

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*



*A*gain, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away.

Matthew 13:47-48

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 31

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00 am R

8:30 am R Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30 pm P † Clendon (Bill) & Loretta Parr

Tuesday, August 1

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 am P † Teodoro Torres

12:00 pm M Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30 pm M † Chris Franz

Wednesday, August 2

Memorials of Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop and of Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

7:00 am P † Donald Steele

5:30 pm P Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, August 3

Thursday in the Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

7:00 am P † Frederick Timko III

5:30 pm R

Friday, August 4

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:00 am M † Richard Schmidt

5:30 pm P † Marilyn Kurtzman

Saturday, August 5

Vigil of the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

3:30 pm P Confessions

4:00 pm M

5:00 pm P † Hildegard Kleinguetl

6:00 pm R Parishioners of St. Mary, St. Peter & Resurrection Parishes

Sunday, August 6

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30 am P † Mary (Berger) Kramer

9:00 am R

9:30 am P † Joseph Timko

11:00 am M

11:30 am P † Andrew & Johanna Barnes

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:



As we Ohioans are nearing a special election in just over a week (Aug. 8) and a general election this fall (Nov. 7), it is good to be reminded of the importance of being involved in politics, as much as we might not like doing so. Pope Francis said Catholics should be involved in the political discussion, and offer their prayers, so that the governing process will proceed in humility, respect, and truth.

Pope Francis rejects the idea that "a good Catholic doesn't meddle in politics." Pope Francis: *"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."*

Pope Francis acknowledged the tendency for people to speak only critically of their leaders, to complain about, "...things that don't go well." Instead of simply complaining, he reminds us that we should pray, since prayer is, "...the best that we can offer to those who govern." Pope Francis directs us to St. Paul's first letter to Timothy where we are directed to pray for the conversion and strong leadership of those in authority.

It's critically important that voters take the time to understand the issues and candidates on every voting ballot. The special election next week (Aug. 8) is an important one because it involves changing how our State Constitution can be amended directly by the voters. This political issue has gained unusually high attention because it will make it more difficult to pass the proposed pro-abortion amendment to the Ohio Constitution on the Nov. 7 election ballot. To be clear, Issue 1 is not a moral issue but a political issue that will affect both in future elections.

I encourage you to research the arguments for and against Issue 1 and decide appropriately on this *political* issue. The condensed summary of those arguments, for those who have been asking, is as follows. Those in favor of Issue 1 contend that the current requirement of 50.01% voters is not a clear majority but a divided electorate. They contend that at least 60% of voters should agree to change the Constitution. Those opposed contend the current requirement is fine.

Issue 1 also would require future initiative petitions proposing a constitutional amendment to be signed by at least 5% of the electors in each of Ohio's 88 counties before going to the election ballot, rather than the current requirement of 44 counties. Those opposed to the change argue it is too restrictive and those in favor contend 5% of the electorate of every county is minimal.

Pope Francis's directive that we be politically involved is not new, but is instead the clear, consistent teaching of the Church. Let us not forget his directive that we pray every day for the political process and our elected officials. Remember to always be civil in your discussions and debates.

Gratefully,
Fr. Miller

IN GOD'S ARMS

Jeannine Bigelow
David Gassaway SPHS '69

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MEMORY

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.



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Office Hours:

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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.

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 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 or 419-589-2114 ext 508.

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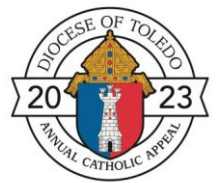
The next Feed the Needy dinner will be on Sunday, August 6, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at St. Peter. If you can volunteer, please arrive at 1:30 pm to the door at the back of the high school. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please email: nestor.paula@myspartans.org.

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!

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:	\$43,144.82
% of Goal	73.04%
Total Families Donated:	211

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PARISH NEWS

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW PARISHIONERS!

Paul and Ann Hutchins

Dulcenea Guthmann

Gail Bird

Mike Wagner

welcome

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Since the Lent of 2022, a group of parishioners have been working with Fr. Miller to make improvements and repairs to our campus buildings. They have generously donated their time and talents to form a great team that has benefited the parish in many ways. This dedicated crew of volunteers works on projects several times a month throughout the year. Please consider being part of this comradery of people who have fun working together for the betterment of the parish. Delicious lunches are often provided. Specific skills and expertise are not required but are certainly welcomed! There can be a lot of joy and pride in accomplishing projects for the parish. Please call the parish office if you are interested.



ST. MARY OF THE SNOWS FAMILY FEST

RAFFLE PRIZES
1ST - \$5000
2ND - \$1000
3RD - \$500

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER
ADULTS \$12
CHILDREN \$5

**AUGUST 6
NOON - 5 PM**

Flea Market
Frontier Land
Wheelbarrow of Fun
Beer Tent & Poker
Cake Wheel

Kid's Games

Music by Taylor Schlupp

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Our RiCl Catholic Community enjoyed a wonderful Family Night last week, filled with prayer, singing, fellowship, and delicious food. It's a joy seeing our community through visitors' eyes and hearing the family members' comments on how much their loved ones talk about our Catholic community, the good it has brought to their lives, and the ways their faith is being strengthened. Thank you to all who worked hard to make this fine event happen. We send a special thanks to Fr. Kishore and our team members, to our parishioners who provided desserts, and to our brothers who devoted much time to preparation, set-up, and clean-up.



Tri-Parish Pilgrimage

Sept. 21

ST. DYMPHNA NATIONAL SHRINE
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SAVE THE DATE!

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.

JOIN OUR FUNERAL LUNCHEON TEAM

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.



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

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UNIVERSAL SCHOOL CHOICE FOR ALL OHIO FAMILIES!

We are so grateful to the Ohio Legislature for their passage of Universal School Choice in the state budget. The Universal School Choice legislation is specifically designed to support Ohio families who seek the ability to proactively choose a school that aligns with their family's values and educational goals for their children. Now every family, regardless of address or income, can receive some type of an EdChoice scholarship.

What does this mean for parents?

Every family in Ohio, regardless of income or address, is now eligible to apply for an EdChoice Scholarship to attend St. Peter's School. Families who make less than 450% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPV) **who live in ANY school district will receive a full scholarship covering 100% of tuition for the upcoming school year.**

Families that earn more than 450% FPV can apply to receive a pro-rated scholarship based on income. In the past, families living outside the Mansfield City School District did not have access to scholarships unless they were considered low income. Now, everyone can receive a scholarship for the school of their choice. See the link below for more details

In addition to universal school choice, this year's budget also provides for more funding for public school districts supporting a new school funding formula which increases base costs and per-pupil categorical funding. There is also new funding for community charter schools.

If you haven't considered St. Peter's School in the past because of access to scholarships, we hope you now take a second look. Rooted in faith, St. Peter's School is a community of grace, dedicated to excellence, where every student is known, valued, and loved. Recognizing the importance of formative education, we are very excited about our new Middle School which is specifically designed to challenge, nurture and foster greatness in our emerging adolescents.

The future of St. Peter's School is bright, as our staff and administration continue to work hard every day to provide the best academic environment in Richland County for students to succeed.

To learn more, visit: mansfieldstpeters.org/school/EdChoice

Household Size	450% FPV
2	\$88,740
3	\$111,870
4	\$135,000
5	\$158,130
6	\$181,260
7	\$227,100
8	\$252,800

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RED BALL JETS

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TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND!

Augustfest tickets will be on sale in church after Mass the next two weekends.

Individual admission tickets are \$25 each and include dinner and a grand prize raffle entry. Additional raffle tickets are \$10 each.

A reserved VIP Table for 8 is \$250.

To purchase tickets visit:
mansfieldstpeters.org/august

Volunteers are needed to help make this evening a success. To volunteer, please visit this link: bit.ly/augustfest23 or contact Jess Berry at berry.jess@myspartans.org or (419) 564-8179.

CELEBRATION OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The Diocese of Toledo will honor couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage during the year 2023 at a mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Sunday, October 22nd at 3:00pm at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, (2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo).

Following Mass, there will be a reception in the gym with light appetizers. Couples may pick up their certificate and take a photo at the reception.

Registration is now open!

Register at:

https://tinyurl.com/Anniversary-Registration

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The Catholic Women's Club of the Saint Juan Diego Deanery will resume their monthly meetings for 2023-2024. The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, 2023. We will begin with Mass at St. Joseph - Plymouth Church, 119 Sandusky Street, Plymouth 44865 at 11:00 a.m. Luncheon will follow in the attached Hall at 12:30 p.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$17.00 for September and May and will be catered by the Ontario Event Center. All luncheons served at the Ontario Event Center will be \$16.00. A meeting will follow the luncheon. All Catholic women in the Saint Juan Diego Deanery are encouraged to attend and get to know the Catholic women in our area. Current members will be contacted to verify reservations. If you are a new member, please call Valerie Mapes, President, at 419-564-3034 or Sheryl Weber at 419-610-3884. We look forward to seeing current members and meeting new members.





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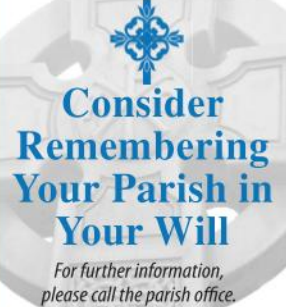
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Marianne	Holly Barnes	
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Thompson	Kathy Deckard	
Michael Yoha	Scott Darnell	
Rick Gasper	Lynn Raque	
Cindy Lassen	Don Yockey	
Alan Gleisenger	Dr. Kimberly Nemeth	

Sunday Stewardship As of June 2023, YEAR END Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$931,701
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection:	\$871,470
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$60,231
School Collection	
Total School Collection:	\$101,280
Total Budgeted School Collection:	\$120,000
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$18,720)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

Monday Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Resurrection	St. Mary	St. Peter
8:00-Noon	Noon-5:30	5:30-9:00

SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY (1786-1859) FEAST DAY - AUGUST 4



A busy pastor jokingly suggests the secret of John Vianney's holiness: "He died seventeen years before telephones!" Call they didn't, but visit they did, keeping Vianney eighteen hours a day in the confessional. Stories abound of reading hearts and exorcisms, but Vianney's first miracle was getting ordained. Difficulty with studies delayed him, prompting the rector's apology to the bishop, "So far to ordain just one, especially *this* one!" The bishop, who could not know he was ordaining the future patron saint of parish priests, replied, "No burden to ordain one good priest!" In Ars, only an elderly handful attended Mass, "praying," one told Vianney, "for a priest with brains." But he stayed forty-two years, fulfilling the promise he made the day he arrived. In a sculpture just outside the village Vianney points skyward: "Show me the way to Ars," he tells a boy, "and I'll show you the way to heaven." To someone who feared there was no heaven beyond the grave, Vianney smiled, "My child, it would have been heaven enough to have lived as Jesus' disciple on earth." —Peter Scagnelli

