



St. Peter
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ministries Catalog

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”
(1 Peter 4:10)

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Peter Parish is a Catholic faith community dedicated to praising and worshipping God Our Creator and serving as beacons drawing others to Christ by proclaiming and living His Gospel.

We are called to celebrate the Sacraments, provide a Catholic school education, promote Christian development and social justice outreach with warm hospitality.

We encourage active parishioner involvement and full use of the gifts God has given us in an accepting and welcoming Christian community striving to live Christ's command to love one another.

EDUCATION

ALPHA

ALPHA is a series of interactive sessions that explores the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, honest and informal environment. It is a place where questions can be explored openly without judgment or pressure. The program is fun, relaxed, and free!

Each session consists of a meal, a short talk, and small group discussion.

Bible Study

Periodically, bible studies are offered at the parish for adults and teens. An ongoing bible study for men meets on Saturdays from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. A women's study meets on Mondays beginning at 7:00 p.m. Contact the Director of Religious Education to inquire about bible study schedules or have your name placed on the mailing list for upcoming studies.

CLW - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children age 4 through fourth grade are invited to the CLW on Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The children will be called forward before the readings to follow the CLW leaders to the Gathering Space for Liturgy of the Word. The children return after the homily.

High School "Anchored" Youth Ministry

All high school students are invited to participate in Anchored Sunday Youth Nights and other service, social, and faith based activities offered year round.

Junior High Youth Group

This group is led by volunteer catechists from the parish. The youth group is on bi-yearly curriculum which rotates the Encounter Scripture Study series with the Theology of the Body for Middle School series.

NFP - Natural Family Planning

"Natural Family Planning, in particular the Sympto-Thermal Method taught by volunteer Teaching Couples in the Couple to Couple League, can be used to achieve or postpone a pregnancy. This method of family planning is scientifically based, highly effective, and acknowledges God's plan for married love. The Couple to Couple League provides online self-paced classes, live on-line classes, as well as live onsite classes. In each format, both married and engaged couples "attend" a series of three classes. Over the course of the series, a couple learns how to observe and record their own symptoms of fertility, and more about God's Plan for joy in their marriage. Parishioners Roger and Pat Frey are a certified, trained volunteer Teaching Couple with the Couple to Couple League. For more information, go to: live-the-love.org, or contact the parish office.

PSR - Parish School of Religion

The St. Peter Parish School of Religion is the religious education program for children in grades 1 - 6. Classes are offered on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. from September through April. Catechists to teach these classes are needed. The requirements to be a PSR catechist are a person attend Mass regularly, love his or her faith, and be willing to share it with our youngsters. Students must complete first grade PSR before being permitted into the second year sacramental class.

R.C.I.A.

Those interested in joining R.C.I.A. should contact the Director of Religious Education for an interview before classes begin each September or at any time during the year for more information. Sacraments are conferred at the Easter Vigil Mass or when the candidate is deemed ready.

A process designed to prepare adults for initiation into the Catholic faith and for celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Team members are needed to serve as sponsors and companions to those in the class.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Angels

This ministry attends to the details of keeping our Sanctuary clean and beautiful.

Altar Servers

This group is open to adults and students in grades 4 and up to assist at weekend Masses, weddings, and funerals. Training is required.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Eucharistic Ministers are lay people who distribute the Body and Blood of Christ at weekday and weekend Masses. They take communion to those that are homebound, in nursing homes, and hospitals. Open to those who are confirmed and 16 years of age or older.

Greeters

Do you enjoy meeting new people and welcoming others? If so, this ministry is for you! Parishioners of all ages are invited to help meet and greet others as they enter and exit the parish. Minimal time commitment. No schedule. Attendance at one training session is required.

Lectors

Lectors read the introductory remarks, proclaim the scriptures and the prayer of the faithful at the weekend Masses. They also proclaim readings at the weekday morning Masses. This group is open to teens and adults.

Liturgical Arts & Environment Committee

This committee decorates the church for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time thereby providing a prayerful atmosphere for our worship of God throughout the seasons of the year. Members of the group meet periodically to plan and organize the decorating of the Church.

Mass Coordinator

Assist with the set up and clean up of the celebration of Mass.

Music Ministry

All are invited to participate in the music ministry programs. Opportunities are available for Liturgical Cantors as well as for those who would like to be a part of the Adult, Children's, or Funeral choirs.

Ushers

Assist parishioners and visitors with seat location. Coordinate collections and distribute bulletins. Minimal time commitment. No schedule. Attendance at one training session is required.

PARISH LIFE

Advent/Christmas Season of Hope

In December, the parish coordinates a Season of Hope. Parishioners visit various agencies in Huron and throughout the diocese to bring hope to others. This may include assisting with a community dinner or ringing the Salvation Army bell. A "Tree of Hope" service is held in which ornaments are placed on a Christmas tree with the intentions of those who were ministered to, so parishioners may pray for those intentions throughout the Advent season.

BIG FISH - "Believers in God - Faithful in Serving Him"

BIG FISH is a ministry that strives to foster friendship and a community of believers who desire to know, love, and serve God while growing in our Catholic faith and building the Kingdom of God in this "middle season" of life. Approximate ages 40 plus.

Craftsmanship Ministry

This is an outreach ministry to parishioners in need of assistance in their homes. The team will help with minor maintenance jobs involving carpentry, plumbing, and electrical for the elderly, widowed, handicapped, or anyone falling on tough times. The labor is free, however, the owner is asked to cover the cost of parts and materials to complete the task.

Creation Care Team

The CCT springs from Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato Si, On Care for Our Common Home," which he released in 2015. Goals are in line with the Pope's in concern for being good stewards of God's gift of creation. The mission is to look carefully at our community and see where we can influence, educate, and act to make a difference on an environmental level. Meetings are held in the Gathering Space at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

CYO - Catholic Youth Organization

Registered parish youth participate in various athletic programs. Adults are encouraged to be involved as coaches.

Donut Sunday

To engage all in a welcoming environment and build our community of God, a reception for new and current parishioners and guests is offered following the celebration of Masses on the first Sunday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome!

Exercise Group

The Gathering Space is the place to be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. for a low impact aerobic exercise class including floor exercises, free weights, and resistance straps.

Finance Council

The Finance Council meets with the Pastor quarterly to discuss the current and long range financial goals of the parish. Members of the council are selected by the pastor.

First Tuesday with Jesus

The Blessed Sacrament should never be alone during the time of exposition, so parishioners are asked to give an hour of time between 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. to "be with Jesus."

Funeral Luncheons

Volunteers prepare and serve food and beverages after a funeral along with providing prayer and compassion.

Garden and Landscaping Stewards

Share your gift of a "green thumb." Consider joining the garden and landscaping group to assist with keeping the parish grounds looking beautiful and well-maintained.

Huron Prayer Path and Labyrinth

Located behind Zion Lutheran Church is the Huron Prayer Path and Labyrinth. The path is maintained by an ecumenical group from local churches. Assistance is always welcome and there are tasks for all energy levels! Workdays are the second Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. At noon, lunch is provided by one of the local churches for the workers. St. Peter Parish provides lunch in April and November.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the largest order of Catholic laymen in the world. It was founded in New Haven, CT by a parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney. The Knights are guided by four virtues: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Our local council is 59 years old. Membership is open to any Catholic man at least 18 years old who is in communion with the Church. Funds raised from Lenten fish fries and breakfast buffets are used to provide scholarships to students attending local Catholic high schools and college students.

Magnificat

Magnificat is a 33-year old ministry of Catholic women with over 100 chapters meeting internationally. Its' purpose is to help women become more open to the Holy Spirit and commit their lives to Jesus through prayer, love, service, and sharing the Good News. The local chapter, "Our Lady of the Lake," meets four times a year for a breakfast meeting, which includes praise and worship, the rosary, an inspirational witness talk, and intercessory prayer.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is an advisory and recommending body for the pastoral leadership of the parish. The Council assists in fostering the vision, mission, and pastoral activity of the parish. They provide recommendations regarding program and ministry planning to the pastor. The Pastoral Council is comprised of the pastor and up to nine members selected from the parish. Meetings are held bi-monthly from September through May. Membership is on staggered terms, with members coming on and off the council each year. Members of the council are selected by the pastor.

Peace and Justice Team

Through educational programs and service outreach, the Peace and Justice team works to promote social justice. Educational programs have addressed immigration, human trafficking, the climate crisis, and Pope Francis's encyclical, Laudato Si. Projects supported include year round sale of Fair Trade products coffee, cocoa mix, and chocolate bars, hosting an Alternative Gift Giving Market at Christmas, assisting with the Christ's Community Meals program coordination of monthly food donations to Huron Helping Hands Food Pantry, as well as annual collections of school supplies, winter coats, and hats for those served by the Pantry.

Prayer Group For Moms

The Mom's Prayer group meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Support for one another is provided in the faith in addition to praying for families and schools. Scripture is read together. Activities include book studies, play dates, and field trips. Young children are welcome!

Prayer Network

The parish has a dedicated group of parishioners offering intercessory prayer upon request. Please contact the parish office with any special intentions. All are welcome to participate.

Quilters

Quilters meet once a month to share fellowship and create baptismal quilts. These quilts are given as a gift to each baby on their baptismal day. No experience is necessary!

Respect Life Group

The mission of the St. Peter Respect Life Group is to educate all about the Catholic teachings on Life Issues and to promote and encourage prayer for Life issues in our parish. The group meets every other month, from September through May, on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Ongoing activities include the Spiritual Adoption project, Rosaries for Life, and an education segment at each meeting on a Life topic. All adults as well as high school youth are welcome.

The Sharing Tree

The group works with local agencies to provide Christmas gifts for children in need. Parishioners are invited to select an ornament from the tree for a child and choose a gift based upon the suggestions provided on the ornament.

Spark/Ignite

Join us the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space for an amazing experience of prayer and God's overwhelming love. The evening begins with a meal followed by a witness of a parishioner about his or her faith. The evening continues with candlelight prayer, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship music, reflection, and confession.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an international Catholic organization of laypersons who seek, in a spirit of justice and charity through person-to-person involvement of its' members, to help individuals in our community when emergencies occur or a financial need exists. The Society is supported by the generosity of the parish community.

YACHT - Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together

The group facilitates a combination of community building and spiritual growth among young adults in the area. Social activities and bible studies are offered along with attending Spark/Ignite events at the parish. A young adult is defined as an individual between the ages of 21 - 39.

St. Peter Catholic School

The faculty and staff of St. Peter Catholic School continue to strive to offer a strong education in a Christ centered community that emphasizes moral values. Students are prepared morally, academically, socially, and culturally to make positive contributions as both local and global citizens. Various stewardship opportunities are available. Please contact the school office at 419-433-4640.