



Saint Peter

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 17, 2026

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

PARISH CONTACTS

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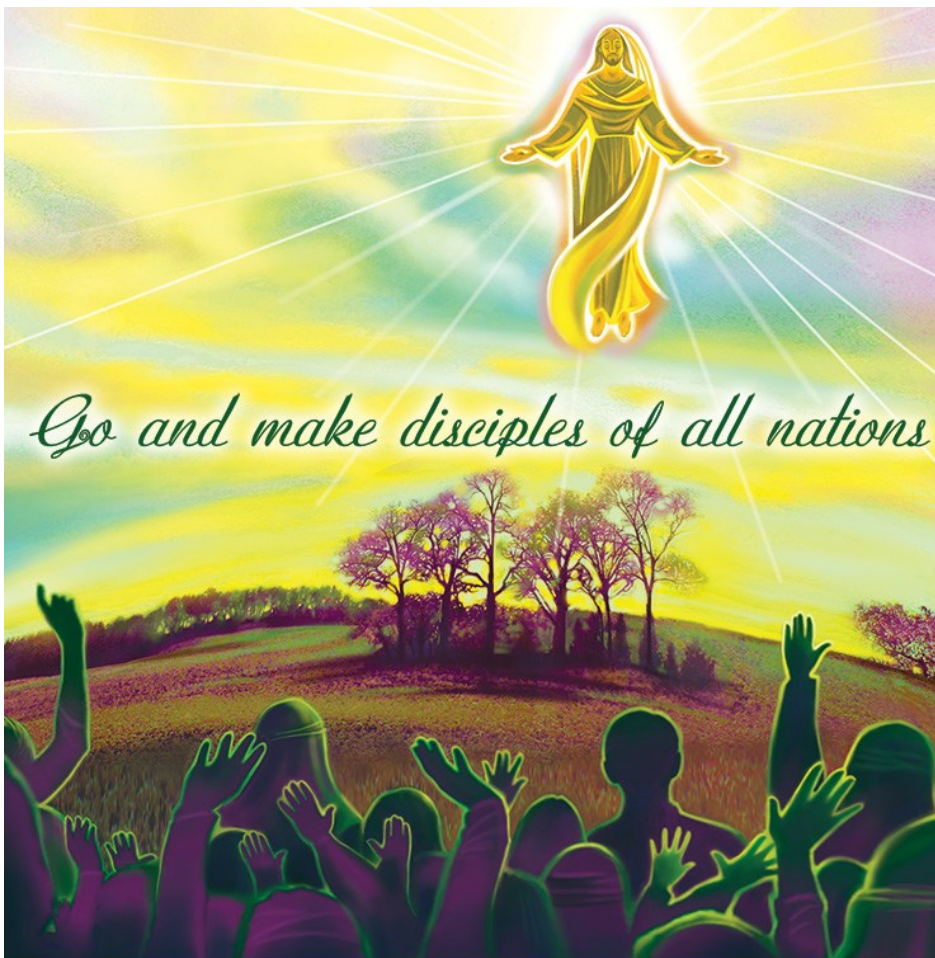
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Go and make disciples of all nations

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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.

Deadline for bulletin submissions is Tuesday at noon.



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.

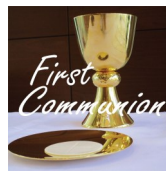
Our Family of Ministry

St. Edward Ashland stedwardashland.org	St. Stephen West Salem ststephen.ws	Ashland University Newman Center ashlandcatholic.org
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

Bible Study with Fr. Jim

Book of Judges: God's Struggle for Israel's Heart
Join us every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9 AM in the meeting room as we journey through the Book of Judges. No prior study is needed, and all are welcome.

- ◆ May 19: Samson (Judges 13:1-16:31)



Congratulations to Isabel Allering, Jackson Donley and Paisley Allering who are receiving their First Holy Communion at the 9:00am Mass this Sunday.



The Mission Society will have their next meeting Monday, May 18th in the church basement at 9:00. There will be breakfast and a brief meeting followed by project work. All ladies are welcome!



If you knew that an hour could change your life and help solve your problems, would you make that sacrifice? Consider spending an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament this Monday, May 18 at 7:00pm. The hour consists of a short prayer service followed by a time of private reflection and adoration.



There will be a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, May 24 (Memorial Weekend) from 10:00 – 11:30am. Anyone wanting to help with this parish event please contact Chuck Henley at 419-606-5270.



For quite some time, the question of whether we should kneel or stand after the "Lamb of God" has come up at just about every gathering and meeting at the parish. This has caused questions, confusion, and distraction, especially with visitors from other dioceses. Is it more reverent to stand or kneel? Kneeling and standing are equally reverent. To be clear, the Diocese is following what the Church has taught since 1969 as our posture during communion. However, this teaching was never widely accepted or practiced. The different practices between our parishioners and visitors, and even among our parishioners, have become a distraction to focus on the reception of the Eucharist. This distraction has also introduced division into our worship when we should be focused on receiving Our Lord. Because this question keeps coming up, the leadership of St. Peter, St. Stephen and St. Edward have discussed this. We balanced the two sides: 1) Listening to what the Church has asked, giving it the weight of what we are called to do; 2) Listening to the hearts of the people, and the desire for reverence before the Lord. In the end, we concluded that it is better for all to kneel after the Lamb of God because this is the most common posture in the United States. We also concluded that kneeling after the reception of communion would be observed. You may ask: Are we being disobedient if we kneel? No, the Church does not demand conformity. We are trying to address a complex issue with pastoral care. Our focus must be on receiving the Eucharist and not on distraction and division. We do ask, though, that all continue to sing the communion song until communion is completed. We are hoping to institute this more uniform practice NEXT WEEKEND at both Masses and moving forward.



Day	Date	Feast/Holiday	Time	Symbol	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	May 16	Vigil	5:00 pm	✙	John & Jean Gardner	Linda Bucher
Sunday	May 17	The Ascension of the Lord	9:00 am	✙	Fromme & Stitzlein Families	Lee & Diana Fromme
Tuesday	May 19	Easter Weekday	8:00 am		Morgan & Jake Garagiola	Katie Evans
Friday	May 22	Easter Weekday	Noon	✙	Allison Bucher & Lindsay Austin Carrol	Bruce & Mary Davis
Saturday	May 23	Vigil	5:00 pm		People of St. Peter	
Sunday	May 24	Pentecost Sunday	9:00 am	✙	Linus & Gertrude Allerdig	Renata & Tom Lunt

All Masses are live-streamed on our Facebook page and at www.loudonvillecatholic.org.

upcoming events

- Mon. May 18 @ 9:00am – Mission Society
- @ 7:00pm – Holy Hour
- Tues. May 19 @ 9:00am – Bible Study
- Sun. May 24 Pancake Breakfast
- Mon. May 25 Memorial Day (Office Closed)
- Tues. May 26 @ 10:00am – Beta
- Wed. May 27 @ 6:45pm – Youth Group
- Mon. June 1 @ 5:30pm – Pastoral Council
- Sun. June 7 @ 10:00am – Eucharistic Procession
- Mon. June 8 @ 7:00pm – Holy Hour
- Tues. June 9 @ 10:00am – Beta



We have talked about offering donuts and coffee during the summer months for both parishioners and our seasonal visitors. We tried this for a limited period last year and it was well received. However, to continue such a program, we need more volunteers. Donuts would be provided by the parish, but we need 2-3 helpers each Sunday to set up a table outside, put out the donuts and coffee, and to take everything back inside when finished. The commitment would be for 20-30 minutes after Sunday Mass. A signup sheet will be available at the entrance of the church beginning next weekend. We will only do this if we have volunteers. It is a great opportunity for us as a parish to welcome our visitors and to continue fellowship among ourselves.



PRAY FOR...

- Madalyn Furno,
- Rhonda Ramos,
- Ray McGann,
- Rosa Leonard,
- Barb Davis,
- Sam Solon,
- Lisa Newcomer,
- Dave Snyder,
- Joe & Deb Allerdig,
- David Adam,
- John Kick,
- Dorothy Thompson,
- Larry Kline,
- Sam & Flora Taghiani
- Elizabeth Ferguson,
- Erin Smith,
- Bill Heichel,
- Kathy Miller,
- Lori Baker,
- Eleanor Chapman,
- Sharon Gosche,
- Barb Walls,
- Carol Roberts,
- John Wagner,
- Conner Butler,
- Janet Van Kuren,
- Stella Joel,
- Jeanne Peterson,
- Josephine Grega,
- Everett Flottrud,
- Midge McKinley,
- Marg Leffler,
- Sr. Joan Rader,
- Fr. Elmer Marquard,
- and for peace throughout the world.

Ken's

Today we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord in our Diocese and in many others throughout the nation. Did you know that the Ascension was previously celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation that always fell on a specific day during the Sixth Week of Easter? The answer appears somewhere in this bulletin. The Vatican first approved this transfer in 1999, but several Dioceses in the U.S. still hold to the original date of 40 days after Easter. You might ask why such a change was made. Doing so allows greater exposure and a more solemn celebration of the Holyday when the focus can be greater and in most instances removed from a typical work week. Why not change all Holydays to Sundays? Because it is important to maintain the theological significance of certain dates, such as Christmas, and honor the tradition that goes along with certain celebrations. Think about it in terms of celebrating your birthday. You might move a celebration to the weekend so that more family or friends can join you, yet the actual birth date is significant and can't be changed. While we don't want to get bogged down with details, sometimes understanding what, why, how and when we observe something does matter.

Stewardship Report



	5/5/26-5/11/26	Fiscal YTD
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General Fund Envelope	Information not available at the time of printing	
Unrestricted Donations and Bequests		

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
May 23 5:00 pm	Mary Davis	Kayla Vistucis	Linda O'Brien	
May 24 9:00 am	Jerry & Judy Dudte	Larry Henley	Kelly Esselburn	2



Please join us in praying for our youth and their leaders that will be going on a mission trip in June to Black Mountain, NC to assist those in need.

Heavenly Father, we lift up our youth as they prepare to be your hands and feet. Fill them with Your Holy Spirit, giving them wisdom to serve and courage to share Your love. We pray they return changed, with a deeper faith and a passion for Your work. In Jesus' name, Amen.



**St. Peter, St. Edward, St. Stephen
Par for the Parish Golf Outing**
Friday, July 31, 2026 @ 9:00 AM
Brookside Golf Course
Ashland, OH



Please join us at Brookside Golf Course in Ashland on Friday, July 31 for the Inaugural "Par for the Parish" Golf Outing, hosted by St. Peter, St. Stephen, and St. Edward Parishes! Registration is open to the first 25 teams who sign up. Golfers will enjoy an 18-hole scramble as well as lunch and dinner. There will be opportunities to participate in raffles and prize competitions on the course! Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers.

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