# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY



hen John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.

Monday, October 2 Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 am R † Rodman Baird

8:00 am R **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 

5:30 pm P † Michael Krempel

Tuesday, October 3

Tuesday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am P † **Laurie Collet** 

12:00 pm M **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 

5:30 pm M † Irene Mascazine

Wednesday, October 4

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi 7:00 am P **Deacon Rudy Wolf** 

8:30 am P Joseph Kopina Dottie Schmitz Cassidy 9:45 am M

5:30 pm P **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 

Thursday, October 5

Thursday in the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am P Eva Kopina

5:30 pm R Conversion of Sinners

Friday, October 6

Friday of the Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

8:00 am M † Father J. Norbert Howe

5:30 pm P Bernard E. Alfieri

Saturday, October 7

Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary—Patroness of the

Diocese of Toledo)

4:00 pm M † Gerald Stanger

5:00 pm P Frank Zara

6:00 pm R Parishioners of Our Tri-Parish Community

Sunday, October 8

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am P **B.** Dale Hurley 9:00 am R **Bob Sutter** 

9:30 am P **Dan Krous** Souls in Purgatory 11:00 am M

11:30 am P Special Intention - Dr. Joseph Kurtzman

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

#### IN GOD'S ARMS

Violeta Fernandez Mata Karen Sertell







As we Ohioans are nearing a general election next month (Nov. 7), it is good to be reminded of two things. The first is the importance of being involved in the political process and the second are the two issues that Ohio voters will decide. The first is a proposed constitutional amendment and the second is a proposed law.

First, Pope Francis reminds us that Catholics should be involved in the political discussion, and offer their prayers, so that the governing process will proceed in humility, respect, and truth. He 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, 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 instructed to pray for the conversion and strong leadership of those in authority.

Before the past special election of Aug. 8, I stated that it is critically important that voters take the time to understand the issues and candidates on every voting ballot. The issue that voters were being asked to decide was related to the requirements needed to change the State Constitution. I stated then that the issue was not moral but political. Clearly it would affect future elections, such as this November election, but determining the exact percentage of majority votes needed to change the State Constitution is a debatable issue of governance. The two issues on the ballot for this November are clearly different, most especially Issue 1.

Issue 1 is a proposed Constitutional Amendment that seeks to legalize abortion in Ohio. If passed, the practical effect would be to legalize abortion at any stage of pregnancy and protect anyone involved with providing an abortion. The amendment refers to abortion as "reproductive medical treatment" in order to redirect the focus away from the truth of what abortion is - the direct and intentional killing of an innocent human person for the convenience of another person. It is impossible to morally justify such actions regardless of what deceptive wording is used. As a result, any person with even the smallest notion of decency and justice will vote NO on Issue 1 this November.

Abortion is the result of pride and selfishness. As I stated last week, these sins are the cancers that are literally destroying us and society at many levels. They are the freeway to hell that many people are traveling and leading others with them. There is good in every person, however the unGodly aspects of them are what prevent them from entering heaven. Abortion is those in power ending the life of those without power. It is people without a voice being eliminated by those with a voice. Please see through deception and vote NO on Issue 1.

Sincerely,

**Father Miller** 

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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 Noon, one week prior to publication date. All submissions must be in writing to **bulletin@myspartans.org**.

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#### PARISH NEWS

#### **OUR NEWEST MEMBER!**

Congratulations to Josephine Mae Truax, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Truax of our parish. Josephine received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, September 24. Please be sure to keep her and her family in your prayers and please be sure to welcome her!



### Sunday Stewardship As of July 2023 Sunday and Holy Day Collections

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3,024)
Total Budgeted School Collection:	\$11,058
Total School Collection:	\$8,034
School Collection	
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(13,304)
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection:	\$84,738
Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$71,434

#### 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:\$59,068Gifts/Pledges to Date:\$50,228.75% of Goal85.04%Total Families Donated:254

#### **OUR PILGRIMAGE TO CANTON!**



Our tri-parish pilgrimage, led by Father Kishore, took place on September 21 on a trip that went to the Canton area stopped at the following places:

The National Shrine of St Dymphna

The Rhoda Wise House & Grotto

The Mother Angelica Museum

The Sancta Clara Monastery

Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable experience and all were inspired and edified by the places they visited and by the people whose lives were illustrated in the places our pilgrims visited. Watch for more such pilgrimages in the pages of this bulletin!

#### ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS

Our annual Bereavement Mass will be on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 2:00 p.m. in the Church. Information will be mailed to families who have had a family member die since October 22, 2022. If you have had an immediate family member (father, mother, sister, brother, child or spouse) die in the last year but who was not buried through St. Peter Parish, we would like to include them and your family in the Mass this year.

Please call the Parish Center at 419-524-2572 with their name, their relationship to you, and their date of death by October 29th, 2023.

#### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS NEEDED

Thank you to all who continue to make donations of personal care items for distribution during our Feed the Hungry meals. Items needed include:

- washcloths
- razors & shaving cream
- 3-in-one body wash
- shampoo & conditioner
- hair combs & brushes
- children's books

#### **FEED THE HUNGRY**

The next Feed the Hungry dinner will be today 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 ytime. 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 2022-2023. 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.

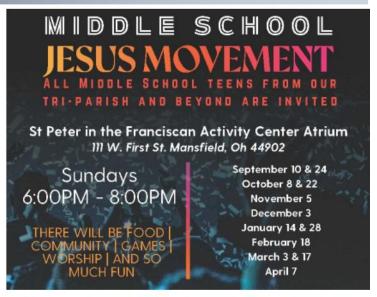
#### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On September 27th, the Church celebrated 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.





#### 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?

So 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...you only need to be able to sing. 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 <a href="mailto:lukach.lynne@myspartans.org">lukach.lynne@myspartans.org</a> for further information.

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

#### 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.



St. Peter Parish: 3:00pm. School parking lot
Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier.

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

H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND October 14 & 15

#### FROM MR. CUTTITTA

This past spring, I was selected as a member of the 3rd cohort of Cabrini Fellows for the ACE Principal Academy at University of Notre Dame. The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Principal Academy began as the Center for Transformational Educational Leadership (CTEL) in 2015 through a partnership with the Archdiocese of Chicago, providing coaching and professional development to cohorts of principals seeking to grow in their capacity to lead Catholic schools.

Building upon this success in Chicago, CTEL launched its newest initiative in 2021, the Cabrini Fellows, which is named to honor the work of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini. Despite tremendous odds, Mother Cabrini allowed God to work through her so that she could establish faith-based institutions of learning across the United States that served communities most in need. The Cabrini Fellows program allows the University of Notre Dame to reach dioceses beyond Chicago and serve school leaders interested in expanding their leadership capacity through a combination of individual coaching and professional development that will prepare them to take on broader leadership within their diocese after completion of the program. In 2022, ACE changed the name from CTEL to ACE Principal Academy to better reflect the program's commitment to foster excellence for Catholic school leaders.

The approach of ACE Principal Academy is to improve principals' abilities to effect change within their schools by coaching principals to be stronger in three domains: School Culture -

Establishing Intentional, Christ-Centered Cultures of Joy;

Instructional Leadership—Leading for Instructional Excellence,

#### and

Executive Management - Winning with People.

Over the course of the two-year program, I will participate in two week-long summer institutes, four immersion experiences at various locations around the country, and receive weekly executive coaching. The goal of the program is to help develop outstanding Catholic school leaders and transform the schools in which they serve. Thus far, I have been extremely impressed by the quality and value of the experience provided by the ACE Principal Academy, and I look forward to sharing my newfound knowledge and skills with the St. Peter's School community.

Jon Cuttitta

**NOTE:** 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 <a href="mailto:jones.jennifer@myspartans.org">jones.jennifer@myspartans.org</a>.

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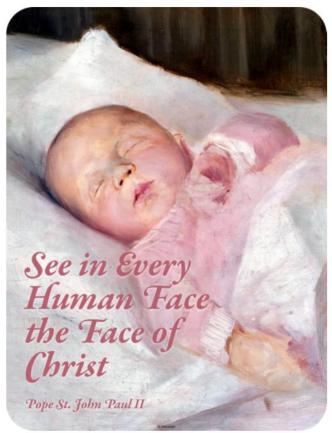






#### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

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 <a href="mailto:brown.kelly@myspartans.org">brown.kelly@myspartans.org</a>



#### PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
And where there is sadness, joy.

O, divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.



#### DIOCESAN, DEANERY & TRI-PARISH NEWS

## BISHOP'S C O R N E R

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 or

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.

#### **CRAFTERS WANTED**

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

## Eucharistic ADORATION



Every Sunday
October 1 - November 5
5:30-7:00pm
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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.

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



#### 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.

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.



## Donate Blood In Honor of Micah Galuzny



Micah is one of six kids, the second oldest in the family. He loves playing baseball, football, and tennis. He is also a Boy Scout. Last October, he was diagnosed with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare soft muscle tissue cancer. He had a tumor in the bottom of his foot that had metastasized to the knee. During treatment and emergency hospital stays, Micah has needed platelets and blood transfusions. We are grateful for all those who donate blood and would like to encourage more people to do so.

## **Blood Drive Resurrection Parish**

Fellowship Hall 2600 Lexington Ave. Lexington, OH 44904

## Friday, October 20th, 2023 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) OR visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Resurrection to schedule an appointment. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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#### 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

#### 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

#### MOTHER OF SORROWS FESTIVAL

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT MOTHER OF SORROWS CHAPEL, NORTH AUBURN: Sunday, October 1, 2023, 7212 N. Auburn Road, Tiro, OH 44887 (3 mi. east of New Washington). Pork & chicken dinners with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce and dessert, served from 11:00am -3:00pm. TWO drive-thru lines, walk-in/carry-outs available, as well as **dine in the hall**. Also in the hall: Arts & Crafts, Farmers Market, baked goods, fall décor, Reverse Raffle w/\$1,000 grand prize, and Super 50/50 drawing.





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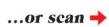


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Joan Schonhardt

Thompson

Genevieve (Jenny)

Wala

Larry Strauser

Linda & Cindy

Sharon Valdry

Penny Wendland Gwen Yockey Don Yockey Michael Yoha

# collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

**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 Sunday

Monday Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

Memorial of Saints Cosmas and **Tuesday** 

**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 Memorial of Saint Wencelaus, Martyr and Saint Lawrence Ruiz, and Companions, Thursday

Martyrs Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 9:7-9 Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and

Friday 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

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday

Sunday

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



#### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (1182 - 1226) FEAST DAY - OCTOBER 4



When Franco Zeffirelli's *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* was released (1972), people were shocked by the movie's graphic nudity in the dramatic conversion scene. Son of a wealthy merchant, Francis' aimless adolescence ended when a failed military expedition led to his imprisonment and complete breakdown. Once home, Fráncis rediscovered God in the beauty of nature and the ugliness of human suffering, caring for lepers, praying in the little church of San Damiano, whose crucified Jesus he heard calling, "Repair my house, Francis, which is falling into ruins." Francis sold his possessions—and his father's—to fulfill this command. When his father objected, Francis disrobed: "I return the clothes, your name, and all you gave me: God alone is my Father now." Later, the pope would dream of a ragged friar stretching forth a single hand to prop up the crumbling papal Cathedral of Saint John Lateran. Francis indeed helped rebuild the universal Church, founding the Friars Minor (Franciscans), dying at a young forty-four, bearing the stigmata

of the Christ whose living icon he remains—in the Church and far beyond it.—Peter Scagnelli

Connection to St. Peter's: One of the religious communities that claim St. Francis as their patron are the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Joliet. Hundreds of Joliet Franciscan Sisters served in our parish and in our school from 1871 to 2015.

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