

# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 14, 2015

## **First Communion**

**May 3, 2015**



104 WEST FIRST STREET • MANSFIELD, OHIO 44902

### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,  
11:30 am  
Monday & Friday 5:30 pm  
Tuesday - Thursday 6:30 am

### **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

Child Care Center:  
419-524-2572 Ext. 3108  
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](http://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  
Mr. Dennis Striker

### **School:**

Mr. Michael Wasiniak  
*High School, Jr. High School*  
Mrs. Madalyn Bauer  
*Elementary School*  
Mrs. Tammy Kemerling *Montessori*  
Ms. Melinda Milligan *Child Care Director*

### **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, June 15** *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Parish

**Tuesday, June 16** *Weekday*

7:00 am Parish

**Wednesday, June 17** *Weekday*

7:00 am Parish

**Thursday, June 18** *Weekday*

7:00 am Orvy &amp; Betty Wilson

**Friday, June 19** *+Romuald, Abbot*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm MaryAnn Shook

**Saturday, June 20** *Vigil of Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

2:00 pm Kreinbihl/Kimpton \*W\*

5:00 pm Mark &amp; Stewart Nelson

**Sunday, June 21** *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Robert Fancher

11:30 am Peter J. Gaughn

**LECTOR / COMMUNION MINISTER****Saturday, June 20**5:00 pm L B Linkenbach, C Taddeo D P Dignan, D&T Hipp,  
J Jimenez, M Joyce, M Monroe, B Nihei, B Scharl,  
V Zack**Sunday, June 21**7:30 am L T Murphy, M Santoro D P Bingert, M Collet,  
L Lukach, J Porch, K & K Reindl, S Santoro9:30 am L D Forster, F Schuster D T Baker, I Cervinski,  
B Connolly, D Dreskler, T Etwiler, T Frasz,  
C & R Freeman, J Kastelic, M Meinzer, C Merle,  
C Raff, A Seiss, K Wehinger, S Weitzel11:30 am L L Moore, J Riedl D C Becker, M Jones,  
F Leitenberger, J Liston, K Paugh, S Rizzo,  
M Selby, K Speck, need three**MASS SERVERS****Saturday, June 20**

5:00 pm B &amp; S Miller, A Winters

**Sunday, June 21**

7:30 am J Ramey, S &amp; M Tridico

9:30 am A &amp; A Baldasare, J Rose

11:30 am J &amp; E Rizzo, N Todd

**Counters - June 21**

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

**Parish & School 2015-2016 Budget**

Someone else was more fortunate to have next week's bulletin as they could talk about a great day – Father's Day! Since I was scheduled a week earlier I have something even more fun and exciting to write about – the Budget!

Every year we are required to provide a balanced budget to the Diocese of Toledo. The process started back in January as we convened the Budget Committee. All members of the Parish Finance Council were invited to any and all budget meetings. The budget was finalized by the Budget Committee and submitted to and approved by the Parish Finance Council on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

During this time frame the Budget Committee met at least a dozen times and nine different drafts of the budget were prepared along the way. In many of those meetings with the Budget Committee, various department heads were invited to present their budgets, and to discuss opportunities and challenges for their respective departments that may transpire during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Difficult decisions need to be made during the budgeting process each and every year. There are often reductions in personnel that are needed. Obviously those are not easy decisions to make – but financially necessary! Following our Parish leadership's comprehensive review of Operations over the last several years, it was determined that it is not fiscally responsible for our Parish to continue to operate a Child Care Center. The Diocesan Schools Office approved this course of action. The Child Care Center's operational losses have been substantial and many factors like a 31% enrollment decline over the last five years, increased competition, and state guidelines for staff/child ratios make it impossible for our parish to continue to offer this service.

Tuition is our largest revenue item and with school enrollment down 5% again this year that fact continues to pose quite a challenge to balancing the budget. We are always confronted with increased health care and insurance costs and volatile utility bills. This year we have already paid all of our Diocesan Assessments and we will again next year. All of these and over 250 other revenue and expense accounts need to be reviewed and effectively included in the budget.

To highlight a few of the 2015-2016 budget items:

- Total Income: \$ 4,523,319.66;
- Total Expenses: \$ 4,515,652.77
  - Net Income = \$ 7,666.89
  - A very lean but realistic budget
- A 3% across the board increase to all our employees
- Salary and other Payroll Expenses: \$ 3,243,778, including
- \$427,067 for Health Insurance
  - Total Payroll Expenses are less than last fiscal year even with the 3% increase
- Utilities: \$ 219,500
- Protective Self-Insurance: \$ 44,700
- Repairs & Maintenance: \$ 140,000 – 20% less than last year
- Diocesan Assessments: \$113,100

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**Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish**



Krista Marshall, Michael Davis II, Madeline Taddeo, Peg Nusbaum, Don Blank, Aaron Blank, Richard Rots, John Johnson, Will Kennedy, Christy Selby, Mark Coleman, Helen Green, Beth Weiland, Dan Rhea, Sharon Berger, Ruth Woodrow, Isaac Neumann, Pat Wright, Rena Brown, Teresa Lloyd, Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Nick Schemine, Hilda Schemine, Mildred Corbin, Theresa Williams, Greg Betscher, Julianne Krous, Dinean Tacik, Brenda Davis, MaryAnn Gibson, Tom Etwiler, Eileen Deehan, Nancy Burris, Kathy Ohl, Faye Caugherty, Joanne Glowe

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:** H. Elmer Berger

**FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND**

June 20 & 21

Please bring flowers to place at St. Joseph's statue on Father's Day Weekend. Vases will be provided.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS:**

Join us for Vacation Bible School this year taking place from July 13th-16th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily. This year's theme, "God's Team", will help our little ones come to know different ways that they can live their daily lives to be on "God's Team". There is no cost to attend VBS but a suggested donation of \$5.00 per participant is appreciated to help cover the overall cost.

If you are in need of a registration form, please pick one up in the parish office or contact Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org). Registration forms are due June 15th! We hope to see your little ones this year at VBS to see how they can be a part of "God's Team!"

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

YES, or Youth Elect Service, will be taking place June 26-28th. We are looking for incoming freshman to outgoing seniors to participate in this dynamic weekend! The weekend consists of a retreat and service to those in our community. If you are interested in getting involved with other teens from our area to make a difference in people's lives, contact Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) or call 419-524-2572. Work hard / Pray harder! Have a lot of fun!!

**HEARTFELT**

I would rather say five words devoutly with my heart than five thousand which my soul does not relish with affection and understanding.

—St. Edmund the Martyr

It's never too early to mark your calendar for this!

***The Sammy Tridico***

**Montessori Scholarship Fund Pancake Breakfast**

**August 8, 2015 from 8:00 a.m - 12 noon.**

More information to come in future bulletins.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called for a Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Bear Witness to the Truth of the Gospel to take place from June 21st to July 4th, 2015.

The Resurrection Respect for Life Group will have a Prayer Service on June 28th at 3:00 PM at Resurrection Church to join with Dioceses across the United States in this effort. Please join us to pray for freedom in our country. There will also be a mass offered on June 19th for the Fortnight for Freedom.

**St. Michael, Gibsonburg & St. Mary, Millersville, parishes are hosting an open house reception for Fr. Ted Miller's 40th Anniversary of Ordination and Senior Status (retirement) on Sunday June 28, 2:00 – 5:30pm at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 317 E. Madison St., Gibsonburg, Ohio. All friends are welcome. For more information, contact Terri Reinhart, of St. Mary Parish in Helena, Ohio at 419-638-3042.**



**Richland Pregnancy Services will have a 5K/2 mile walk on June 27. Sign up forms are at the kiosk. It is time to start getting sponsors and get your registration turned in.**

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**June 7, 2015**



<b>Regular Sunday</b>	\$	13,575.50
<b>School</b>	\$	2,983.00
<b>Children</b>	\$	11.00
<b>Mailed In Sunday</b>	\$	3,112.00
<b>Mailed In School</b>	\$	245.00
<b>Direct Deposit</b>	\$	3,850.00
<b>Totals</b>	\$	23,776.50

**Weekly Average Needed = \$ 25,000.00**  
**Building Improvement Fund = \$ 3,513.40**



**RECYCLING** ~ Our next Recycling date is: **July 10, 2015** in the Franciscan Activity Center Parking lot.

**HOURS:** 10 to 11 am and 2 to 4 pm.

**IMPORTANT:** Please honor these drop off times. Do not leave your recyclables on the sidewalks or curbs.

**BLUE BARRELS  
This Weekend**

We are still looking for some dedicated adults to help with our PSR Religious Education Program this year. It is one of the most fulfilling ministries you will be privy to take part in! For more information please contact Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org). Join our team and help our young people take one more step on their faith journey!

**REMINDERS FOR YOUR SAFETY  
AND OUR EMERGENCIES:**

- Please do not park in back of the rectory garages during weekend Masses. There are times when a priest is called for an emergency at the hospital. If we can't get out, faithful may be deprived of the "Last Rites".
- Remember to **LOCK YOUR CARS** during weekend Masses. It's for your protection! Do not leave valuables within view of passers-by.
- Emergency vehicles may need to get to a parishioner, in church, during Mass. **Please park within the designated areas.**

Be sure to follow our social media channels on Facebook & Twitter to keep up—to—date on the latest news from St. Peter's.



[facebook.com/St.Peters.High.School](https://www.facebook.com/St.Peters.High.School)  
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You can also participate in our new Friends of St. Peter's Facebook Group: [Facebook.com/St.Peters.Friends](https://www.facebook.com/St.Peters.Friends)



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**RCIA**



Has the Spirit been prompting you or a loved one to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and learn more about the faith? There are many paths to full reception into the Church. These summer months provide wonderful opportunities to make a phone call, set up a time to meet and discern whether this is YOUR time for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Contact Lynne at the Parish Center at [419-524-2572](tel:419-524-2572) or email her at [lukach.lynne@myspartans.org](mailto:lukach.lynne@myspartans.org).



**SCHOOL NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all 2015 graduates who are members of St. Peter's Parish! We will keep each of you in our thoughts and prayers as you move on to college or the work force. A complete list of senior awards and college plans for the SPSHS Class of 2015 will be posted on the SP website under "Our Graduates" in the "School" section of the site. [www.mansfieldstpeters.org](http://www.mansfieldstpeters.org)

**SPHS CLASS OF 2015**

- 37 Graduates.
- Ninety-five percent (95%) planning to pursue higher education.
- Over 5,920 hours of community service.
- 111 hours of college credit.
- 88 Advanced Placement courses.
- Average ACT score 23.3.
- \$1,044,808 in scholarships and grants to colleges they will be attending.

Dedicated and committed teachers, involved parents, hard-working students and parish and community support make this good news possible! Thank you to all who are involved in the lives of St. Peter's School children!

**VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT** makes it possible to run the day-to-day operations of our parish and school! As we close the end the 2014-2015 school year, St. Peter's School staff, students and families wish to express a sincere **THANK YOU** to all those volunteers who spent countless hours with energy beyond measure and hearts full of passion for the mission of our school--all to the benefit of those children whose families value a Catholic education. Blessings to you and your family during the summer months!

**Parish Pictorial Directory**



**THANK YOU** to all who had pictures taken for the Directory. Reminder to those who did not order additional photos: Please pick up your free 8x10 in the Parish Center office. See the front page of the bulletin for Parish Center hours. Hours are located in the bottom left hand corner. Parish Center is open 7 days a week including evenings!

Special thanks to Bill & Lori Danuloff and Mike & Sharon Santoro for spearheading this grand project and to all who worked so hard to make the new directory a success.

Thank you to the advertisers in our bulletin. Please remember to patronize them with your business.

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK is:**



**Comprehensive Dentistry**  
**373 Cline Ave.**  
James L. Saltzgeber, Jr., D.D.S.  
**419-756-1379**

*Jerry Straub.... Continued from Page 2*

As Fr. Hite mentioned in his letter to all Parish & School employees concerning the 2015-2016 budget, our budgeting process serves two purposes:

- It calls us to accountability in spending (being good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us); and
- It also allows us to plan and develop in areas where we may have the greatest impact in ministry.

Please enjoy Father's Day next weekend. I know I will!

Jerry Straub, Business Manager

**St. Joseph Catholic School, Crestline, Ohio, is accepting applications/resumes for the position of Principal for the 2015/2016 school year.** Successful candidates should hold at least a Bachelor's degree in education (a Masters degree is preferred), have at least 5 years teaching experience and be a practicing Catholic. Must be a strong leader with good public relation skills. Send a cover letter, current resume, and references to: [ccasper@stjosephcrestline.org](mailto:ccasper@stjosephcrestline.org)

**YES, or Youth Elect Service**, is looking for homes in the area for youth, freshman through seniors but also includes young adults and adults, to come and help with some basic home projects. The projects can include, but are not limited to, cleaning, yard work, simple painting, simple home repair projects, etc. YES will take place June 27th and the cost is free to homeowners. If you are interested in some help with your home or know of someone who is, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) or the parish office.

**Trying to plan your summer events?**

**Think about these options:**

\* June 26-28 is YES (Youth Elect Service) in Willard! If you are a high school youth it is a great opportunity to help others and be of service! Contact Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) or at the parish office as soon as possible for an application if you are interested!

\* June 26- 28 is the Summer Retreat for High School Men taking place at Holy Angels Parish in Sandusky, Ohio and July 10-12 is the Summer Retreat for Junior High men at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral Parish in Toledo. This is a retreat for high school men that provides the opportunity for prayer and spiritual formation as well as the chance to meet some of our diocesan seminarians and learn about their call to follow God's will in their lives! The young men who attend will experience Mass, Reconciliation, organized recreation and great food! Contact the parish office for a registration form or the Office of Vocations!

\* July 26th eXclaim! This free music concert takes place at the Monsignor Schmit CYO Athletic Complex in Toledo and is a family friendly and fun event! This year's featured artists are Francesca Battistelli, Curtis Stephan and Matt Maher! There are games and events for the whole family as well! For more information contact Elizabeth Wurm or go to [www.exclaimtoledo.org](http://www.exclaimtoledo.org)



## Knights of Columbus

1114 Park Ave. West • 419-529-5532

(\*Change of date from previously announced bulletin) **On June 27th at 6:30 pm,**

The Knights of Columbus will have a burning of old or discarded American flags at a special ceremony. The Knights will collect old flags before all Masses on June 13 & 14 - or you may bring them to the hall anytime in June. All you can eat pizza after the ceremony for \$ 6.00.



During the month of June, The Knights will be having cook-outs on Friday nights featuring hamburgers, Italian sausage and hot dogs with various side dishes and salad. \$7.00 for adults / \$5.00 for kids 12 and under. Call the K of C by the Wednesday before if you would like to join us. All are welcome!

**The Parish School of Religion Program will be starting a religious education for children who are 5- 18 who have special needs.** We are interested in speaking to parents of special needs children who are seeking religious education for their child. We will be discussing regular religious instruction as well as sacramental preparation for those of traditional age and past the traditional age. A meeting for all interested parents will be taking place on Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the family room of the parish center. We are also looking for adults who are interested in working with these children in our program. Specialized training is not required but compliance with the diocesan standards to work with children is necessary. If you are interested in working in this program, or are a parent who would like more information please contact Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org).

### **JOE JAKUBICK ALL-STAR BASKETBALL CAMP**

Boy's... the time is now to become a better basketball player! This camp will focus on fundamental skills of the game. Youngsters will be instructed in all areas of the game including offense, defense, ball handling and much more. The camp is for players of all abilities. \$50.00 per camper. Cost includes 12 hours of instruction, T-shirt and prizes.

#### **Franciscan Activities Center**

**July 13-July 16th.**

**Space is limited! Register by July 6, 2015.**

**Morning Session: 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon Boy's Entering Grades 3-5**  
**Afternoon Session: 1:00-4:00 p.m. Boy's Entering Grades 6-8**

*No late registration accepted. Pick up forms and drop off payment at the Parish Center office.*



### **GIFT SHOP HAS GREAT ITEMS!**

Stop by our Parish Gift Shop and see all the great items for sale... books, rosaries, jewelry, home décor, sacramental gifts, candles, and much, much more!

**Scholarships for Catholic Freshmen at the University of Toledo.** Corpus Christi University Parish will again be offering \$5,000 Christian Leadership Program Scholarships to twelve incoming Catholic freshmen at the University of Toledo. These students will also receive opportunities for spiritual formation, community service, and leadership training. The 2015-2016 scholarship application is available online under the "student/faculty programs" link at [www.ccup.org](http://www.ccup.org). Any questions can be directed to the program director: Father Phil Smith - [psmith@ccup.org](mailto:psmith@ccup.org) or 419-531-4992.

**As a result of an extensive study/evaluation of services that the offices of the Catholic Center provide to the entire Diocese of Toledo, a new organizational structure for diocesan services was unveiled on Wednesday, June 3.** This structure will become effective July 1, 2015, and will be phased in over the next several months. While the primary purpose of this reorganization is to fulfill the stated vision and mission of our Diocese, it is also designed to implement many of the valuable recommendations offered by those who are and have been involved in ministry and apostolates throughout our Diocese. At their core, these changes are ultimately intended to enhance our announcing the Gospel and keeping Christ at the center of everything we do. To read a letter from Bishop Daniel E. Thomas announcing the reorganization of diocesan services or a summary of the study/evaluation, along with the new organizational chart, please visit [www.toledodiocese.org](http://www.toledodiocese.org).

**From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website:** The "*For Your Marriage*" website offers practical help and advice whether you're seriously dating, engaged, or at any stage of married life. If you're planning a Catholic wedding, you'll find information on everything from choosing the music and readings to marrying someone who is not Catholic. On the homepage check out the Daily Marriage Tips book reviews, and blogs by engaged and married couples.

**St. Joseph, Plymouth will be hosting an Adult Bible Study (ages 16 & up) on the Gospel of Luke.** This Gospel is the next cycle in our Church year. We will meet once a month at 7 a.m. on the 4th Saturday of the month beginning in June with our first meeting being June 27th in St. Joseph Hall. Deadline for pre-registration is June 19th. Breakfast casserole, OJ and drink will be included. Each session will last approximately 2 hours and will run from June thru November. A freewill donation is requested to help cover breakfast & printed materials. Deacon Fred Stockmaster will be the main presenter. Sign up early. We look forward to seeing many of you!

**ALL IS GRACE**

On Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading is selected for the light it sheds on the day's Gospel. Today, Ezekiel sees God lifting up the lowly tree and making the withered tree bloom. So in the second parable of today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us by promising that, as fragile seeds grow into an abundant harvest, and the tiny mustard seed into a hearty plant, so God will grow the kingdom from small beginnings to an instrument of salvation for all. In the first parable, the land yields fruit "of its own accord" (Mark 4:28). Not only is the initiative God's, but the parable teaches that the seed's growth, though invisible at first, is actually unstoppable! To be sure, those who depend on the impressive or dramatic in order to be convinced or encouraged will be disappointed in the slow unfolding of the kingdom that Jesus announces. But for those who do accept the kingdom, all is grace, and that grace is certain.

Though the second reading is not coordinated with either the first reading or Gospel on these Sundays, today's is thematically appropriate. Saint Paul argues that our experience of God's trustworthiness thus far should make us a people of undaunted courage and unshakeable faith. But at the same time Paul warns that faith should also make us aware of our responsibility to do good.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

A wedding celebrated in the Eastern Church has a form that was fixed a thousand years ago. In the West, our story is more complicated by constant change and variation. As the world's structures tottered in the ninth century, bishops and priests stepped into the void left by collapsing civil structures. For the first time, marriage was referred to as a sacrament, and wedding ceremonies were to be in public (assuring the free consent of the bride) after an investigation of the couple by a priest. The custom of the blessing of the bridal room diminished, and was finally forbidden in 1012 by the Council of Rouen, although it continued for centuries. In the diocese of Perigueux in France, a ritual from 1827 had the parish priest clad in surplice and stole sprinkling the bridal couple as they stood modestly in their pajamas by the wedding bed. Next the bed and all those present were sprinkled, too! That's a tradition that few Americans, either the betrothed or the clergy, are ready to revive!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

**Gospel** — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31;  
2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FLASHBACK: "War and Peace:"**

By the late 1930's WWII loomed on the horizon. The parish had over 700 members in service. Eighteen never returned from the War. Many parishioners recall how Msgr. Goebel fasted and prayed that the men and women would return safely. The war years of the 40's found the students winning the city-wide scrap metal drive, buying war bonds, taking Red Cross classes and boys being drafted or enlisting in the armed forces even before graduation. The first issue of "The Key" came off the press in October 1943 and is still published by the high school students to this day. The first Communion class that year numbered 73. Classrooms were becoming crowded. By October 1946, enrollment reached 661 in the elementary school and 215 in the high school. The year 1944 marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of the parish. The pastor and the parishioners were determined that the church be renovated and redecorated. By January 10 of that year, the debt of \$187,000 was finally paid. The steady help of the men who helped Msgr. Goebel with the financial campaigns along with the generosity and sacrifice of the parishioners made it possible to decrease this debt year by year. *Next Week:* Architectural plans of the church and current high school. Information taken from the 2011 St. Peter's Parish Jubilee of Anniversaries commemorative booklet and Sister Paula Bingert.



**A Family Perspective:** Parenting is a lot like the story of the farmer in the Gospel parable today. All growth is the Lord's work. We have no control over the process. In fact the farmer doesn't even understand it, for the seed grows even when he sleeps. As parents we can influence our children but nothing we do can guarantee results. ~ by Bud Ozar