

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 9, 2015



Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it.

He prayed for death saying:

"This is enough, O LORD!

Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers."

He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat.

Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water.

After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered,

"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"

He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

1 Kings 19:4-8

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,
11:30 am

Monday & Friday 5:30 pm
Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 am

Spanish Mass:

Resurrection Parish, Lexington

Sunday: 6:00 pm

Phones:

Rectory & Parish Center: 419-524-2572
Convent: 419-524-2572
High School, Jr. High: 419-524-0979
Grade School: 419-524-3351
Montessori: 419-524-3351

Fax: 419-522-2553
Gifts to Msgr. Dunn Foundation:
419-524-2572 Ext. 2125

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 am - 8:30 pm
Friday: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Parish Business Manager:

Mr. Jerry Straub

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Center to

begin plans for the baptism of your baby or child.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Other times by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months in advance of the ceremony.

Sunday Nursery: Every Sunday during 9:30 and 11:30 am Mass, located in the Day Care Center in the basement of the High School.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 12:00 noon. All requests must be submitted in writing or email.

Website:

www.mansfieldstpeters.org

Staff emails are found on the website

Pastoral Staff:

Fr. Gregory R. Hite, *Pastor*

Fr. Jeremy Miller, *Parochial Vicar*

Mr. Bill Johnson,

Director of Music & Liturgy

Ms. Lynne Lukach, *Pastoral Associate*

Mrs. Elizabeth Wurm, *Director of Religious Ed. & Youth Minister*

Deacons: Mr. Terry Philpott
Mr. John Reef

St. Peter's School System:

Mr. Michael Wasiniak

High School, Jr. High School

Mrs. Madalyn Bauer

Elementary School

Mrs. Tammy Kemerling *Montessori*

Pastoral Care Contacts:

Mrs. Vickie Palmer 419-524-2572
Hospital & Follow-up

Mrs. Vickie Palmer 419-524-2572
Nursing Homes/Assisted Living & Prayer Pipeline

Deacon John Reef 419-529-3694
Shut-ins/Homebound

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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, August 10** +Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm North Central Ohio Vocations Club

Tuesday, August 11 +Clare, Virgin

7:00 am John "Bud" Luers

Wednesday, August 12 *Weekday*

7:00 am Harry Welsh

Thursday, August 13 *Weekday*

7:00 am Sylvester Thomas

Friday, August 14 +Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Isabel Stuht

Saturday, August 15 *The Assumption of the BVM / Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am John Groff (anniversary)

5:00 pm Fancher/Blank Families

Sunday, August 16 *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Patrick Curran

11:30 am The Sisters of St. Francis

LECTOR / COMMUNION MINISTER**Saturday, August 15**

5:00 pm L J Cappadonna, P Noser D B Schartl, D DeCenso, P Dignan, D Falquette, D&T Hipp, B Linkenbach, M Monroe, V Zack

Sunday, August 16

7:30 am L B Danuloff, T Murphy D K Randall, L Danuloff, J Gehrisch, B Marshall, J Morvai, K Stone, need one

9:30 am L M Meinzer, J Riedl D D Dreskler, B Connolly, R&C Freeman, S Herlihy, F Schuster, S Weber, L&T Speelman, need two

11:30 am L L Lukach, S Rizzo D F Leitenberger, C Becker, F Craig, J Laskey, J Liston, S Rizzo, M Selby, J Wendling, K Yockey, need four

MASS SERVERS**Saturday, August 15**

5:00 pm J Keffalas, Z Keffalas, B Dix

Sunday, August 16

7:30 am J Ramey, Abi Baldasare, G Farragher

9:30 am T Staab, A Salzgeber, S Ambrose

11:30 am E Rizzo, J Rizzo, W Laskey

Counters - August 16

M Rennpage, T Rennpage, B Riley, D&C Forster



The Elementary School building is almost open for business! We have been busy scrubbing carpets, washing floors, cleaning windows, painting, and taking down walls.

We are very pleased to say we received "Full Accreditation" by the

OHIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ACCREDITING ASSOCIATION.

The entire staff worked very hard on this several year process and now we can move forward implementing our new plan. The cycle continues on an annual basis. We will be working on Catholic Social Teaching and new methodology called Universal Design for Learning. Universal Design for Learning is a set of principles for curriculum development that give all individuals equal opportunities to learn. This will be a four-year process!

We have several new staff members to welcome aboard: Karen Kassimer, Intervention Specialist; Amanda Stephens, 1st/3rd grade teacher; Diane Stewart, School Nurse; Susan Brafford, Art teacher, Maureen Finnen, 5th/6th grade Religion teacher and Christine Havrisko, Classroom Tutor. We look forward to working with this new team.

Summer is almost over and I am anxious to see the smiling faces of the children as they walk through our doors again. We have many new families to whom I want to extend a warm welcome. See everyone soon.....

Madalyn Bauer, Elementary Principal

MASS IN SPANISH

Mass in Spanish is celebrated each Sunday at **Resurrection Parish, Lexington, Ohio, at 6:00 pm.** All parishioners within the Tri-Parish area are welcome to participate.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish



Krista Marshall, Michael Davis II, Madeline Taddeo, Helen Green, Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Brittany McCough, Charles Koehler, Dan Gregory, Joe Burke, Greg Zak, Mark Alt, Rita McCartney, Theresa Prendergast, Madeline Barrett, Don Blank, Aaron Blank, Carol Chambers, Lee Collins, Toby

Philpott

Names will only be listed for 4 weeks. If you wish to have your name appear an additional 4 week period, contact the Parish Center at 419-524-2572.

In God's Arms: Brian David Ashley, Eileen Eckels

Prayers & Blessings for Inactive Catholics

Lord Jesus, for a variety of reasons, many people who once worshiped as faithful Catholics no longer attend Mass, receive the sacraments or embrace the faith. May your Holy Spirit continue to reach out to them and may they always find in the Church a community ready to receive them once more, hear their concerns and grow together in faith. Amen.

Pastoral Care Ministry

Illness strikes us all with the realization of our own fragility and our powerlessness to change things. The Gospel of Mark tells the story of a father who desperately asks Jesus to help his daughter who is on the threshold of death. He is an example of both profound trust in Jesus and of how fear can challenge our faith. Your role, like that father, is to bring the sick to Jesus and Jesus to the sick. Consider becoming a minister of the Eucharist to the sick in our parish or visit fellow parishioners who are homebound - a simple, profound act of compassion that can overcome fear.

Prayerfully consider doing pastoral care ministry (bringing Jesus to the hospitalized, nursing home or homebound.) Call Vickie Palmer (419-524-2572) for more information.

Also, if you have a family member or friend who is homebound, in a nursing home or hospitalized, especially if they go through the emergency room, call the Parish Center to let us know. If they go to a hospital other than Ohio Health/MedCentral, let us know when they return home. Someone from St. Peter would visit them and bring them the Eucharist.



Exciting New Things in the PSR Program!

We hope you can join us for some exciting new opportunities in the PSR program this year! We are adding a special needs program to what we currently offer. If you have a child or know of someone who has a child with special needs and would like to attend the PSR program let us know. In addition, we will be adding a high school program and a preschool program. Both the high school program and the preschool program will be meeting just once a month on Wednesdays. If you would like more information please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org.



A NIGHT AT THE RACES



Our Spartan Athletic Boosters event, "A Night at the Races" will be held **Saturday, August 29, 2015 from 6:00-11:00 p.m. at the Mid Ohio Conference Center. Great food and adult games. Tickets now available in the Parish Center office.** Please plan to attend and join us in some fun hosing around!

North Central Ohio Vocations Club will be meeting Monday, August 10th in the Franciscan Activity Center after the 5:30 Mass. Fr. Vince Hawk, pastor of Loudonville St. Peter and chaplain of the Newman Center at Ashland University, will be our guest presenter. Guests are welcome. Cost for dinner is only \$7.00. If you have any questions, please contact Moni Massa at moniconnects@catholicexchange.com.

The Bible Study Group has taken a summer break and will resume on Thursday, September 10, 2015, in Assisi Hall. We will resume the study of "Acts of the Apostles" and complete the book around the beginning of Advent.

In January 2016, a new Bible Study will be offered. Registration for "The Great Adventure," a study of the entire Bible, will begin sometime in November 2015. "The Great Adventure" is a 24 week study that will commence in January 2016. We will take a summer break and resume in the Fall 2016. We will complete the study sometime before Advent in 2016.

If you really want to understand the background of our Faith, studying the Bible will give you the tools.

Daughters of Isabella, Joan of Arc Circle #380, will have a covered dish dinner with a meeting to follow, on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Assisi Hall at St. Peters School.

SUNDAY OFFERING

August 2, 2015



Regular Sunday	\$	18,067.00
School	\$	3,495.00
Children	\$	15.80
Mailed In Sunday	\$	1,652.00
Mailed In School	\$	210.00
Direct Deposit	\$	3,850.00
Totals	\$	27,289.80 Thank you!!!

Weekly Average Needed = \$ 25,000.00
Building Improvement Fund = \$ 000.00

Reflections on the Same Sex Marriage Ruling

By Fr. Jeremy Miller

*This is the fourth in a series of five articles on same sex marriage.
For the other articles in this series, check out our St. Peter's website.

Doesn't everyone have the right to marry? Isn't this an equality issue? Isn't same sex marriage a civil right? Is not this debate over same sex marriage parallel to the debate over the 1960's fight over interracial marriage? Isn't anyone who opposes same sex marriage a bigot?

While the right to marry has been clearly espoused by the United Nations' *Universal Declaration on Human Rights*, as well as a number of times by the U.S. Supreme Court, what is also clear is that this is not the right to marry anyone. In fact, in all of the cases in which it is mentioned, the presumption is that it guarantees the right to marry one person of the opposite sex. Prior to about 1990, the right to marry someone of the same sex would not have even been reasonably considered by a Justice of the Supreme Court. So while the Fourteenth Amendment might legitimately include marriage under the umbrella of "liberty and the pursuit of happiness," the presumption is that this right is exercised within traditional marriage because of the societal implications.

There is certainly a natural right to marry that is part of the human desire for love, communion, stability, and progeny. However, the state has always recognized limitations to this right. One does not have a right to marry an immediate family member. One does not have a right to marry someone under a certain age. One does not have the right to marry multiple people. Thus, this right to marry is not absolute. There are restrictions placed on this right based on what is good for children and what is good for society as a whole.

Working for "equality" is certainly fashionable today. Nothing upsets Americans more than being told that they cannot do something. However, along with this noble desire to be equal must be the desire to understand what "equality" means. Equality is not equivalency. Equality means treating the same things the same and different things differently. As I have tried to show in these articles, man-woman marriage is something fundamentally different than same sex unions. Since we are dealing then with apples and oranges, it is not discrimination or a violation of "equal treatment" to refuse same sex marriage. Just like it is not discrimination to deny a blind person the right to drive, so it is not discrimination to deny same sex couples the right to marry.

One of the most common claims I hear on this issue is that same sex marriage is a civil rights issue, akin to the civil rights movement of the 1960's, and even more specifically the debate over interracial marriage. These claims, however, simply do not stand up to close scrutiny. First of all, if any group should know what constitutes a civil rights issue it should be the African American community. However, when the same sex marriage issue came before the state of California in Proposition 8, about 70% of African Americans voted against same sex marriage. Thus, the majority of African Americans, who arguably know discrimination more than any other American group, do not associate this issue with their own fight for civil rights.

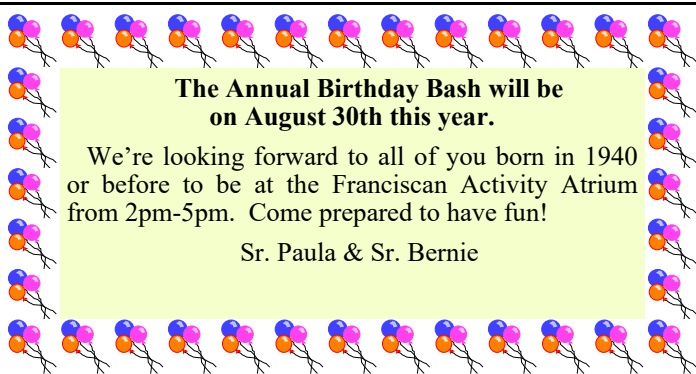
Further, there is a significant difference between the interracial marriage debates of the 1960's and the same sex marriage debate today. The opponents of interracial marriage were misguided in making race a criterion for marriage because race in no way impedes the procreative orientation of marriage. In fact, it was precisely the fear that interracial marriages would produce children and confuse racial purity that interracial marriage was opposed. The antagonists of interracial marriage conceded that marriage is for children; they simply were opposed to the idea of interracial children. The argument against same sex marriage is a completely different argument. While race has nothing to do with the procreative orientation of marriage, gender has everything to do with it. Sexual complementarity is a prerequisite for marriage, whereas racial sameness is not.

All of this leads to the unfortunate designation of those who oppose same sex marriage as bigots. Most people draw the line somewhere with regard to marriage. If you support same sex marriage but oppose polygamy, are you not a bigot from the perspective of the polygamist? This debate should be a reasoned dialogue, free of name calling, about the essential purpose of marriage for society. Millennia of human beings, even as recent as twenty years ago, shared this viewpoint as the majority opinion. For those of us who still share it, that perspective should be tolerated and not cast aside as bigotry.

References: "Rebuttals to arguments for same-sex marriage: Examining the most common arguments for redefining marital unions ...and understanding why they are flawed" by Brandon Vogt

The Ruth Institute – www.ruthinstitute.org


Next week's question: How does faith in Christianity change or add to this discussion on same sex marriage? If same sex attraction has some genetic predispositions, doesn't that mean that God created it? Doesn't Jesus just want us to love other people? What if someone wants to follow Christ and yet struggles with same sex attraction?




The Annual Birthday Bash will be on August 30th this year.

We're looking forward to all of you born in 1940 or before to be at the Franciscan Activity Atrium from 2pm-5pm. Come prepared to have fun!

Sr. Paula & Sr. Bernie



SCHOOL NEWS



Both High School & Elementary school

offices are now open from 9-3 pm until the first day of school which is August 20!


ST. PETER'S JOB OPENINGS

The High School and Junior High School Grades 7-12 currently has two remaining teaching openings for the 2015-2016 school year. Please apply to the school principal, Mr. Mike Wasiniak, if interested at wasiniak.mike@myspartans.org. Also, call the school office for an appointment at 419-524-0979. The openings are:

- Introductory French, French 1, 2, 3, & 4.
- Intervention Specialist

All new hires must be fingerprinted and have a background check. They must also complete the on-line diocesan protecting youth workshop course.

YOUTH GROUP OUTING:



On Saturday, August 22nd, our youth have an opportunity to attend a Columbus Crew Soccer game with our youth group friends from Shelby! The game is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the game are \$20.00 which is a savings of \$10.00! Carpooling is available from Shelby or you can drive separately. Plan on \$10-15.00 to eat at the stadium. Please text Kari at 419-571-3803 (Shelby) or Elizabeth Wurm at 419-524-2572 (Mansfield & Lexington) to sign reserve your tickets before August 11th.



BAPTISMS

Juliana Ventura Pacheco & Iker Santiago Ventura Pacheco - children of Gregorio Ventura Santiago & Felipa Pacheco Lopez

Axton James Blevins - son of James & Lindsay Blevins


Hadn Christopher Brown - son of Justin & Brittany Brown

Lily Rose Eilenfeld - daughter of Jacob & Sarah Eilenfeld

Kyson John Reindl - son of Joseph & Lori Reindl

Chris Byrne **Welcome**

See Pope Francis with Fr. Jeremy



Our parish is organizing a pilgrimage to see Pope Francis in Philadelphia the weekend of September 25-27. Details of the trip, including costs and itinerary, are available on the Pro Catholic Tours website. Go to the website, click on Trips with Bishops, Priests, and Deacon, then click on Pope Francis Meeting of Families, then click on Ohio, then click on the St. Peter's Mansfield trip. There are limited spots available, and considering that there will be significant travel and walking on the trip, health and age limitations should be considered.

Feel free to email me at miller.jeremy@myspartans.org with any questions.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is always celebrated in the United States.

Masses will be celebrated on Friday evening, August 14 (Vigil Mass), at 5:30 p.m. AND Saturday morning, August 15 at 9 a.m.

Since the Solemnity falls on a Saturday this year, please note it is NOT a Holyday of Obligation. You are encouraged to attend Mass, but you are not obligated to do so.

FRENCH BOYS CHOIR MUSIC CD'S

If you would like to pick up a music CD of the French Boys Choir that performed a terrific program for us here at St. Peter just a few weeks ago, come to the Parish Center office. There are two different CD's available. Cost is \$15.00 each.

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The Rosary will be prayed for the victims of religious persecution in Africa, Iran, Iraq and Syria starting 6:30 p.m. at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine on Sunday, August 30th. The faithful may sit in the outdoor chapel or process through the grounds as the Rosary is led by members of the clergy and lay persons. Participants are encouraged to come and go as their stamina allows during this three hour special prayer time.

On Tuesday, September 8, 2015 Bishop Daniel Thomas of Toledo will be celebrating an 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine south of Bellevue. This Mass is to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Founding of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.) order and the 165th anniversary of the Shrine. There will be a luncheon in the Shrine Cafeteria following the Mass. Those planning to attend the luncheon are asked to call the Shrine office (419 482 3435) so we have some idea of the numbers who might be eating.

Secretary Positions Open at Sacred Heart School and Parish: We will have 2 part time positions available. Individuals must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel as well as be detail oriented and have excellent people skills. The applicant should be dependable, flexible and have a positive attitude. One position will be more school focused and the other will be more parish focused. Please send resumes to Monica Finney via email at mfinney@sacredheartbethlehem.org or via US mail to: Sacred Heart Parish—c/o Monica Finney—5742 St Rt 61 South—Shelby, OH 44875.

Our Volunteers are priceless. Come join the Richland Pregnancy Services volunteer staff. Help in the office, in the boutique, or with clients who are facing unplanned pregnancies. Current needs: data entry, ultrasound assistant, mentor mom, mentor dad, client advocate, nurse and boutique clerk. Now offering opportunities to serve Monday through Thursday and NEW Saturday hours. If you are interested, then please attend Volunteer Training, Tuesdays and Thursdays on September 8,10,15,17,22,24 at 9:00am - 12:00 noon (attend all sessions, \$15 fee). Richland Pregnancy Services, 1560 West Fourth Street. For questions and to register, please call Amy or Dick at 419-522-8863.

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St. Peter Church

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419-524-2572

Attn: Claudia/Cindy



Floral decorations and greenery in our Sanctuary have been underwritten in part by:

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Constance E. Dalton
John M. Feiertag
Sidney A. Foltz

In Memory of Russ Ashley
In Memory of H. Elmer and Jane Berger
In Honor of Our Lady of Mr. Carmel Feast Day July 16th
In Memory of James Bubash & Sam Tridico

In Memory of Sam & Gennie Wehinger
In Memory of Harvey & Charles Blank
In Memory of John Groff
In Memory of Theresa M. & Anna I. Majors In Honor of Caregivers & Our Military
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In Memory of Helen Masters
In Memory of Peter F. Moritz
In Memory of Pams' Mother—Evelyn Mazza
In Memory of Tom & Frank Robison
In Memory of Peggy Sliney
In Honor of Sister Bernard Marie & Sister Paula
In Memory of Taddeo Family Deceased
In Memory of Irene Rowland

In Memory Of Nick Contini
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Katy Wehinger In Memory of Irene Rowland

In Memory of John & Rose Dalton
In Memory of Mary Feiertag
In Loving Memory of 68th Anniversary on July 26, 2015

In Memory of Joseph S. Krebs In Honor of Sylvester J. Krebs & Renee Andrews
In Memory of Poor Souls

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Anna K. Wilging

In Memory of Daughter Alphy Sell
In Memory of Syl Thomas
In Memory of Elvia Pfeifer
In Honor of Judy Robertson
In Memory of Timmy & Tiger
In Memory of Rose, Harold & Mary Seckel
In Memory of C.H. & JoAnn Falquette

In Memory of Rosie Wilson

In Memory of Mrs. Susie Graner (Hernandez)

In Memory of Joan Kaufman

In Memory of Helen Masters
In Memory of Ronnie L. Mazza (Brother)
In Memory of Zanfra Rallo
In Memory of Don E. Smith

In Memory of Timmy & Oliver Zack

In Memory of Mrs. Melinda M. Francisco In Honor of Dennis Haynes & Ricardo Maloto Family
In Memory of Frances R. Alfieri

In Memory of Helen Masters
In Memory of Vi Gills
In Memory of Dominick Mazza

In Memory of Harold E. Sliney

In Memory of Kenneth Rowland

In Memory of Elisabeth Giesse

Flower Donation Envelopes are available at the church entrances for those who do not receive envelopes.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FLASHBACK: Finance

One of the primary sources of income at the turn of the century was pew rent. Along with pew rent the parishioners made regular contributions. The financial panic of 1873 forced a disastrous reduction in the contribution of the members of the parish. Besides, the congregation was saddled with a large scale debt due to the erection of a new church. By 1881 the financial status was improving. After the financial setback of the fire of 1889, then pastor, Father Magenhann, donated a piece of personal property valued at \$15,000. This became the site of the new church-school combination.

When Father Magenhann died in 1905 he named St. Peter's Church a beneficiary of his life insurance to the amount of \$18,000. In 1908 for the sum of \$12,000, four classrooms were added to the west end of the church-school combination. The population of Richland County in 1900 was over 40,000. By 1909 the new church was in the planning stage. Estimates of the cost of the building and its furnishings were \$150,000.

The first financial campaign was conducted in the parish under the pastorate of Father Goebel. This led to the introduction of the Sunday envelope system in 1924. In the same year the house to the north of the church was purchased and remodeled for use as a rectory.

