

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, July 14 + Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha**

- 5:00 pm Rosary
- 5:30 pm Peter Thoma (anniversary)

**Tuesday, July 15 + Bonaventure**

- 6:30 am Anna Loris
- 12:00 noon Phyllis & John Stone

**Wednesday, July 16 +Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

- 6:30 am James Passerini

**Thursday, July 17**

- 6:30 am Eveard Penrose
- 12:00 noon Special Intention

**Friday, July 18 + Camilus de Lellis**

- 6:30 am Elizabeth Knapp
- 5:00 pm Rosary
- 5:30 pm Delores Pitroff

**Saturday, July 19**

- 8:00 am Communion Service
- 5:00 pm Parish

**Sunday, July 20**

- 7:30 am Dorothy Gemzer Friend
- 9:30 am Lawrence Yost
- 11:30 am Virgil Wurth

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**LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**

**Saturday, July 19**

- 5:00 L. T Studer, C Taddeo **D.** Deacon Philpott, D Falquette, C&D Campbell, D DeCenso, D Hipp, L Kreinbihl, B Nihei, K Yockey

**Sunday, July 20**

- 7:30 L. K Paugh, C Dorsey **D.** Deacon Philpott, M Collet, Sr Paula, J Kulka, B Linkenbach, S Santoro, B Weiland
- 9:30 L. Sr Bernard Marie, J Reidl **D.** Deacon Marshall, A Dillon, B Connolly, R Renie, J Brennan, I Cervinski, D Dreskler, T Etwiler, D Forster, J Hunt, J Kastelic, A Merle, J Reef, C&J Gonzalez
- 11:30 L. J Gies, C Eighinger **D.** D Marshall, R Wilson, J Clark, M Hill, Liston, Jerger, Mears, T&C Quicksall

**MASS SERVERS**

**Saturday, July 19**

- 5:00 P&T Zitko, R Studer

**Sunday, July 20**

- 7:30 M Gong, V VanDerGriend, M McCarrick
- 9:30 A Reef, A Nelson, J Merle
- 11:30 P, A, & Z Jerger

**COUNTERS**

**July 20** - M Robetson, V Chirico, G Wala, H Hegarty



**See you at the FESTIVAL!**

*Hello Everyone,*

This last month has probably been the time of the most transition in my life. I just graduated from the undergraduate program at the Josephinum, spent a few days on vacation, moved my things back home, and finally settled for the summer here at St. Peter's. This time in my life could be very difficult, but it has all worked itself out wonderfully in God's providence. I



believe I am exactly where I should be. God has prepared this place for me in His love.

Moving out of College seminary is an important step in my formation toward the priesthood. With this important step, which I have looked forward to in many ways, comes a break away from a community at the Josephinum, my home for the last three years, and from my closest friends. Now God has a whole new community set aside for me at St. Meinrad school of Theology, where I will do my graduate studies in theology. In between these two seminaries is a long potentially lonely summer. Filling this gap in my life is what you at St. Peter's have done.

In spite of what many modern philosophers think, humans are unalterably good and are naturally drawn into community. We are not forced into community by some sort of social contract which is formed due to necessity or utility. We want to love and be loved. This is the core of what it is to be human. This is the core of our relationship with God, and we yearn at a deep level to live this out with one another.

After saying "see you later," either in this life or the next, to my closest friends at seminary, moving into my first parish assignment brought with it much uncertainty. I was going to be living with three priests who were little more than acquaintances in a city which I had only driven through a couple times. The one thing I was being called to do in this situation was Trust. The Lord had prepared this place for me.

In my short time here, I have discovered that St. Peter's is a community of love. Because of this, my difficult period of transition has been extremely blessed. I have met so many great people, experienced untold generosity, and have already had many opportunities to learn what ministry is all about. Just remember that we have never "arrived." Love has little to do with just being good enough, living up to expectations, or just following the written law, but love is generosity, charity, and kindness that knows no limits and always must grow more profound. To everyone here at St. Peter's, thank you for the love you have shown me and the warm welcome into your community. Please pray for me as I continue to discern God's will for my life.

*Andrew Reinhart, Seminarian Diocese of Toledo*

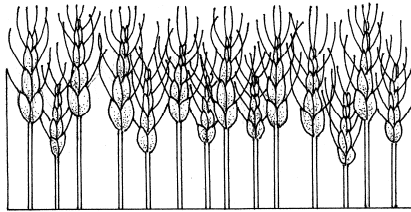
**Is your marriage breaking your heart?** On the weekend of August 15-17, 2008, the Retrouvaille Program will begin working with a new group of couples that want to rebuild their troubled marriages. Retrouvaille ("retro-vie") is a program, which offers help to couples who live in the pain of a troubled marriage. You can learn more about the program by calling (800) 470-2230 or 419-874-1914 (Toledo area) or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

**CATHOLIC CHRONICLE** - Can't wait for the *Chronicle* to be delivered every month? Get local, national and international Catholic news every day at [www.catholicchronicle.org](http://www.catholicchronicle.org). Other helpful links include information on advertising, subscriptions, editorial guidelines and an RSS feed.




You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

*Psalm 65:12*

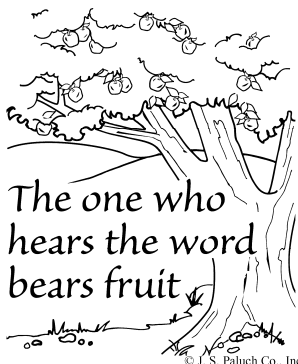


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**Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish,**  
*Sarah Valdry, Clarisa Aban, Anne B. Birk, Beulah Killinger, John Lemley, Paula Renie, Beverly Freiheit, Kathy Bias, Leanna Christi, Teresa Gallizzi, Hilde Kleinguetl, Peter Zimmerman, Kevin Steele family, Cathy Smith, Rosario Carlson, James Madden, Melissa Hunter, Millie Aukerman, Dolly Vidonish, Dr. Felipe Fernandez, Betty LaFollatte, Catherine Nixon, Bill Reale, Evelyn Morahan, Trey Riggle, Kacey Weitzel*

**DID YOU KNOW...**Communal Worship is not merely an obligation, but more like taking a "vitamin" - it nourishes us, guides and strengthens us so that we can get through our daily lives. The presence of the community reminds us that we are not alone! *Confirmation Manual* by R. J. Reichert



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**YOUTH CORNER**



Looking Ahead:  
 July 14-20: Please pray for the pilgrims attending World Youth Day Sidney, OH and Sydney Australia

- Wed. Aug 13 Confirmation class
- Wed. Aug. 20 PSR Teacher meeting
- Wed. Sept 10 Confirmation class
- Wed. Sept 17 PSR Parent 1st class
- Wed. Sept 24 PSR 1-6
- Sat. Sept. 27 Confirmation retreat 2008 candidates 9-1
- Wed. Oct 1 PSR - 1-6 & Confirmation 2009 Parent meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. Oct 4 Confirmation 2009 Parent meeting Repeat 9:30 a.m.

For more information on Parish Youth activities/Parish School of Religion (PSR)/ Confirmation/First Eucharist, please contact: Sheila Hershiser 419-524-2572 ext. 2114 Confirmation classes 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month 6:00-7:45 p.m. Atrium

**First Communion photos** are available in the Parish Center Office.

**SUNDAY NURSERY** - Every Sunday during 9:30 and 11:30 Mass, our nursery is open. It is located in the Day Care Center in the basement of the High School. The entrance is located at the back of the building. Simply ring the bell and the nursery worker will let you in. any questions, please call Karin Manning, 419-610-4831.

**Weekly Offering**

June 29, 2008



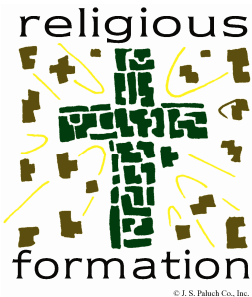
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Sunday	\$ 16,387.00	
Children	\$ 22.65	
Mailed in	\$ 1,015.00	
<u>Direct Deposit</u>	<u>\$ 242.00</u>	
Total	\$ 17,666.65	<i>Thank You!</i>

July 6, 2008

Sunday	\$ 18,153.00	
Children	\$ 13.35	
Mailed in	\$ 964.00	
<u>Direct Deposit</u>	<u>\$ 2,575.00</u>	
Total	\$ 21,705.35	<i>Thank You!</i>

THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO is accepting applications NOW for the 8 month weekend program that begins in September. The application deadline is August 1st, 2008.



Visit the diocesan website to find out more and obtain an application form: [www.toledodiocese.org](http://www.toledodiocese.org) (click on Evangelization, scroll to Lay Ministry Formation and click on that link) Or contact the Lay Ministry Office: 419-244-6711 Email: [cmurar@toledodiocese.org](mailto:cmurar@toledodiocese.org)

*Completion and submission of an application form does not ensure acceptance into the program.* The site for Year I will be Mercy College in Toledo and possibly St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin. **The minimum number of participants for a site is 10.**

**FESTIVAL SCHEDULE**

Friday July 18 (Adult night): 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.



- Adult games of chance, food, and beverages.
- Live music by Rock Moore Entertainment.

Visit with former classmates, parishioners, family, and friends.

Saturday July 19: Noon – 11 p.m.

- 5K run—Registration at 7:30 am., race starts at 8:00 in front of the K of C.
  - **NEW - This year, for the first time, we have added a doubles Corn Hole Tournament.** Registration 9:30-10:30 am., Open Boards 10:30-11:00, Play begins at 11:00. Double elimination. Entry--\$40/team. Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup>--\$300, 2<sup>nd</sup>--\$150, 3<sup>rd</sup>--\$75 (Based on 32 teams).
  - NEW – Balloon Splash (It's the modern day version of the dunk tank).
  - Pasta dinner is from 4 – 7 p.m.
  - Live Music by Dr. Simple from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
  - Live Music by The Caffiends from 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.
  - Inflatable rides and games for children (until 10 p.m.)
- Adult games of chance.

Sunday July 20: Noon – 7 p.m.

- Noon until 4 p.m. is the mouth-watering BBQ Chicken dinner (also available in carry out)
  - Live DJ—Hit Man Entertainment from 1-3 p.m.
  - Adult games of chance.
- Inflatable rides and games for children.



***“Hope & Healing”***  
**Bereavement Ministry**

Our next **Prayer Shawl Monthly Gathering** will be on **Wednesday, July 30** from 2:00–3:30 in St. Paul's room in the Parish Center.

Our next monthly **Grief Support Meeting** will be on **Wednesday, August 6** at 6:30 p.m. in the Franciscan Activity Center.



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If you have a loved one die and their funeral services are not arranged through St. Peter's Parish, please call the Parish Center to let us know. We will include your loved one in our prayers at mass, in the bulletin, the All Soul's Mass, and offer bereavement support

to you as needed.

We continue to have **Funeral Planning booklets** in the Parish Center Office. If you have any questions about anything in the area of funeral planning and bereavement ministries, please call Sandy at 524-2572.

**TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. PETER'S PARISH:**



*The World Youth Day Pilgrims would like to thank all of you for your generous support for all of our fundraising effort. God will surely smile down upon you for all of the generosity that you have shown to us. We will be thinking of you and praying for you while we make this holy journey.*

*Again, thank you so much for your generosity. May God bless you and keep you all the days of your life.*

*Blessing and Prayers from the World Youth Day Pilgrims  
Amanda Colarosa, Emily Krehnovi, Landree Rennpage,  
Ben Vaccaro, Anne Modic, Margaret Modic.*

**BLUE BARRELS - are out this weekend - July 12 - 13.**

**RECYCLING IN AUGUST** - Our next Recycling date is Friday, August 8 in the Franciscan Activity Center Parking Lot from 9 to 10 a.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please note: when the trailer is full, they must leave. **BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER, THE HOURS WILL BE CHANGED. RECYCLING WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.**

**FESTIVAL NEXT WEEKEND!**

**July 18-19-20**

at the K of C grounds on Park Ave. West. We have so many ways to be supportive...

- Come to the Adult Evening Friday, July 18, from 7-11 p.m. -- and invite friends, fellow alumni, and co-workers.
- Participate in the 5K Run as runner or volunteer Sat., July 19. **Race starts at 8:00 a.m.** Contact Jen at Jen@Gatchall.com.



- Bake delicious items for the Cake Wheel booth and for Sunday Chicken Dinner dessert. Baked goods can be brought to the K of C hall during the day Friday and throughout the Festival.

- Volunteer a few hours at a booth. Many new parishioners have said they felt so at home in the parish after volunteering at the Festival. If you haven't yet heard from a booth captain, call Mary 419-522-1838.



- Sell (and buy!) raffle tickets for the Grand Prize (\$10,000 or Pontiac G6 lease) and for a chance to win \$41 each hour (must be present to win the hourly prize + ticket will be returned to hopper for Grand Prize drawing Sunday at 7 p.m.).



- Buy LOTS of raffle tickets for the fantastic Dinner at the Rectory!
- Plan to come for Pasta Dinner Sat., 4 to 7 and for Barbecued Chicken Dinner Sunday noon to 4 in air-conditioned dining hall. (Chicken dinner drive-thru will also be available Sunday from noon to 4.)

- Pray daily this week for good weather.

Our Festival gives us so many opportunities to live our parish mission statement...to enthusiastically share His Good News through our hospitality, welcoming, and having fun. See you at the Festival!



**ATTENTION TRAVELERS:** How about a trip to ROME? We are in the process of planning a March 2009 trip to Rome, Italy. Any questions? Call Terry (419-526-0265) or Fran (884-0964)

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**KINDERGARTEN SCREENING** St. Peter's Elementary School will be screening students of kindergarten age who are registered for the 2008-2009 school year on Thursday, August 14. The August date is *ONLY* for those who enroll during the summer. Call the school office (419-524-3351) if you are interested in enrolling your child.



**High School & Junior High Summer Office Hours:**

Closed Monday, June 30 – Friday, August 1, 2008  
Open for new school year on Monday, August 4 (9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.)

**The Elementary School office hours** will resume on Monday, August 4 (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

**St. Joseph Festival in Tiffin this weekend:** July 12, 3-11 p.m. and July 13, noon-10 p.m.. Grand prize is \$10,000 & over 65 prizes in the Super Raffle. Baked chicken dinners with all the fixin's dine in, drive thru or carryout beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. Family festival with games, rides, garage sale, bingo and great food!

**St. Joseph, Plymouth Festival - Sunday, July 20.** Chicken BBQ & Ham dinners, 11 to 5 p.m. Reverse Raffles at 4 p.m.

**St. Gaspar Church (Marywood) near Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellvue - Festival Sunday, July 27,** Chicken, Ribs, & Ham Dinners. 11 to 5 p.m.

**THE PARADE WAS GREAT!!!** Yes, the Mansfield Bicentennial Parade on Saturday, June 28, was absolutely great! If you were able to be there as a participant or if you were in the crowd enjoying the spectacle, you know that it was a lot of fun! Weather was great with the rain holding off until afternoon. A very BIG THANK YOU to Terry Philpott, our St. Peter's Parish-St. Peter's Parish School float construction engineer, who spent hours cutting 2 x 4s, painting, nailing, etc. A very BIG THANK YOU, too, to members of Catholic Charities, Respect Life, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Ka-Cets, St. Peter's Boy Scouts, St. Peter's Cub Scouts, and St. Peter's Parish School families who marched alongside the parade float, representing St. Peter's with pride! Thank you! Thank you! There is a great photo on the St. Peter's Parish "news" page.

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

*Mansfield Ambulance  
369 Marion Ave.  
Emergencies 419-525-3311*



**St. Peter's**  
 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Family  
**Festival**  
 July 18-20

- **Friday 7 - 11 pm (Adult Night)**  
 Adult games of chance, food, beverages  
 & live entertainment by Rock Moore
- **Saturday noon - 11 pm**
- **Sunday noon - 7 pm**

Located at K of C (Knights of Columbus Hall) on  
 Park Ave. West (next to Value City Furniture)

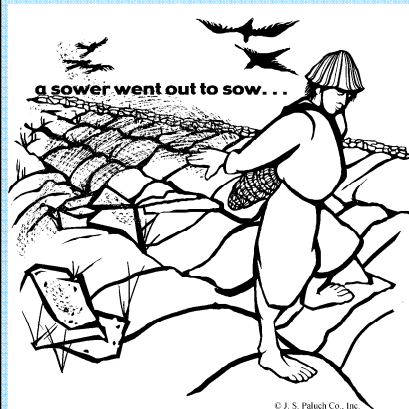
**SECULAR FRANCISCANS** - or anyone interested in learning more about being an SFO: Please join us this Thursday, July 17, at Resurrection Parish at 7 p.m. for Mass followed by a time of prayer, learning and fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Marla 419-756-3379 or Rita 419-610-3270.

St. Peter's "**Summer Fun Weekend**" on Saturday, August 9, and Sunday, August 10, has a full schedule of activities including a golf outing, 5K adult run, Alumni Whiffleball game, noon Mass, children's mini-runs, campus building tours, prizes, hot dogs and other snacks, and fun, fun, fun!! Schedule of activities and registration forms for special events was published in your June issue of "Family" and is also online at [www.mansfieldstpeters.org](http://www.mansfieldstpeters.org). We hope you can join us for any/all activities!

**CRESTLINE ST. JOSEPH'S LINCOLN HWY. GARAGE SALE** - Aug. 7, 8, & 9. Call Cyril Cochran 419-683-1544 or the parish office 419-683-2015 to rent a space or purchase a ticket. Refreshments, raffle, air conditioning!

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Reflection** - How often have we heard someone say something to us and when he or she has finished we think to ourselves, "Now what in the world did he/she say?" Or read something and when we finish think, "I haven't got the foggiest idea what I just read." This Sunday we begin a whole series of gospels that present us with one after another of Jesus' parables about the kingdom. It's as though the gospel writer knew that it would take us more than one week to catch on to what the kingdom of God really is. Patiently—ever so patiently—we are drawn deeper and deeper into the mystery of understanding with our hearts and being converted and healed (see gospel).



The parable in this Sunday's gospel describes four different conditions under which the seed is sown—three of which thwart its growth. Nevertheless, an abundant harvest is guaranteed because it is God's work and it cannot be thwarted. Despite present hardships, despite rejection and obstinacy, God's kingdom will be established and Jesus' mission will be accomplished—a hundredfold. Despite the conditions of where the seed falls, there is an abundant harvest. The abundant harvest can be understood in two ways.

First, and most obviously, the abundant harvest is the word of God that falls on good soil and grows to abundant fruitfulness. The first part of this gospel mentions different kinds of soil while the last part of the gospel mentions the seed itself. In both parts of the gospel the sower remains the same: God. God sends the divine word to earth like falling rain (see first reading); the Son of God scatters God's word across the earth in flagrant dispersal of life. Despite the rejection of Jesus' preaching, despite the difficulties of inaugurating the kingdom, the outcome is assured: God's kingdom will be established.

Second, faithful disciples are part of God's abundant harvest. The center portion of the longer form of the gospel deals with why Jesus speaks in parables. Parables cannot be understood at the level of language or even of figures of speech; parables can only be understood by those who have open and understanding hearts. "To anyone who has" this kind of heart, he or she "will grow rich." We ourselves, then, are part of the abundant harvest!

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — My word will not return to me void, but will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

**Psalm** — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

**Second Reading** — We, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

**Gospel** — Some seed fell on the path, some on rocky ground, and some among thorns. But some also fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

## SOW THE SEED

Sow everywhere the good seed given to you. Sow in good ground, sow in sand, sow among the stones, sow on the road, sow among the weeds. Perhaps some of these seeds will open up and grow and bring forth fruit, even if not at once.

—Seraphim of Sarov



**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's gospel Jesus "left the house" so He could connect with His Father. Grasp 5 minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.