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St. Peter Catholic Church

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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.

St. Peter Parish

Mansfield, OH

December 3, 2023

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Monday, December 4**Monday of the First week in Advent**

8:00 am R †Bill Taylor
 8:30 am R Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:30 pm **P Mass Canceled due to Priest Sanctification Day**

Tuesday, December 5**Tuesday of the First week in Advent**

7:00 am **P † Bill Martin**
 12:00 pm M Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:30 pm M Strengthening of Marriages

Wednesday, December 6**Wednesday of the First week in Advent**

7:00 am **P † Pam Schopieray**
 8:30 am **P † Jim Liston**
 9:30 am **P † Scott Biggs**
 9:45 am M Strengthening of Families
 5:30 pm **P Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, December 7**Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am **P † Paula Timko**

Thursday, December 7**Vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 pm R †Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 8**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 am M † Clara Montsilos
 8:30 am **P Special Intention of Kelly Cropp**
 6:00 pm **P † Phil Hawk**

Saturday, December 9**Vigil of The Second Sunday of Advent**

4:00 pm M Religious Vocations
 5:00 pm **P † Marilyn Kurtzman**
 6:00 pm R Parishioners of Our Tri- Parish Community

Sunday, December 10**Second Sunday of Advent**

7:30 am **P † Deceased Members of the Hawk Family**
 9:00 am R †Francis Martin
 9:30 am **P † Mary Schwartzler**
 11:00 am M † Thomas Zeigler
 11:30 am **P † Rhea Ohl**

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

LOVING
In God's Arms
MEMORY

Paul Gremling
 Shelia Mackenzie
 Rose Frangella

**From the Pastor:**

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is only three weeks away! It is easy for the weeks to pass quickly as we shop for gifts, prepare for guests, and plan our meals. However, be sure to create some time and space to listen, reflect, and pray. Setting aside 20-30 minutes to do this is extremely powerful and will

even slow down time. Consider reflecting on the manger scene, while listening to sacred Christmas music, and even sipping a hot drink. Everyone has time for this when they

properly prioritize their daily activity.

Prioritizing starts with the realization that we don't have time for everything. Next, remember that God shouldn't just be part of our life, but front and center in our daily life. This is the invitation of Christmas, and certainly a very powerful one! The focus of Advent is about preparing for God's arrival, not in a manger in Bethlehem, but in our minds and hearts. Will we respect God enough, love Him enough, and be grateful enough to welcome Him into our lives, front and center? Pray that God will help you to do this.

Christmas occurs this year on Monday, which will make for a very busy three days for us priests and all who help with the weekend Masses. There will be plenty of opportunities between the three parishes to attend Mass, both for the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas, which occur this year within hours of each other. In case you are wondering, going to Mass Christmas Eve this year on Sunday Dec. 24 does not count both for Sunday and Christmas. The great generosity of God toward us should be reciprocated in our generosity toward Him. The complete Mass schedule for Dec. 23 through Dec. 25 is in this bulletin.

This week I will be traveling to New York, Massachusetts, and Kansas. It might sound as if I'm making a presidential campaign tour, but I'm definitely not! Instead, I'm visiting three special people whose love for God is profoundly impacting the way they live their lives. Two of these are young ladies who are taking the next step to become religious sisters, one of them in New York and the other in Kansas. Where God takes them as religious sisters is only known to God. Maybe it will be in this country but it could be almost anywhere throughout the world. Regardless of where, God will be their closest companion every step of the way.

I'm very excited for these two young ladies, who had life plans of their own, but all of that changed when they truly discovered God. They will have their challenges, but God's goodness and love will be the force and vision behind all that they do. One of these young ladies is a former parishioner of mine from Galion St. Joseph parish. Her name is Elizabeth Striker. The other young lady is from St. Peter parish and her name is Kate Cropp. Their witness to our world of lust, sex, power, and greed is profound – **God is more than enough!** In the weeks ahead, I invite you to discover God in a greater way so that He is more than enough for you also!

Gratefully,
 Fr. Miller



*Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

Mass Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 7th
Resurrection - 7:00 pm Vigil

Friday, Dec. 8th
St. Mary – 8:00 am
St. Peter – 8:30 am
St. Peter – 6:00 pm

Consecration Mass for Kate Cropp

Please join us in praying for Kate Cropp, who will be consecrating herself to God through the promises of poverty, chastity and obedience in the community of the Apostles of the Interior Life on December 8th at 2:00pm CST. The livestreaming of the mass can be accessed through the following: <https://www.en.apostlesofil.com/kates-promises/>



*Consecration Mass
Kate Cropp*

DECEMBER 8, 2023
LAWRENCE, KS
2:00 PM CST

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




Mansfield St. Peter's

Christmas Classic

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

ST. PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA & AUDITORIUM
104 W. FIRST ST. MANSFIELD, OHIO 44902

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.



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From the Head of School

On November 28th, along with over 100 other local non-profits, St. Peter's School participated in Richland Gives. Sponsored by the Richland County Foundation and aligned with Giving Tuesday, Richland Gives is a unique opportunity for charitable organizations to not only raise funds and friends, but to also earn bonus grants for the raising the most dollars from the greatest number of donors.

For the second year in a row, St. Peter's School raised the most money and had the most individual donors of all the nonprofit organizations involved in Richland Gives. Due to the generosity of our families, staff, alumni, parishioners, and friends, St. Peter's School raised over \$40,000 from over 300 individual donors, outpacing other nonprofits by almost \$20,000 and 100 donors. Raising over \$40,000 in one day is beyond impressive on many levels:

With limited resources, these much-needed funds will go directly to enhancing the educational experience at St. Peter's School and give our students increased opportunities to succeed.

These outcomes also indicate that over 300 donors believe in our school, our students, and our mission so much that they will happily support our cause.

These 300 donors include our school families, our students, alumni, community members, staff members, and other supporters, ranging from \$10 to \$5,000 gifts, showing very broad support from a wide variety of people.

Equally important, seeing St. Peter's School at the top of the leaderboard shows the entire community that our school is vibrant, supported, very much alive, and poised for a very bright future.

We are extraordinarily blessed to have this sort of support from so many people. Enormous thanks to everyone who made this incredible success happen. Special thanks to our school staff and to Jason Crundwell who used his expertise behind the scenes to make this day happen. I am humbled beyond words to be a part of the St. Peter's School history and legacy. Days like Richland Gives reminds not only our school, but our whole community, parishioners, and alumni base how important and beloved our school truly is.

Yours in faith and gratitude,

Laurie McKeon
Head of School



LARGE NONPROFITS - MOST DOLLARS 2023

PARTICIPANT 30 DONORS RAISED \$194,800

Rank	Participant	Donors	Raised
1	St. Peter's School	322	\$40,626
2	Renaissance Performing Arts	48	\$22,025
3	Discovery School	200	\$20,084
4	The Friendly House	43	\$15,200
5	Richland County Foundation	57	\$14,802

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3	Richland Pregnancy Services	173	\$8,318
4	North End Community Improvement Collaborative	76	\$12,008
5	LifeWise Academy - Richland County	62	\$5,008

Parish News



DONUT SUNDAY

Best donuts in the diocese

December 10
After 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses
Church basement



Tri-parish Youth News

High School JESUS MOVEMENT

At Resurrection Parish 2600 Lexington Ave.

Next Event is Sunday, December 3

December	January
3rd	14th
10th	21st

NEW DATE Sundays 6 to 8 PM

SEE FULL SCHEDULE: 

Church Parking Request

When attending any Mass during the school week, please park in the church parking lot. The parking lot beside the rectory is reserved for elementary staff parking. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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.

Sunday Stewardship YTD FY 2023/2024

Sunday and Holy Day Collection: 57000 Parish	
Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection To Date:	\$282,216
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To date:	\$305,407
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(23,191)
School Collection: 55200.4 School Total	
Total School Collection:	\$46,000
Total Budgeted School Collection:	\$35,000
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$11,000

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

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





SAINT PETER MUSIC SERIES

PRESENTS

A FESTIVAL IN LESSONS & CAROLS FOR ADVENT

Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 PM
At St Peter Catholic Church

*A light reception to follow in the church basement with cookies, soups and other treats.
The Rectory will be open during the reception for people to visit.*

Homebound Parishioners

We are updating our list of homebound parishioners and nursing home residents. If you know of someone needing a visit or pastoral care, please contact the parish office at 419-524-2572. If a family member or friend has moved from their home to a care facility, please call the parish office to update their address.

H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND
DECEMBER 9 & 10

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!

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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
Holly Barnes
MaKaya Butler
Marianne Cappadonna
Christine Caudill
Caroline Clark
Betty Connolly
Paul Conry
Josephine Contra
Frederick Dale
Scott Darnell
Kathy Deckard
Cherrie De La Paz
Adrian DeLeon
David Donley
Jeffrey Downing
Mick Frye SPHS '71
Micah Galuzny
Rick Gasper
Alan Gleisenger
Kathy Groff
Danny Kiehl
Jeannine Klotz
Cindy Lassen

Susan Leach
John & Cindy Lloyd
Krista Marshall
Danny Marti
Rosemary Musille
Kathy Nash
Dr. Kimberly Nemeth
Carol Pittenger
Lynn Raque
Stephanie Reynolds
Barbara Riley
Bill Ruhl
Colleen Schambre
Joan Schonhardt
Larry Strauser
Linda & Cindy Thompson
Sandy Trebonik
Sharon Valdry
Genevieve (Jenny) Wala
Beth Weiland
Penny Wendland
Gwen Yockey
Don Yockey
Michael Yoha

Saturday, December 23rd Mass Schedule

Saint Mary of the Snows—4:00 PM
Saint Peter—5:00 PM
Resurrection—6:00 PM



Sunday, December 24th

4 pm @ St. Mary
4 pm @ Resurrection
5 pm @ St. Peter
7 pm @ St. Peter
10 pm @ St. Peter

Monday, December 25th

8 am @ St. Peter
9 am @ St. Mary
9 am @ Resurrection
10 am @ St. Peter

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During the week before Christmas, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at each parish at 12noon and 6pm. Each day 3 priests will be present until all confessions are heard, but at least for 1 hour, as follows: Mon (P), Tue (M), Wed (P), Thu (R), Fri (P).

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 3, 2023

Monday	First Monday of Advent Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1; 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

St. Peter Community Outreach Ministry Outreach Meal

The next meal will be December 10 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.

Personal Care

Thank you to all who continue to make donations of personal care items for distribution during our outreach meal. Items needed include:

Washcloths
Shampoo & Conditioner
Body Wash

Shaving Cream
Combs & Brushes
Razors

Prison Ministry Corner

Thank you to all our generous parishioners who contributed in any way to the recent "big" events at Mansfield Correctional and Richland Correctional -- Fr. Kevin's Thanksgiving meal at ManCI and the annual Catholic Retreat at RiCI. Our brothers pray daily for our priests and parishes and are grateful for your tremendous support and interest. How fitting that we heard Matthew's Gospel last week as we ended the liturgical year and prepared for our special events: *Come...inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...I was in prison and you visited me...*

