis Fr. James Brown		
TUESDAY	OCT. 10	7:00 - 8:30 pm
St Bernard, New Washington 422 W. Mansfield St., New Washington, Ohio 44854 Fr. James Brown Fr. Kevin Moebius		
WEDNESDAY	NOV. 15	7:00 - 8:30 pm
Our Lady of Mercy, Fayette 409 E Main St, Fayette, OH 43521 Fr. William Pifher Fr. James Brown Fr. Kevin Moebius		
TUESDAY	DEC. 12	7:00 - 8:30 pm
St. Richard, Swanton 333 Brookside Dr, Swanton, OH 43558 Fr. Eric Culler Fr. James Brown Fr. Kevin Moebius		

ADORATION WITNESS RECONCILIATION

Group healing and personal prayer teams

For more info call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal 731-888-8197 or visit website: www.mccrholyspirit.org

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS OF INTEREST

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Kick-Off Prayer Rally

What: 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Kick-Off Prayer Rally

When: 5:40pm Rosary, Rally to begin at 6:00pm

Where: Gather in the Foundation for Life parking lot across from the Toledo Women's Center at 1160 W Sylvania Ave. Toledo, OH.

Details: 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. Our main speaker will be Ramona Trevino, a former planned parenthood manager who is now a spokeswoman for 40 Days for Life. Join the Toledo campaign for a time of peaceful prayer to bring an end to abortion in North-west Ohio.

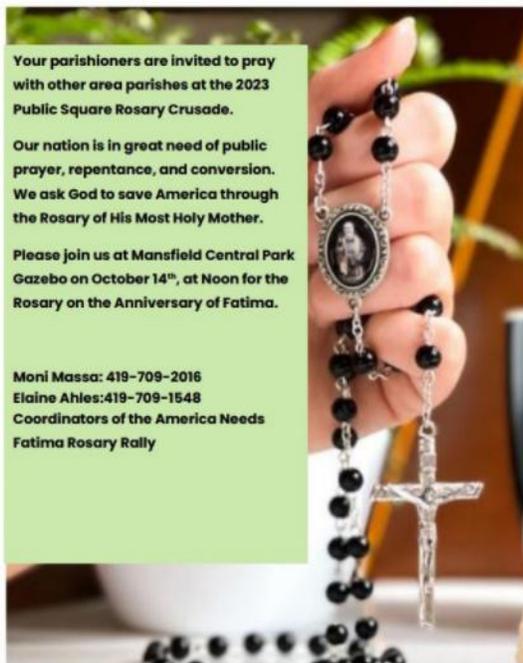
Diocesan Pilgrimage to the 2024 National March for Life

What: Diocesan Pilgrimage to the 2024 National March for Life

When: Pilgrims depart from St. Thomas More University Parish in Bowling Green on Thursday morning, January 18th. National March for Life takes place on Friday, January 19th. Pilgrims return to Bowling Green on Saturday night, January 20th.

Where: Pilgrims depart from St. Thomas More in Bowling Green. National March for Life takes place in Washington, DC.

Details: Every year, the Office of Life and Justice leads a pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. You are invited to join thousands of pro-life Americans as we march against abortion and build a culture of life. This pilgrimage is open to all high schoolers and their leaders, college students, and young adults ages 18-35. The cost of registration is now just \$200, thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus! To learn more and to register, visit www.toledodiocese.org/marchforlife



Your parishioners are invited to pray with other area parishes at the 2023 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance, and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us at Mansfield Central Park Gazebo on October 14th, at Noon for the Rosary on the Anniversary of Fatima.

Moni Massa: 419-709-2016
Elaine Ahles: 419-709-1548
Coordinators of the America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY, SHELBY

You are invited to the annual Public Square Rosary Rally, to be held on Saturday October 14. It will be one of over 20,000 Rallies across America. This profession of faith is very dear to Mary's Immaculate Heart. Please mark your calendars to spend one hour. The rally will held at Roush Park beginning at noon.

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.



Join Catholics across Ohio in praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena beginning Friday, Sept. 15, for the defeat of this dangerous amendment.



Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers here or at pray54ohio.org.



DIOCESAN, DEANERY & TRI-PARISH NEWS

DAMASCUS DONATIONS NEEDED

Damascus middle and high school youth groups are looking for some generous souls to donate snacks and drinks for hungry teens. The Middle Schoolers meet at St Peter and the high schoolers meet at Resurrection on Sunday evenings. If you would like to donate to either youth group please bring those donations to either the St Peter, St Mary, or Resurrection Parish offices any Friday between 8:30 and 4. Examples of donated items may include pop, bottled water, cut up veggies, fruit, bags of chips, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, and any other desserts. Damascus missionaries and the teens will be very grateful for any donation. Monetary donations are always appreciated and accepted as well. If you have any questions please call St Peter Parish Office. 419-524-2572. ext 2101.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT MOTHER OF SORROWS

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REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

Notice any difference between the attitude of Paul in the second reading and that of the workers in the Matthew's Gospel? The workers grumble because the latecomers got the same pay as those who worked all day. Paul has worked for the Lord for years, yet he thinks it is better to keep working than to claim his reward of eternal life.

The workers grumbled because the landowner gave the same wages to the ones who only worked for an hour. (You can imagine the picket signs: Vinedressers Local on Strike: Management Unfair!) Matthew was referring to the Jews who had served God for centuries and now see newcomer Gentiles claiming equality in the church. They were complaining about God's generosity in reaching out to all peoples, not just the chosen few. God's generosity is the real point. Contrast that with Paul, who loves the Philippians so much that he is willing to put off his heavenly reward if he can help any more people come to Christ. That is the attitude that Jesus hopes for in all his disciples. We can care more about bringing Jesus to others than we do about our own comfort or even our lives. We can do this because we know the Lord's ways are not fair—they are more generous than we can imagine!

Tom Schmidt

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Your Word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path—Psalm 119:105

- Sunday** **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
- Monday**
 Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday** **Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs**
 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday** **Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**
 Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday** **Memorial of Saint Wencelaus, Martyr and Saint Lawrence Ruiz, and Companions, Martyrs**
 Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday** **Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Saturday** **Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday** **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



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Monday Resurrection 8:00-Noon	Tuesday St. Mary Noon-5:30	Wednesday St. Peter 5:30-9:00
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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (1581-1660) FEAST DAY -SEPTEMBER 27



St. Vincent de Paul was born in the 16th century and lived on a small farm in Gascony, France. He worked herding his family's livestock as a child and entered seminary at age 15. He was ordained at age 19 but since he was too young to be a pastor, he continued his theological studies. Although he initially hoped priesthood would afford him a comfortable life, he had a change of heart while hearing the confession of a dying servant. From then on, he sought to fulfill the spiritual needs of the poor in France. He eventually became the leader of the Vincentian community, whose members devoted themselves to the service of the poor in small towns and villages. Throughout his life he established confraternities of charity, organized fundraisers for missionary projects, founded hospitals and seminaries, and ransomed slaves. He also had a particular passion for training priests by conducting retreats. Vincent started out as a hard and rough man but became tender and sensitive to others' needs. Let us be uplifted by the example of St. Vincent de Paul, who allowed himself to be transformed by Christ in both character and deeds. May we follow his example and seek to serve those in need in whatever capacity God may be calling us to. — Tami Urcia

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