

What's Happening: February 16, 2024

We hold in our prayers this week:

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Kiara Culmer, Sue Andrews, Rebecca Austin, Jennifer Thomas, Lois Smith, Molly Simon, Jim & Linda Good, Bob Lewis, Jo Oldenburg, Peggy Zimmer

Homebound Parishioners: Anida Balmer, Kay McKelvey, Sheena James, Doug Bradfield

Parishioners' Friends and Family: Lynne Jennings (Holly St. Clair), Annette Barnes (Sally Scovill), Maryellen Duerr (Bob Brown), Don Aukerman, Karen, Gordon & Graham, Kurt Atwell (Ann Bish), Azri & Barb Hami, Stan & Deloris Stary (Jim & Nickie Stary), Vitalia Ononye (Carolyn Beredo), Laura Faulkner (Dennis McCready), Lee Keller (John Keller), Dan Pernod (Deb Vandrasik), John Bradley (David Nash), Marilou Durkin (Sara Ferry), Ann Rudeen (Jan McDonough), Samantha Hall (Sam Morgan), Sharlene Page (Bob & Christine Schauer), John & Mary Degnan (Julie Steigerwald), Christopher Taylor (Sarah Taylor), Ginger Hill (Marci Rich), Brynn Purdy, Ellie McMahan (Linda Purdy), Virginia Wepfer (Brenda Pongracz), Ryan Swanson (Ed & Julie Stenger), Christian Kneubel (Ann Wright), Grace Brockett (Cheshier Family), Tristan (Jessica Philpott, Luke & Mark Sferra), Bonnie Jones, Gary Novak (Emily Malquest), Alyssa Cowling, Gerry Ross, Nacine Bryson, Paul Guinn (Joanne Hull), David Spencer (Beth O'Rourke), Dan Erwine (Cindy Lemmerman), Lee Mehnert (Tom & Sue Andrews), Tim Sweeney, Jim Miller, Frank, Carley Buhl (Liz Crosby), Weston (John Neumann), Elaine Glendening (Patti Dobro), Sue Nickel-Schindewolf, Michael Yancey (Amanda Chambers)

February Outreach Focus: National Multiple Sclerosis Society



**National
Multiple Sclerosis
Society**

Since 1997, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is where I found compassion, trusted information, and reliable guidance during scary times. If you know someone facing a diagnosis, please share this information.

What is MS? MS is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Thought to be an auto-immune disease affecting nearly a million people in the US, there is no known cause or cure. Symptoms range from numbness, pain, blindness, cognitive issues to paralysis. An individual's MS progression is unpredictable, sometimes "coming and going" over months, or progressing leading to increased disability.

The National MS Society provides services to people with MS and their families. They invest in research seeking a cure, advocate for patient's rights, and facilitate education on issues such as employment. The Ohio Chapter of the National MS Society is a valuable connection for people with MS to not face a diagnosis alone, and to live their best life.

Your contributions this month will enable services for people with MS, such as a cooling vest or grab-bars, and fund promising research. If you are able, please join my “Dessert First!” team at the Walk MS event, on May 4, 2024 at CSU’s Wolstein Center.

Register to walk with me on May 4 (free) and/or donate:

<https://events.nationalmssociety.org/participant/Kathy-Woolner-2024>

St. Peter’s faith, kindness, and generosity make my heart happy in February, and always.

Thank you. ~ *Kathy Woolner*



Thank You To: Marcy Robbins, president of Berman Moving & Storage, for donation of boxes for this weekend’s Homeless Sleepout! There is something to be said for having a new, clean

and DRY box for this event and Marcy has been there for us for the past two years. THANK YOU!

Wednesday nights in Lent, beginning Wednesday, February 21, our Lenten program in the chapel is:

6:00 p.m. simple dinner

6:30 p.m. simple Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Book Study of the book *Community* by Henri Nouwen

Another option is at the Episcopal Church of the

Ascension, on Thursday nights in Lent beginning February 15. Church of the Ascension will host a Lenten Program:

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

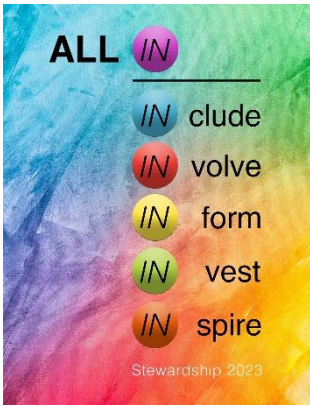
6:30-8:30 p.m. *The Chosen* viewing, Bible Study, and discussion

All are welcome; please join us.



Saint Cecilia

The St. Cecilia’s Guild will gather at noon on Wednesday, February 21. Choirmaster Bryan Mitnaul will kick things off in the sanctuary with a short demonstration of our magnificent organ. We will adjourn to the new chapel to learn more about St. Peter’s music program and about Bryan. Lunch is being catered by Mission BBQ and will include brisket, pulled pork, cornbread, buns, and lemonade or iced tea. Not a fan of BBQ? Bring your own lunch. The cost is \$16. Mail a check made out to Lorna Jordan by February 14. Address: 1507 Westford Circle #105, Westlake, OH 44145. If you will be bringing your lunch please text or email Lorna, 216-647-3774 or ljcookie1@gmail.com, to make sure we have enough seats.



The Generosity Team would like to give everyone an opportunity to be **INvolved** with the Youth Group’s Homeless Sleepout! On February 18 we will be collecting items to donate to St. Luke’s to aid in their homeless outreach efforts. This is intended to supplement the monetary donations that the Youth Group will be delivering to four homeless shelters. Specifically, please bring “campfire” type food donations (pop-top soups and canned meals that are ready to open and eat) as well as men’s clothing, specifically new heavy socks, underwear, hats, gloves, and scarves. Blankets are always needed as well.

There will be a donation drop off in the back of the church on each of these three Sundays, and delivery to St. Luke’s will be made following the Homeless Sleepout. Thank you in advance for your support!

PAJAMA & BOOK DRIVE
The Magic of Pajamas & Books

NEW PAJAMAS AND BOOKS are magical gifts that we collect and give, with love, to children. These gifts inspire children, teaching them how to use imagination and creativity to change their lives. They are the building blocks of confidence, trust and love. And because we

give them unconditionally, these gifts help create a trusting connection and long-lasting bond. It's easier than you might think to comfort and delight the children who need it most, giving simple but magical gifts that lift the spirit and can change the world.

St. Peter’s Child Care is hosting a Pajama and Book Drive to benefit foster children in Cuyahoga County! Please help by bringing either new pajamas and/or new books for children of all ages.

Dates: Beginning February 2, 2024 – February 29, 2024
Location: Donation boxes will be located in the Center hallway

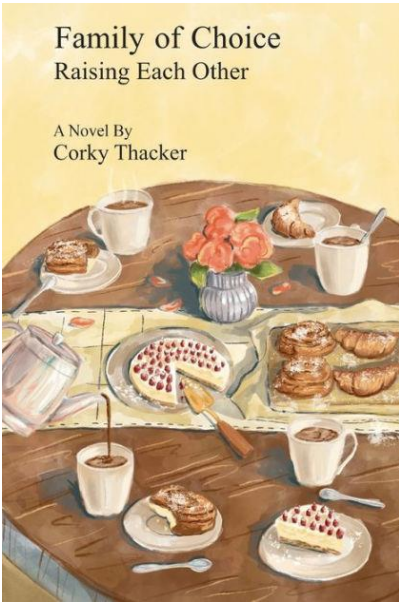


St. Peter’s Child Care Center is having a fundraiser! Money earned from this sale will be used to help fund the “Bring the Farm to You” Large Animal Event. We will earn a 35% – 40% profit on every item we sell.

Sale Dates: February 8 – February 22

Delivery Date: March 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Be sure to check out all the products on the online store! You will shop under the seller name “St. Peter’s S.” Cookies, Popcorn, Beef Jerky, Beef Sticks, Ben Soft-Pretzel kits, Tea, and more are available! Thank you for your part in making this a success! Click the link below or scan the QR code on the flyer in the entryway. [Select Seller | My Fundraising Place](#)



**Book Launch Party! February 18, 2024,
Noon to 2:00 p.m. Church of the Ascension**

Parishioner Corky Thacker was inspired by the Church of the Ascension to create the novel's fictional Grace Church. She will tithe on royalties of all books purchased and/r signed at the Launch Party to benefit the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Family of Choice: Raising Each Other features four A.A. recovery "family" members who help one another navigate life, death, success, fear, love, loss, grief, harassment, and renewal – developing spirituality and bonds they can rely on. Brisk pacing, snappy dialogue, humor alternating with tears, and compelling characters with interwoven experiences maintain a strong emotional pull to keep turning the pages.



*The church office will be closed on
Monday, February 19th
in honor of President's Day.*

For pastoral emergencies, please contact The Rev. Mike Lager by phone at 479-221-4030 or by email at rector@stpeterslakewood.org

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the office at office@stpeterslakewood.org