



“Behold,

I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.”

the season of
Advent
2025

ST. PETER CHILLICOTHE

285 West Water Street,
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

ST. MARY CHILLICOTHE

61 South Paint Street,
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**ST. MARY, QUEEN OF THE
MISSIONS WAVERLY**

407 South Market Street,
Waverly, Ohio 45690

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES PARISH

Including the church sites of: St. Peter Chillicothe + St. Mary Chillicothe + St. Mary, Queen of the Missions Waverly

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OFFICE HOURS (ST. PETER):
Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
OLQAParish.com
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	8:30 a.m.	St. Peter (First Saturday Only)
	5:00 p.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	St. Peter
	10:00 a.m.	St. Mary Waverly
	12:00 p.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
Monday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
	6:00 p.m.	St. Peter
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
	6:00 p.m.	St. Peter
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
	6:00 p.m.	St. Mary Waverly
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
	6:00 p.m.	St. Peter
Friday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
	11:00 a.m.	VA (First Friday Only)
	6:00 p.m.	St. Peter

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	9:15 a.m.	St. Peter (First Saturday Only)
	3:30 p.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
Monday	5:00 p.m.	St. Peter
Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	St. Mary Waverly
Thursday	5:00 p.m.	St. Peter
Friday	9:15 a.m.	St. Mary Chillicothe

ADORATION

Saturday	9:00-10:00 a.m., St. Peter (First Saturday Only)
Tuesday	6:00 a.m. to Thursday 5:00 p.m. St. Peter Adoration Chapel
Wednesday	5:00-6:00 p.m., St. Mary Waverly
Friday	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., St. Peter Adoration Chapel

PARISH COUNCIL:

Tom Day, Bob French, Tess Hatmacher, Geri Mauger,
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HOLY MATRIMONY: Marriage preparation and Pre-Cana classes are required. Thus, the engaged couple must make arrangements by contacting the office and the celebrant before reserving a date. Weddings are only for registered parishioners.

ANointing OF THE SICK & SHUT-INS: Communion is brought to the sick and homebound. The family should call the office if someone is seriously ill as soon as possible.

BAPTISM: Baptisms are held by appointment only. Pre-Baptism instruction is required for parents and godparents. Instructions are by appointment only. Contact the office to schedule class and Baptism.

MAINTENANCE: If you have a maintenance concern affecting any OLQA campus, please email the Maintenance Department at maintenance@olqaparish.com

FAITH FORMATION: September-May, Faith Formation will occur on the 2nd Sundays of the month in the St. Peter Parish Hall. The program for children preparing for Reconciliation/First Holy Communion will take place after the 8:00 a.m. Mass; the program for children preparing for Confirmation will take place at 6:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: September-May, The Well High School Youth Group will occur on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in the St. Peter Bosco Room from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

If you or a loved one have a Sacramental Emergency, please call the Sacramental Emergency Line at 740-701-2552.

WELCOME TO OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES!

In an effort to make things more transparent and accessible in the bulletin, we will now be color-coding articles based on the church site where an event will take place.

For events taking place on the St. Mary, Chillicothe campus, items will be noted in blue.

For events taking place on the St. Mary, Waverly campus, items will be noted in purple.

For events taking place on the St. Peter campus, items will be noted in green.

For events taking place either at multiple sites, or off-site, items will be noted in black.



If you have committed to an hour with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration and are ever unable to attend, please be sure to request a substitute as soon as possible to give as much time as possible to find someone to fill in for you. We are also still looking for more volunteers to commit to a time frame and/or become a substitute! Our Adoration website can be found at: <https://Adorationpro.org/cwatholic>. Please contact Chris Hiles at olqa.Adoration@gmail.com or 740-804-2080 if you have any questions or need assistance using the site.

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list is growing... please review the names listed. If you see someone who can be removed or know of someone who needs added, please contact Jess Hamm in the Parish Office. Please pray for the following members of God's family (those listed in **bold** are members of the Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles; others are beloved friends or family of parishioners):

Jaxson Ackerman, **Tom Allie**, Brennan Atkins, **Henry Barlage, Jr.**, **Bobby Barnhart**, Dexter Bell, **James & Paula Bennett**, Cathy Bentley, **Richard Blissenbach**, **Shannon Brady**, Robert Bruce, Michael Boyle, **Jane Burkhardt**, Nicholas Case, Lawrence Carrico, Randy Carver, **Judy Chambers**, Leah Christian, **Bob Cook**, **Joanne Corcoran**, Francesa Craig, Wes Crowe, Fred Cryder, **Dennis Cunningham**, **Joyce DeLong**, Jeremy Denny, Maria Rosa Domingues, **Captain Kevin Downey**, Margo Downing, **Susie Chesser Downing**, **Josie Dudash**, **Mary Elsass**, Mary Rose Evans, Sydney Fisher, Francine Glassmeyer, Roger Gray, Michael Grever, Doug Griffith, **Kathleen Hanson**, **Jane Harness**, **Phyllis Hassey**, Maranda Hay, Tom Hayes, **Brookie & Larry Heightsman**, Darianne Helmechamp, David Herrmann, Connie Hendrix, **Lorraine Hill**, **Kathy Hirsch**, Richard "Casey" Holdren, **David Hollis**, Harry Horstman, Sam Hurff, Phyllis Ivy, Craig Jaynes, Kathy Johnson Way, Christy Jones, Mike Kamp, **Dudley Keene**, **John Kennedy, Jr.**, **Melanie Kennedy**, **Rita Kern**, **Pete Kinney**, **David Kohl**, Sue Lazaro, **Doug Legg**, **Priscilla Legg**, **Jim Lewis**, **Mary Jayne Lilly**, **Mike Lilly**, **Diana Lisi**, Charlotte Lindsey, Evelyn Lovensheimer, **Shannon Lump**, **Hank & Jean Malone**, **Elmer Mari Medialdea**, **Charlene Martin**, **Bonnie McCord**, Frank McDonald, **Catherine McWhorter**, Diane Mead, Sandi Melching, Amanda Miller, **Bill Musser**, **Jean dela Pena**, Cindy Pennington, Sandy Pennington Seibert, **David Polk**, **Harold Price**, **Dave Purpero**, Angelina Prog, **Pat Reed**, Richard Renollet, Kathryn Cassar Rohn, **Thomas Rohn**, **Rick Rooney**, Kay Marie Rose, **Debbie Rourke**, **Elizabeth Santos-Mauntel**, **Mike Scheeler**, **Sue Ellen Slagle**, **Bob Smith**, **Jon Stauffer**, **Janice Streitenberger**, **John Sulzer**, **Kathy Sutter**, **Phoebe Tanedo**, **Kathy & Jerry Tapp**, **Jim Tuccinardi**, **Sharon Wagner**, **Robert Warth**, **Kathy Way**, **Tim Webb**, **Bob Weisenberger**, **Al Westrick**, **Rose Woolum**, **Cathy Zangri**

MASS INTENTIONS

When requesting a specific date for Mass Intentions, it is recommended to contact Kymn Davis at kdavis@olqaparish.com or stop into the Parish Office in Chillicothe at least six months before the desired date. Due to the large number of requests for Masses we receive, they will be scheduled accordingly and as soon as possible. We endeavor to get a couple of Masses in as soon as possible for recently deceased parishioners. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

Saturday, December 13 – Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

5:00 p.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – † **Sue Swartz** –
David & Sharon McCorkle

Sunday, December 14 – Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

8:00 a.m. St. Peter – † **Sharon Ott** – *David & Sue Ott*

10:00 a.m. St. Mary, Waverly – † **Rosita Bamba** –
Janice Streitenberger

12:00 p.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – *For the People*

Monday, December 15 – Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

8:30 a.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – † **Richard V. Southworth, Jr.** –
Marilyn Southworth

6:00 p.m. St. Peter – † **John Venneman** – *Diane & Tom Noonan*

Tuesday, December 16 – Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

8:30 a.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – † **Judy Lanning** –
Barbara Firestone

6:00 p.m. St. Peter – † **Queen Lester** – *Nunziato Family*

Wednesday, December 17 – Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

8:30 a.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – † **Lloyd Reed** –
Jean & Hank Malone

6:00 p.m. St. Mary, Waverly – † **Michael Vincent Migyanko** –
Mary Jane Rogers

Thursday, December 18 – Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

8:30 a.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – † **Barbara Manegold** –
Chris Manegold

6:00 p.m. St. Peter – † **Bob Dye** – *Bill & Ellen Clark*

Friday, December 19 – Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

8:30 a.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – † **Mary Michael** –
David & Sharon McCorkle

6:00 p.m. St. Peter – † **Jan Childers** – *Phyllis Hassey*

Saturday, December 20 – Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

5:00 p.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – † **Matt & Gwennie Diehl** –
Marilyn Evans

Sunday, December 21 – Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

8:00 a.m. St. Peter – *For the People*

10:00 a.m. St. Mary, Waverly – † **Madelyn Migyanko** –
Angela Migyanko

12:00 p.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe – † **Judy Lanning** –
Tom & Nancy Day



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: MONTHLY HONORS

Each month, K of C Council #15793 will be honoring a family, youth, and Knight for their exemplary work for God's kingdom.

For the month of December: Congratulations to the following parishioners for your outstanding example of living out the faith, and working hard in our parish community. Thank you for all you do!

Family of the Month: Andy & Wendy Brown

Youth of the Month: Carson Neal

Knight of the Month: John Seidensticker

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

CALENDAR

Saturday, December 13

- 1:30 p.m. Wreaths Across America –
St. Margaret Cemetery
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions – St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe

Sunday, December 14

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Peter
- 9:00 a.m. K of C Pancake Breakfast & Family Faith
Formation – St. Peter Parish Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Waverly
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts – St. Mary, Waverly
- 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Formation –
St. Peter Parish Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting – St. Mary, Chillicothe
Family Life Center

Monday, December 15

- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 5:00 p.m. Confessions – St. Peter
- 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter
- 7:15 p.m. Ross-Pike Right to Life – St. Peter Library

Tuesday, December 16

- 6:00 a.m.-11:59 p.m. Adoration – Adoration Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 9:15 a.m. Confessions – St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter
- 6:00 p.m. OCIA Formation – St. Peter Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 17

- 12:00 a.m.-11:59 p.m. Adoration – Adoration Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 5:00 p.m. Confessions/Adoration – St. Mary, Waverly
- 5:00 p.m. Our Lady of Sorrows Devotion –
St. Mary, Waverly
- 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Waverly
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – St. Mary, Chillicothe

Thursday, December 18

- 12:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Adoration – Adoration Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 9:30-11:00 a.m. True Vine Outreach – St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group – St. Mary, Chillicothe
Family Life Center
- 5:00 p.m. Confessions – St. Peter
- 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter
- 6:30 p.m. Secular Franciscan Order – St. Peter
St. Francis Room

Friday, December 19

- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Adoration – Adoration Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Confessions at St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter

Saturday, December 20

- 8:30 a.m. Waverly Men's Group –
McDonald's in Waverly
- 10:00 a.m. Food For Families Distribution –
St. Peter Parking Lot
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions – St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe

Sunday, December 21

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Peter
- 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Waverly
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts – St. Mary, Waverly
- 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe
- 6:00 p.m. The Well Youth Group Advent Party –
St. Peter Parish Hall

**OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES
OFFERTORY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF
JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026**

Weekly Budget: \$ 15,865.00
Week of November 17th-23rd
**Offertory Collected at Mass, via Mail,
and Online:** \$ 10,606.10
Difference: (\$ 5,258.90)

Weekly Budget: \$ 15,865.00
Week of November 24th-30th
**Offertory Collected at Mass, via Mail,
and Online:** \$ 11,125.29
Difference: (\$ 4,739.71)

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ONLINE GIVING? Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer to the church. Online giving benefits you, as it is convenient as you can access your account anytime and anywhere through the internet. It is flexible as you can start, stop, and change your contributions at any time. Please visit our website www.olqaparish.com to get set up. **Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment if you need assistance in this process.** If you currently receive envelopes and would prefer to give entirely online, please contact Business Manager Kaitlyn Meeker at 740-774-1407, ext. 13 to remove your name from the envelope mailing list. **Please note: Per the diocese, a portion of the offertory for the week of December 14th will go to the Retirement Fund for Religious.*



PIKE COUNTY OUTREACH

The Food Pantry is again asking for donations. This week, please provide **Peanut Butter and Jelly**. You can leave your donations in the back of the church at St. Mary, Waverly.

**SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED IN ROSS COUNTY THROUGH
TRUE VINE OUTREACH**

Please consider financially supporting our parish's charitable works. Your monthly offertory envelopes should have an envelope for assistance projects associated with OLQA, including this ministry. We will also be taking up a collection on the 5th Sundays of the month at the Chillicothe church sites. Please write your check to True Vine Outreach. True Vine assists the poor and disadvantaged in a variety of needs, such as food, clothing, rent, utilities, and so much more.

**TRUE VINE: NOVEMBER 2025 REPORT
(FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025-JUNE 30, 2026)**

Families Served: 193 (YTD: 823)
Assistance Provided: \$16,603.44 (YTD: \$68,526.77)
Although we were closed on Thursday, November 27th (Thanksgiving Day), we opened our doors on Tuesday, November 25th. We are very thankful to the Knights of Columbus Council #1071 for their \$5,000.00 donation in support of the True Vine Outreach Center work. We are very blessed with a giving support base.

SACK LUNCH MINISTRY: DONATIONS NEEDED

The True Vine Outreach Center is now providing 100 sack lunches per week to the public library for distribution to the homeless. If you would like to support this ministry, we can use individual serving sizes for meat items such as vienna sausages or tuna fish pouches, fruit cups or applesauce cups, crackers, granola bars and treats. Items can be dropped off in the back of St. Mary, Chillicothe church, the Parish Office, or the True Vine office building during our operating hours of 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Thursdays. You can turn in a copy of your receipt for donation credit on your parish donation acknowledgement letter. Thank you for your support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND FRIENDS: FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Donations for the Food For Families Ministry are greatly needed. We provide support for food-insecure families in Ross County on a monthly basis. We have been feeding an average of 100-120 families every 3rd Saturday. You can drop off donations in the back of St. Peter Church or at the Parish Office Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Suggested items include: cereal, soup, peanut butter, boxed potatoes, rice sides, and pasta sauce, but any donation is greatly appreciated! Monetary donations can be made out to Knights of Columbus Council #15793 with "Food Pantry" in the memo line of the check, and mailed to the Parish Office: 285 West Water Street, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

HOMEBOUND MAILING LIST

If you know of a parishioner who has recently gone into a nursing home or become homebound, and would like to get their name added to the mailing list to receive the weekly bulletin, please call Cathy Seifert in the Parish Office at 740-774-1407, ext. 11.

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

This year's conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 21st, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Ohio Expo Center, in the Kasich Hall. Early-bird discounted tickets are now on sale through January 1st, 2026 – for Adult Women \$45.00, Students \$35.00, and the conference is free for all religious sisters. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com/>.



MEN'S GROUP IN WAVERLY MEETS 1ST AND 3RD SATURDAYS

The Men's Ministry group will meet on Saturday, December 20th at McDonald's in Waverly at 8:30 a.m. All men are encouraged to attend for a time of food and fellowship.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES IN 2026

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

January 8th, April 30th, and July 9th

St. Mary, Chillicothe Family Life Center; 12:00-5:00 p.m.

PER DIOCESAN POLICY, WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT CHECKS WRITTEN OUT TO ST. PETER OR EITHER OF THE ST. MARY CHURCHES.

Only checks written out to Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles, or OLQA, can be accepted. Please be sure to write checks to the name of Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles Parish.



MAINTENANCE AT ALL CHURCH SITES

Please be advised that if you notice a maintenance-related issue at any building on our three campuses, the parish maintenance team needs to be made aware of the concern. Requests for assistance can be emailed to maintenance@olqaparish.com. This email is regularly checked by Maintenance Supervisors Mike Flynn and Tim Kessler, who will address your concern as soon as possible.

		
<i>Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.</i>		<i>Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the Fruit of your womb.</i>
Have you ever wondered how it would make Jesus feel if you spoke the same words as St. Gabriel and St. Elizabeth, to His mother, in His presence?		Register for a Eucharistic Holy hour to join in with the Angels and Saints as they honor Our Lady of the Rosary

CLEANING AFTER FACILITY USE

Reminder to all parish organizations, as well as persons who rent out any of our church facilities for a private party, to please clean the facility at the conclusion of your event. A cleaning checklist has been provided to all organization leaders. If you need an additional copy, please contact the Parish Office. Failure to complete the checklist following your event may result in your group no longer being able to use the facility or void your rental deposit refund.



CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR

Young people in families that are going to celebrate Christmas at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Peter's on Christmas Eve are invited to sing in the youth choir! The music will start at 3:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 4:00 p.m. (Children should arrive by 3:15 p.m. that day.) Children can sing the music before the Mass begins and then sit with their families during the Mass if they prefer, or they are welcome to stay with the choir for the entire Mass! Questions – please contact Diane Corcoran at 740-703-2196.

THE CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR

The CMLC is accepting nominations for the 2026 CMOY. To submit a nomination, please use the form located online at <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/man-of-the-year>. (The online form is required – no exceptions!) Nominees must be laymen who, through their daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplify the "good and faithful servant." The recipient of the award will be given the opportunity to share his personal testimony during an award ceremony with the Bishop at the CMLC luncheon meeting on Friday, March 6th, 2026 at St. Patrick Parish in downtown Columbus. Please read the instructions located on the website carefully to make certain the nomination submission is in compliance with CMLC's requirements. The Selection Committee will not consider a noncompliant nomination submission. Nominations **MUST** be completed and submitted by midnight on January 15th, 2026.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Christmas Flower Envelopes are available in the pews/entrances of the churches. You can place your envelope in the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Office. Any donation is greatly appreciated. The list of names will be printed in the church bulletin during the Christmas season. **Please turn in your envelope by Monday, December 15th.**



SEEK TO THE HEIGHTS

WHAT IS SEEK?

SEEK is a five-day experience where thousands of Catholics come together to encounter Christ through prayer, Adoration, the sacraments, and inspiring speakers. It's a chance to focus on what matters most, grow in authentic community, and be transformed in your faith.

JANUARY 1-5, 2026

As a member of the local Catholic community in Columbus, you're invited to experience the best of SEEK—on your schedule!

Join us with the **Columbus Local Pass** for evening sessions after 5 p.m. on Days 1-4 and full-day access on Day 5. Enjoy inspiring keynote talks from Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Mary Grace, SV, Dr. Edward Sri, and Curtis Martin, along with adoration, confession, entertainment, and vibrant community.



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TO REGISTER

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SEEK.FOCUS.ORG/CBSLOCAL

General
Registration

All Day
Access
\$625

Columbus
Local Pass

Evening Access
\$250 for Ages 15 and over
Ages 14 and under are free
(if accompanied by a registered
parent or guardian)



THE OLQA CHRISTMAS GIFTS PROJECT

Gifts for children – must be returned by December 14th, at the latest. You can drop off the wrapped gifts at any OLQA Mass, placing them at the base of the gift tag tree. **As the Committee prepares the gifts for delivery, it is very important that all tags be returned attached to the wrapped gift you have purchased by the date above.** Additionally, if you want to participate but cannot shop, please consider a monetary donation that can be dropped off or mailed in to the Parish Office, noting “Christmas Gifts Project” in the check memo line. These financial gifts are invaluable, as we always have last-minute needs for this service project. If you have any questions, or would like to help with gift delivery, please email Kymn Davis at kdavis@olqaparish.com.



ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

The January-March liturgical minister schedule will be available next week. You should receive an email listing your assignments for the quarter. Paper copies will be available at the Masses next weekend. Additionally, sign-up sheets are now available in the back of each church for the Christmas and Solemnity of Mary liturgies. Please contact Jess Hamm at jhamm@olqaparish.com or 740-774-1407, ext. 11 if you have any questions.

LECTORS – MANDATORY TRAINING REQUIRED

If you are a current lector or interested in joining the ministry, we will be holding a mandatory training session, to ensure all lectors are equipped to serve in the Mass and using the same practices, regardless of which church site is being blessed by your voice. Sessions will occur on January 25th, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Peter and following the 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe. If you are a lector and unable to attend one of these sessions, please contact Jess in the Parish Office to make alternate arrangements. Attending a training session is required for continued service.



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consider purchasing from these advertisers and supporting their businesses!

CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 2026 calendars sponsored by Haller Funeral Home and Ware Funeral Home are in! Please pick up your calendar in the back of the church. We thank our local funeral homes for sponsoring this gift to our parish.



THE APPEAL 2025

If you have not pledged to **The Appeal 2025**, please pray and consider making a contribution that fits your budget. It can be a monthly or one-time donation. This is a worthwhile cause that helps many people in the Columbus Diocese. Thank you for your generosity! Contributions Pledged As of December 4, 2025: **\$99,975.34 out of our goal of \$87,530.55.**

We have met our goal! Thank you all for your contributions. Any money now raised will come back to our parish from the diocese tax-free.

REMINDER: All checks written for The Appeal need to be made out to Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles Parish and not to any of our church sites.

WHERE'S THE TOWER?!



You may be wondering about the removal of the tower from St. Peter Church. For the last several years, our maintenance crew has been fighting water leaks originating from the tower. The tower has several leaks in its seams and base. Unfortunately, the original design pulled water from the base of the tower, its base, and the small roof below the tower, into an internal boxed gutter system, then into a drain pipe inside the church. Over the years, visible and hidden water damage has occurred.

Because the tower was built as part of the roof system, the damage included the base of the tower (wood framing is rotten), the organ, and the choir loft. To completely seal up the area above the choir loft, specialists are working with our maintenance crew to replace the roof system below the tower with a solid, structurally-sound, water-tight roof. At the same time, the tower is being studied to determine the best way to restore it. The decision was made to get the church water-tight and restore the tower more economically, rather than incorporating it into the structure of the roof. Once it is determined how to proceed with the tower restoration, and the bids to do so, the goal is to restore and return the tower. The beauty of making the church roof water-tight prior to returning the tower is that the tower will no longer be a source of concern for water leaks. We have a very generous grant from the Catholic Foundation to start the work. Once we have bids for the restoration work, we will present them. If you would like to contribute to this project, it would be greatly appreciated. To contribute, please contact Msgr. Lane or Kymn Davis.



30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.

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ADVENT – WEEK 3

This Gaudete Sunday, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great JOY!

Advent Action: Prepare yourself spiritually for the Christmas season by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Advent Action: Support one of our service-based groups (True Vine Outreach, Pike County Outreach, Food for Families) with your time, talent, and/or treasure.



THIS SUNDAY HAS A SPECIAL NAME: "GAUDETE SUNDAY"

The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a 40-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12th (just after the memorial of Saint Martin of Tours), and was called "Saint Martin's Lent." Gaudete Sunday was

the Advent counterpart to Laetare Sunday, which marks the midpoint of Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of the season, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be more accurately described as "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and heightened sense of joyous anticipation.

Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored.

The word Gaudete is Latin for *Rejoice*. In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge, and that we await His coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

SUPPORT OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES AND LOWER YOUR 2025 TAXES

Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles has endowment funds that The Catholic Foundation manages. These funds are longer-term, sustained investments designed to provide our parish with a perpetual source of income outside of the weekly offertory. As 2025 draws to a close, now is the time to consider contributing cash, appreciated stocks, IRA rollovers, and other assets to these funds, which can lower your tax exposure while significantly impacting Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles. Some assets take longer to process, so now is the time to start your year-end giving to benefit Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles. For more information, please contact Jim Hahn at 614-443-8893, ext. 1120 or jhahn@catholic-foundation.org.



THE MONTHLY OUR LADY OF SORROWS DEVOTION WILL BE IN THE CHURCH THIS WEDNESDAY, December 17th, at 5:00 p.m., before the daily Mass. Join us in honoring the message of Mary, Our Lady of Kibeho.

Ruth and Esther



The books of Ruth and Esther recount two of the most moving stories in all of Scripture, a displaced widow in search of a new home and a loving husband, and a courageous queen intent on saving her people from imminent destruction.

A scripture study of these two women will be held on Thursdays – January 15th, 22nd, 29th and February 5th, 12th in the St. Mary, Chillicothe Family Life Center at 12:00 p.m. noon. The study is free to all and a light lunch will be provided. Just bring a Bible. Led by Katie Boesch. This study will lead us on a journey to discover the God who hears the cries of His people and remains faithful to His promises.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE UPDATE:

Our parish and school are blessed with many generous volunteers who help make our ministries, programs, and liturgies possible. As we continue our commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all children and vulnerable persons, we are preparing for the Diocese of Columbus' updated Safe Environment requirements. All volunteers are asked to be fully compliant with Protecting God's Children training and complete the required background checks by January 2nd, 2026. These steps help ensure that our parish remains a place of trust, protection, and faith for every member of our community.

Background Check Requirements

To meet diocesan policy, the following background checks are required for volunteers:

- **BCI (Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation) background check** – required for all volunteers
- **FBI background check** – in addition to BCI, FBI is required for volunteers who have lived outside the state of Ohio at any point in the past **five years**.

If you currently volunteer, or plan to volunteer in the future, we warmly encourage you to check that your VIRTUS account is active and up to date, and that your background checks have been completed within the required timeframes.



Please contact Andrea McLean in the Parish Office with any questions or for assistance completing your background check or VIRTUS requirements. Thank you for your faithful service and continued commitment to protecting God's children.

Scan the QR code to visit the Diocese of Columbus Safe Environment webpage for more details.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Help us fill the shelves for the winter months!

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Box of Cereal	2 Box of Pasta	3 Jar of Pasta Sauce	4 Can of Beef Soup	5 Can of Chicken Noodle Soup	6 Jar of Peanut Butter
7 Can of Fruit or Dried Fruit	8 Box of Rice or Potatoes	9 Can of Pork & Beans or Baked Beans	10 Can of Tuna or Chicken	11 Can of Vienna Sausages	12 A Package of Muffin Mix	13 Can of Ravioli or Beefaroni
14 Box of Crackers	15 Box of Mac & Cheese	16 Can of Peas or Carrots	17 Can of Mixed Veggies	18 A Package of Cookies	19 Bottle of Shampoo	20 Tube of Toothpaste
21 Bar of Soap	22 Stick of Deodorant	23 Bottle of Dish Soap	24 2 Items of Your Choice	25 <i>Bring your box to one of the Christmas Masses in Chillicothe or contact Joe or Jess for pickup</i>		



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #15793 WILL BE HOLDING ITS ANNUAL REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD AND TOILETRY COLLECTION DECEMBER 1ST-25TH. Every parish family is encouraged to fill a box with food and hygiene items during the Advent season – adding one item per day – and bring with you to one of the Christmas Masses in Chillicothe to help support the need in our local community. Please see the calendar with suggested items. If you need help getting your box to church, contact Jess Hamm in the Parish Office at 740-774-1407, ext. 11 or Joe Zupi at jzupi2002@yahoo.com. Joe will gladly offer “contactless pickup” at your home in the week leading up to Christmas! All donations go to support the Food For Families monthly distributions – please help us fill the shelves for the winter months!

December 20-21: Fourth Sunday of Advent

	Eucharistic Minister	Sacristan	Lector	Server	Greeter	Offertory	Usher
Saturday 5:00 p.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe	Tim Corcoran	Sister Sheena	Joe Herlihy – 1 Josh Spencer – 2	Emma Whalen	Peg Haller Gerry Struensee	Shawn Rourke	Steve Burkhardt Bob Fyffe Dick Wagner
Sunday 8:00 a.m. St. Peter	Cathy Seifert	Sister Leonard	Melissa Huggins – 1 David Glass – 2	Joel Meeker Tim Kessler John Kessler	Mollie Maimone John Crowe	Aaron Brown	Bob Kight Jim Maimone John Crowe Brett Reisinger
Sunday 10:00 a.m. St. Mary, Waverly	Reenie Cromes	Jerry & Karen Meier	Donna Corcoran – 1 Robin Beery – 2	Owen Armstrong Bodie Armstrong	John Bonifield Bob Lagnese	NEED A VOLUNTEER	John Bonifield
Sunday 12:00 p.m. St. Mary, Chillicothe	Joy Maxwell	Sister Amelia	Diane Neal – 1 Bridget Rourke – 2	Bradyn Smith	Kelli & Mark Johnson	Meghan Ray	Mike Dennis Matt Haller Michael Haller Laura Vollmar

Altar Linen Schedule for 2025 at St. Mary, Chillicothe
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