



# Saint Peter

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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P E A C E M A K E R S

## PARISH CONTACTS

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**Weekday Mass:**  
Tue 8:00am  
Fri 12:00noon

**Weekend Mass:**  
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am

**Confession:**  
Saturday 4-4:30pm

**Adoration:**  
2nd Monday of  
Month 7-8:00pm

**Morning Prayer:**  
Mon, Wed 8:00am  
**Prayer Group:**  
Fri 12:30pm

On behalf of the entire St. Peter Catholic Parish community, we welcome you! Whether you are a parishioner, vacationer, or seeking a parish to call home, we hope that we can provide you with any desired information and spiritual support while you are here.



# St. Peter

CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Parish Organizations:

- \*Parish Council \* Finance Council \* Choir
- \* Servers \* Lectors \* Ushers \* Greeters
- \* Eucharistic Ministers \* Mission Society
- \* Grief Ministry \* Art & Environment
- \*St. Peter Prayer Group \* Divine Mercy
- \* Men's Group \* Youth Group

To register with our parish or to schedule the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office.

If you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Ken Kuruc at the parish office.

## MISSION STATEMENT

**We, the people of St. Peter Church are a community built on Jesus Christ, our foundation, rooted in the Gospel, and distinguished by a spirit of welcome and belonging. Therefore, we strive to worship joyfully, serve gladly, and be stewards of God's gifts. We nurture spiritual growth through faith formations and education. We support one another, reach out to all, spread the Gospel, and practice our faith in our daily lives.**

## Our Family of Ministry

<b>St. Edward</b> Ashland <a href="http://stedwardashland.org">stedwardashland.org</a>	<b>St. Stephen</b> West Salem <a href="http://ststephen.ws">ststephen.ws</a>	<b>Ashland University</b> <b>Newman Center</b> <a href="http://ashlandcatholic.org">ashlandcatholic.org</a>
Weekday Mass: Mon, Tue, Thu, & Fri 8:00am Wed 1:15pm	Weekday Mass: Mon & Thu 8:00am Wed 4:00pm	** Located in the Lower Chapel on campus, only when college is in session.
Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil 4:30pm Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am	Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil 4:00pm Sunday 10:30am	Weekend Mass: Sunday 4:30
Confession: Sat 3-4:00pm	Confession: Sat 3-3:45pm	Confession: Sun 4-4:30pm
Adoration: Thurs 8:30am- Sun 8:00am	Adoration: Wed 1-8:00pm	Newman Nights Adoration: Wed 8:30-9:30pm

Thanks to all who contributed in any way to make the "Blessing Box" possible. If you have a half-hour to spare during regular office hours, feel free to stop in to help make up meal bags. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please place in an envelope and mark with "Blessing Box". We will use the funds to buy items as needed. We do not need any food donations at this time.



## Morning Prayer

There will be NO Morning Prayer this week. Morning Prayer will resume on February 9.



Our next meeting is this Wednesday, February 4 @ 6:30pm in the meeting room at church. The group meets monthly and is open to all men of the parish.

## Church Directory Update



If you had your photo taken last month, you should have received your free 8x10 in the mail. Over the next several weeks we will be working on putting together the church directory. Based on responses received, we will now be including a roster at the back of the directory with contact information (i.e. address, phone & email) that we have on file. If you had your picture taken, you should have been asked whether you are OK with including this information. For those who did not have a photo taken, we still plan on including your information in the directory. If you do not wish it to be listed, please contact the parish office. Also, if you have any photos from recent Parish events that you would like to share, feel free to email them to Ken. We may not be able to use all photos but would rather have more than none. The plan is to have the directory completed by Easter.

## Lenten Program

Coming this Lent, we will have Soup Suppers that will look a little different than in the past. Each will begin with our usual sharing of a meal. After dinner, we will participate in broadcasts from St. Stephen and St. Edward, and during the second week host a presentation live at St. Peter. The topic for these first three weeks of Lent will be on "Understanding the Mass". Plan now to set aside your Tuesday evenings this Lent.



## 2026 Mission Buy Me Now/Auction

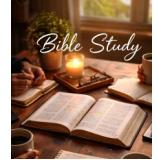
Our parish Mission Society will be hosting their annual Buy Me Now/Bid Auction the weekend of April 24-26. Last year we raised \$5500 toward our mission projects and local charities. If you have an item, gift card or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Susie Henley Piskur at 614-571-5357. Donations are needed by March 26, 2026.

## Bible Study with Fr. Jim

### Book of Judges: God's Struggle for Israel's Heart

Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9 AM in the meeting room as we journey through the Book of Judges. Judges recounts the earliest years of Israel's life in the promised land and the ongoing struggle to remain faithful to God in the midst of a polytheistic culture. It highlights the consequences of turning to idol worship, as well as God's merciful response to human disobedience. Together, we'll get to know the strange and imperfect figures God used to reveal His glory. No prior study is needed, and all are welcome.

- ♦ February 17: Introduction (Judges 1-3:6)
- ♦ March 17: Othniel, Ehud, Barak (Judges 3:7-5:31)
- ♦ April 21: Gideon & Jephthah (Judges 6:1-12:15)
- ♦ May 19: Samson (Judges 13:1-16:31)
- ♦ June 16: Conclusion (Judges 17-21)





Day	Date	Feast/Holiday			Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	Jan 31	Vigil	5:00 pm		Virginia & Andris Vistucis	Cathy Hier
Sunday	Feb 1	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am		Doug Voss	Connie Voss
Tuesday	Feb 3	Weekday	8:00 am		NO MASS	
Friday	Feb 6	Weekday	Noon		NO MASS	
Saturday	Feb 7	Vigil	5:00 pm		Deceased of the Kaylor & Strouse Families	Chuck & Rita Henley
Sunday	Feb 8	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am		Tom Brewer	Julia Brewer

All Masses are live-streamed on our Facebook page and at [www.loudonvillecatholic.org](http://www.loudonvillecatholic.org).

## upcoming events

Wed. Feb. 4 @ 6:30pm – Men's Group  
 Mon. Feb. 9 @ 7:00pm – Holy Hour  
 Tues. Feb. 10 @ 10:00pm – Beta  
 Sun. Feb. 15 @ 10:10am – Jr. High PSR  
 Mon. Feb. 16 @ 9:00am – Mission Meeting  
     President's Day (OFFICE CLOSED)  
 Wed. Feb. 18 @ 6:00pm – Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
 Fri. Feb. 20 @ 5:30pm – Stations of the Cross

Feb 8	Men's Group
Feb 15	Mission Society
Feb 22	Parish Families
Mar 1	Finance & Parish Councils



Are you looking for a way to deepen your Lenten season? Here are a few suggestions of books & printed guides to assist you on that journey.

Classic & Modern Favorites

• ***The Imitation of Christ*** — great for interior reflection during Lent.

• ***Journey to Easter*** (various publishers) — daily Lenten devotionals.

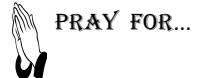
• ***Rediscover Lent by Matthew Kelly*** — accessible and motivational.

• ***Come, Follow Me: Daily Lenten Reflections with the Holy Family*** — family-friendly.

Traditional Lenten Classics

• ***Preparation for Easter*** (Dom Prosper Guéranger) — spiritual readings for each day of Lent.

• ***The Way of the Cross*** (various editions) — meditative Stations of the Cross prayers.



Lisa Newcomer,  
 Dave Snyder,  
 Joe & Deb Allerding,  
 David Hollinger,  
 David Adam,  
 John Kick,  
 Dorothy Thompson,  
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 Carol Roberts,  
 John Wagner,  
 Conner Butler,  
 Janet Van Kuren,  
 Stella Joel,  
 Jeanne Peterson,  
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 Fr. Elmer Marquard,  
 and for peace  
 throughout the world.



In today's Gospel we are presented with what are called the Beatitudes. Although they are the key to our happiness, at first look they don't necessarily come across that way. In fact, they seem a bit opposite of what we might expect or ask for. Should this be surprising to us? Much of the teaching of Jesus turned things upside down and about face. Living a true Christian life is not always straightforward, and not always easy. Yet if we embrace this manner of living, it can lead us to happiness that cannot be equaled. How is that possible? It is the way of the Kingdom of God. It is not one of fantasy or deception, but a reality that at times seems to be much different than what is observed. How does what Jesus says find a place in my life, and in what areas are there room to change?

### Stewardship Report

#### Weekly Offering



	1/21/26-1/26/26	Fiscal YTD
Offertory	\$1,424.00	\$124,259.05
General Fund Envelope	30.00	20,174.00
Unrestricted Donations and Bequests	100.00	17,463.82

#### Thank You!

Saint Peter parishioners are remarkably generous. Sharing a portion of our income with the Church is a sign everything belongs to God and we dedicate our "first fruits" to the work of the kingdom of Christ. Thank you so much for your faith and generosity.

Mass Time	Greeter	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Counting Team
February 7 5:00 pm	Bill & Lourene Heichel	Patrick Rall	Rob Turk	
February 8 9:00 am	Chuck Henley	Rita Henley	Kelly Esselburn	3

### Attention all Men!



You are cordially invited to attend the Diocese of Cleveland Annual Men's Conference on March 7th, at the Holiday Inn located at I-77 & Rockside Road in Independence. Join other men from around the Diocese and Northeast Ohio for a day of Faith, Food and Brotherhood. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. This year's speakers are Pete Burak, columnist & podcaster; Fr. Damian Ference, Vicar for Evangelization; and Bishop Edward C. Malesic, who will also celebrate a Vigil Mass at the end of the day. For more information & to register please visit [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com)

### Men's Retreat

The Damascus Men's Retreat takes place March 27-29 in Centerburg, Ohio and includes Mass, worship, prayer, adoration, keynote presentations, community and adventure. More information is available at [registration@damascus.net](mailto:registration@damascus.net)

### Behold—Woman's Retreat

The Behold Retreat is a mother-daughter retreat (any mother-daughter-like relationship) designed specifically for adult and teen women in the spirit of Mary's fiat. The retreat will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine on Saturday, March 21 from 10am to 4pm. The theme for 2026 is "Behold Friendship" with keynote speaker, Maggie Craig, author of Friendship Reset. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Damian Ference. Registration is now open. Only 150 tickets will be sold. More information can be found at [tobcle.org/behold](http://tobcle.org/behold) The retreat is a collaboration between the Diocese of Cleveland's Office of Marriage and Family Ministry and TOB CLE. Scholarships available. Please reach out to Maria Wancata at [mwancata@tobcle.org](mailto:mwancata@tobcle.org) with any questions.



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