



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023
St Peter Parish, Mansfield, Ohio

WELL DONE

my good & faithful
servant

Matthew 25:21

St. Peter Catholic Church

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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 office to begin plans for the baptism of your child.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should always be made at the parish office at least twelve months in advance of the ceremony.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday at Noon, one week prior to publication date. Send to: bulletin@myspartans.org. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

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A Parish of
the Saint
Juan
Diego
Deanery



Monday, November 20

Monday of the thirty-Third week in Ordinary Time

8:00 am R † Souls in Purgatory
 8:30 am R Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:30 pm P † **Mary Lou Saprano**

Tuesday, November 21

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am P † **Florence Kastelic**
 12:00 pm M Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:30 pm M † **Fr. Thomas Gorman**

Wednesday, November 22

Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 am P † **Fr. J. Norbert Howe**
 9:45 am M Religious Vocations
 5:30 pm P **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, November 23

Memorial of Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Austin Pro, Priest & Martyr

8:00 am P † **Michael Payton**
 9:00 am R † **Bob Sutter**
 10:00 am M † **Don Marcum**

Friday, November 24

Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

5:30 pm P † **The Taddeo Family**

Saturday, November 25

Vigil of The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:00 pm M Parishioners of Our Tri-Parish Community
 5:00 pm P † **Theresa & Anton Schroeder**
 6:00 pm R † **Ken Bishop**

Sunday, November 26

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 am P † **Alfredo F Pizarro**
 9:00 am R † **Catherine Schroeder**
 9:30 am P † **Jeanette Sanson**
 11:00 am M † **Bob and Bernice Baker**
 11:30 am P † **Marilyn 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



As you know, this Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, one of the most popular holidays of the year. The “First Thanksgiving” was celebrated by the pilgrims in 1621 after their first harvest. There were 53 pilgrims and 90 Native Americans celebrating together. They had much for which to be thankful, including surviving disease and starvation from the preceding winter.

Our current tradition of Thanksgiving in November can be traced back to President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. It was only months before that the bloodiest battle of the Civil War was fought at Gettysburg. About 8,000 soldiers were killed during three days of battle and over 27,000 more were wounded, many of whom would later die from their injuries. The Civil War had been raging for over two years at that point, and Lincoln decided the nation needed something to boost morale.

Lincoln’s solution was unconventional! He proclaimed a national day of “thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.” The decision was remarkable – to have the citizens acknowledge their blessings as what had been lost. Lincoln directed the nation’s citizens to see the reasons they had to be grateful and then to thank God for them. If we really look at things objectively, there is far more for us to be grateful for than there is for us to be sad about. We sometimes get caught in one of Satan’s traps – focusing on the negative.

Giving thanks is at the heart of being Catholic since “eucharist” literally means “to give thanks”. During the Mass, we recall Jesus’ own thanksgiving – “on the day before Jesus was to suffer...with eyes raised to heaven, to you, O God, His almighty Father, giving you thanks.” It is profoundly humbling and inspiring when we reflect upon Jesus, before knowingly entering into the greatest suffering of all of human history, stopping to give thanks to the Father in heaven.

This is what you and I are to imitate. We look for the reasons to be grateful and then give thanks every moment of our life. Being grateful is a choice and a mindset. It is an attitude that we have to decide to live. Again, in the preface prayers at Mass, the priests say: “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere, to give You thanks, Father most holy, through Your son Jesus Christ...” Being grateful to God is our duty and necessary for salvation!

I’ll be praying this week that you have a relaxing and peaceful Thanksgiving. Please consider attending Mass Thursday morning to give thanks to God for the many blessings you have received this past year. Between our three parishes, you have three different options for attending.

Gratefully,
 Fr. Miller

In God’s Arms

Marilyn Williamson



Sunday Stewardship As of September 2023

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$214,215
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection:	\$220,318
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(6,103)

School Collection

Total School Collection:	\$35,385
Total Budgeted School Collection:	\$28,750
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$6,635



ST. PETER MUSIC SERIES

PRESENTS

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT

St. Peter Catholic Church
Sunday, December 17 **4 pm**
Christmas cookies and

Christmas Oplatki Wafers Now Available

Are you familiar with the Polish Christmas tradition of the Oplatki (Christmas wafer)? This is a great tradition to begin with your family and friends. The Christmas wafer comes from Eastern Europe. The name means "Angel Bread" and is made of only flour and water. The wafers are stamped with a Christmas image such as the Star of Bethlehem or the Nativity. Oplatkis are for sale in each of the parish offices. They are \$1.00 each and include the wafer along with a copy of the history, tradition and devotion.

Oplatki: A Polish Christmas Tradition



Herlihy Christmas House

Herlihy Christmas House is open again this year on December 7, 8, 9 and 10th from 6 – 9pm! Bring your entire family to view our private family home at 170 West Second Street (park in Herlihy Funeral Home parking lot). Over 30 decorated trees, trains, lots of collections, Disney and much more! Just asking for a donation that will go towards the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program and local animal shelters. All of us at Herlihy Funeral Home wish you and your family a blessed holiday season!

Volunteers Needed on Dec. 2 at 10AM

People of all ages are welcome to come to the church and help switch out the Breaking Bread hymnals for the new 2024 edition as we get ready for the Advent season.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

8:00 am – St. Peter Parish
9:00 am – Resurrection Parish
10:00 am – St. Mary Parish



Marian Pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

When our pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr Kishore was canceled our pilgrims decided to make their pilgrimage to Medjugorje, the blessed "place between the mountains", where heaven touches earth. They visited Apparition Hill, Blue Cross, and climbed Mount Krizevac. The pilgrims had an opportunity to deepen their relationship with Jesus and His Mother through evening adoration and had many opportunities for spiritual renewal. Welcome back!



High School JESUS MOVEMENT

At Resurrection Parish 2600 Lexington Ave.

Next Event is Sunday, December 3

December	January
3rd	14th
17th	21st

SEE FULL SCHEDULE:



Sundays 6 to 8 PM

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

Next Event is Sunday, December 3

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Upcoming Dates

- December 3
- January 14 & 28
- February 18
- March 3 & 17
- April 7

FOOD | COMMUNITY | GAMES | WORSHIP | AND SO MUCH FUN

Damascus High School Youth Group Last Sunday at Resurrection



JESUS MOVEMENT

WINTER RETREAT

WE ALL NEED TO RETREAT WITH THE LORD AND WITHDRAW FROM THE JAM-PACKED SCHEDULES AND ROUTINES THAT SURROUND US. THAT'S WHY WE'RE INVITING YOU TO THE JESUS MOVEMENT WINTER RETREAT.

REGISTER NOW!

WHEN: DECEMBER 8-9TH
WHO: 9TH-12TH GRADERS
WHERE: DAMASCUS

7550 RAMEY ROAD
CENTERBURG, OH 43011



JOIN US FOR A TIME OF COMMUNITY AND FUN, PRAYER AND ADORATION, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME REST WITH JESUS. WE WILL CONCLUDE THE RETREAT WITH THE OUTPOURING, OUR QUARTERLY WORSHIP EVENT.

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From the Director of Theology and Student Formation

We are nearing the end of the first semester. Time flies! Our progress has been encouraging and consistent. As we near Thanksgiving and Christmas break, our students are engaging in projects such as the Blessing Bags to support Wayfinders and are looking forward to partaking in service opportunities like baking for the Christmas Classic. This week some of our students have taken the opportunity to make cabbage rolls-- which, some discovered, is quite a smelly process.

Jokes aside, Fr. Kevin's presence in the school has continued to be a major blessing for the staff and students. The students look forward to seeing him each week. We have seen healthy growth in participation from the students that I contribute largely to Fr. Kevin's work here. We have the most amount of trained servers at St. Peter's since I have been here. Second, our OCIS (Office of Christian Initiation for Students) is developing well, and we are receiving consistent attendance. We continue to push forward academically and the students are beginning sections on Salvation History to develop holistic knowledge of our Catholic Faith.

As we continue our work and enter into the middle of the year keep us in your prayers. We continue the good work of educating God's children.

Nathan Sims

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

BLESSING BAG Donation Drive

Throughout the month of November and continuing in December, St. Peter's School will be collecting items to donate to Wayfinders, which provides "comprehensive support to meet needs and address root causes of homelessness."

Join us in sharing kindness, care, and necessities with those who need it.

Items We're Collecting

- TOILETRIES (SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, TOOTHBRUSHES, ETC).
- LINENS (TOWELS, WASHCLOTHS, TWIN-SIZE SHEETS, PILLOWS, ETC.)
- PAPER PRODUCTS (PAPER TOWELS, TOILET PAPER)
- HATS, GLOVES, SOCKS
- GALLON SIZE BAGS

Donations can be dropped off at the Montessori House, Elementary, MS/ HS, and in the church through December 11th.

SPARTAN BOOSTER BASH
DATE CHANGE - Saturday, February 10, 2024
Music, food, games, raffles, and lots of fun
More information will follow in December

Congratulations

Congratulations to elementary principal Dr. Ashley Rastorfer, who successfully defended her dissertation today, earning her PhD in Educational Leadership.



Fused Glass Class

Our 5th graders were provided the opportunity to enjoy an after school, fused glass class with elementary art teacher Beth Radke Hostettler. Check out their beautiful creations!



Montessori and Middle School Buddy Day!

To begin this new program, students exchanged letters and about me pages before meeting and enjoying works, books, art, and Spanish together.

Many middle school students felt nostalgic being back in the house where their journey at St. Peter began and all are looking forward to meeting up with their buddies there again next month!





Christmas Classic

Community Baking Schedule

St. Peter's High School Cafeteria

NOV
27

BUCKEYES

9 AM - 12 PM

On Monday, volunteers are invited to help prepare the filling and dip them in chocolate. Many sit down jobs available.

NOV
28

KIEFFELS

8 AM - 1 PM

On Tuesday, volunteers are invited to help make these delicious nut-filled cookies by filling them, rolling them into crescents, and baking them.

DEC
2

POTICAS

8 AM - 2 PM

On Saturday many volunteers are needed to help roll poticas--the nut roll made famous by Ann Brown. Many sit down jobs will be available in the afternoon when they begin packaging.

DEC
3

BUTTER RINGS

8 AM - 3 PM

Starting in the morning and continuing throughout the Christmas Classic, volunteers are needed to help prepare these sweet treats that are served fresh out of the oven.

No baking experience needed.
Please feel free to drop in at any time.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
12:30-3:30 PM

BAKE SALE

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

RAFFLES & MORE

St. Peter's Christmas Classic is not only one of the state's largest bake sales, but also a day of music, holiday merriment, and one of the largest fundraisers for the Spartan Family Association, which provides grants to our school for field trips, teacher appreciation, academic programs, facility updates, professional development, and anything that enhances learning.

When you donate, volunteer, shop, and enjoy, you're benefitting our entire community.



DONATE

Bake and package candy, cookies, fudge, or other treats to be sold at the Classic. Elves will be collecting items in the alley between the church and high school on Friday, 12/1 from 7:30-8:15 a.m. Donations can also be dropped off in the cafeteria on Saturday from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.



PREORDER

Two of the Classic's bestselling items are available for preorder, as they tend to sell out quickly.

Items available for preorder are poticas, a rolled bread with a sweet, nutty filling, and kieffels, a Polish crescent cookie with a walnut filling.

Preorder forms will be sent home and are also available in the parish office. Kindly return pre-orders by 11/29.



VOLUNTEER

We will have several community baking days where even an hour of your time will help make light work for all.

Come to the cafeteria to dip Buckeyes on 11/27, learn how to make kieffels on 11/28, help roll poticas in the cafeteria on 12/2 or consider frosting butter rings, helping set up, running a raffle, or managing the bake sale on 12/3.

A Signup Genius with specific dates, times, and opportunities will be emailed out soon.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE CHRISTMAS CLASSIC?

WATCH FOR INFORMATION IN YOUR EMAIL, ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AND IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN OR CONTACT THE SPARTAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION AT SPARTANFAMILY@MYSPARTANS.ORG.



Christmas Classic

Concert Schedule



Performance Time	Grade Level
12:30	5 th & 6 th grade band
1:00	preschool, kindergarten, 1 st grade
1:30	2 nd & 3 rd grade
1:50	MiniSingers
2:20	4 th & 5 th grade
2:45	junior high & high school band

Christmas Classic Order Payment Information

Payment is due at the time of order. All orders and payments must be received by November 29.

Credit Card: If you prefer to pay by credit card, please place an order online at: SpartanFamily.square.site

Cash/Check: If paying by cash or check, please return payment and order to the St Peter parish office or if a school family, to your building's office. **Please make all checks payable to Spartan Family Association**

St. Peter's Christmas Classic Order Form
ALL PURCHASES MUST BE ORDERED AND PRE-PAID BY NOVEMBER 29.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Item	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Dozen Kieffels Polish, crescent-shaped, nut-filled cookies		\$7.00	
Potica Slovak, nut-filled pastry		\$10.00	
Sub-Total			

Email: _____

Pickup Person: _____

Catholic Bishops of Ohio Statement on Passing of Issue 1

The Catholic Bishops of Ohio issued the following statement regarding the passing of Issue 1:

Today is a tragic day for women, children, and families in Ohio. We mourn that the dignity of human life remains concealed by the duplicity of a culture of death. Though this is a day of sorrow, we are never without hope. St. Paul tells us that it is in hope that we were saved and, "if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance."

Asking for God's protection and mercy, we must look ahead. Despite the obstacles this amendment presents, the Catholic Church in Ohio will continue to work for policies that defend the most vulnerable, strengthen the child-parent relationship, and support women in need. As we pray for the conversion of minds and hearts to the gospel of life, we recommit ourselves to defending children in the womb and supporting women in need. The Catholic Church and faithful will never grow weary in our mission to help women and families flourish through ministries such as Walking with Moms in Need and other local organizations that provide material and spiritual support and through advocacy with policymakers.

We, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio, are grateful to the Catholic faithful, clergy, and all people of goodwill whose actions in this campaign demonstrated our commitment to honoring and upholding the dignity of life. Your sacrifices prove that the Church will never abandon her mission to support human life. We will persevere in this mission until every preborn child is protected, every pregnant woman is supported, and every human life receives respect, dignity, and justice.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The December meeting of The Catholic Women's Club of the Saint Juan Diego Deanery will be Wednesday, December 13, 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 Anita Holloway, December Chairperson at 419-524-2219 or 419-544-0184 before noon on Thursday, December 7, 2023 to make your reservation. We look forward to seeing current members and meeting new members.

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Parish Prayer List

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 office.



Lura Barnes	John & Cindy Lloyd
Holly Barnes	Krista Marshall
MaKaya Butler	Danny Marti
Marianne Cappadonna	Rosemary Musille
Christine Caudill	Kathy Nash
Caroline Clark	Dr. Kimberly Nemeth
Betty Connolly	Carol Pittenger
Paul Conry	Lynn Raque
Josephine Contra	Stephanie Reynolds
Frederick Dale	Barbara Riley
Scott Darnell	Bill Ruhl
Kathy Deckard	Colleen Schambre
Cherrie De La Paz	Joan Schonhardt
Adrian DeLeon	Larry Strauser
David Donley	Linda & Cindy Thompson
Jeffrey Downing	Sandy Trebonik
Mick Frye SPS '71	Sharon Valdry
Micah Galuzny	Genevieve (Jenny) Wala
Rick Gasper	Beth Weiland
Alan Gleisenger	Penny Wendland
Kathy Groff	Marylin Williamson
Danny Kiehl	Gwen Yockey
Jeannine Klotz	Don Yockey
Cindy Lassen	Michael Yoha
Susan Leach	

Bereavement Mass Candles and Crosses

If you had a loved one pass away in the last year and the funeral was here at St Peter, you can pick up your cross and candle from the Bereavement Mass at the Parish office during office hours.



2023 Giving Tree

In collaboration with St. Peter staff, St. Vincent de Paul and discussions with the Agency programs we serve, we decided to continue with a general Gift card collection for the families we serve for our Giving tree. During the few years, we have discovered this has allowed the families and individuals we have served an opportunity to allow them to purchase gifts specifically tailored to their children and family and has additionally allowed more of an equal distribution of gifts for those that gift requests have not been returned. We again are supporting the families from St. Peter school, St. Vincent de Paul clients, parish families and shut in parishioner's, Catholic Charities programs (Angel Tree -Children of Prisoners and Project Bethlehem) and community families served through the Salvation Army. Our Gift Card collection will begin during the weekend Masses starting the weekend Masses beginning Nov. 25 th through Dec. 11 th . Look for additional details in upcoming future bulletins. As always, we appreciate all the care, love and support our Parish shows to those in need, most especially during the Christmas Season.



Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 19, 2023

Monday	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 1; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Austin Pro, Priest & Martyr 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44 <i>Thanksgiving:</i> Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday	Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11d-12a, 12cd; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Prison Ministry Corner

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

We have many opportunities for parishioners from St. Peter, St. Mary, and Resurrection to be involved with our dynamic prison ministry - on the inside and outside. We continue to collect plastic bags (grocery, drugstore type) and yarn (any kind). Items can be brought to the St. Peter parish office during business hours. Our next big event at Richland Correctional is our annual Catholic Retreat on Dec. 2. A generous parishioner is providing all the bagels and cream cheese. We are requesting only cookies (no cupcakes, brownies, etc.) for the Retreat. Cookies can be brought to the parish office the week of Nov. 27 to Dec. 1. Thank you!

Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment. Heb 13:3

