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ACTS 1:8

Power Unmasked

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

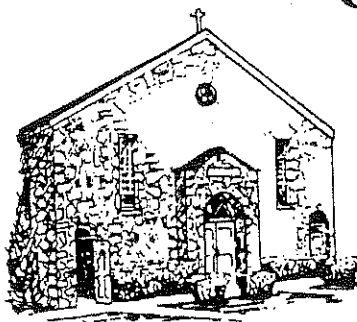
When the Lone Ranger and Tonto rode across our TV screens in days of old, someone would often ask, "Who was that masked man?" Folks never learned his identity, and it didn't matter. For that man had saved them from evil, restoring their lives. In a sense, the Ranger, with Tonto, had passed on to them the power to live safely and productively.

As he was about to return to his Father, the risen Lord said to the apostles, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Yet being blessed with the power that raised the Lord Jesus does not always feel much like a blessing. At times it can feel more like a burden that falls upon our shoulders, one to heal and mend as we try to bring peace and a better world. We wonder why we always must be the one who says, "I'm sorry." Why must we always be the one who plans the evening out or writes the Christmas cards or calls Mom or spends time with the children or listens to someone's tale of woe? Yet such is the power of Jesus for bringing about healing to both spirits and bodies, for creating joy, for designing bridges into the hearts of others, all because the Messiah rode off on a cloud of silver to be welcomed to the right hand of God. Thus, he empowers us. ●

Reflect

Have you ever been surprised by the good God has brought about through you?

Catholic Communities



Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.
Fayette, OH 43521

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel
Pat Eisel
Ray Hollstein
Mike Burkholder
Traci Maginn
Barbara Roby

Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.



Parish Pastor
Rev. William Pifher
419-446-9288

OLM PARISH OFFICE

P.O. Box 429
Fayette, OH 43521

Phone: 419-237-2441

Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday

PARISH STAFF

Secretary: Sherry Renner
ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com

Bookkeeper

Ron Baker

Youth Leader/CRE

Anita Van Zile

website:

stpeterarchbold.com/our-lady-of-mercy/



St. Peter

614 N. Defiance St.
Archbold, OH 43502

MASS SCHEDULE

1st Saturday of month 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.

Parish Secretary

Kim Garrow 419-446-2150
email-stpeter@rtecexpress.net

Religious Ed

Deb Herring

Parish Council President

Stephen Bernath

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- **Baptism:** Please call Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.
- **Reconciliation:** Father will be available for confessions *starting 30 minutes before Mass each week.*
- **New Parishioners:** A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Those who can participate: Anyone who is seriously sick or suffering a grave illness (not a cold, or flu) which is treated or medicated for by a doctor. Also for those of old age which often brings morale or depression factors (body, mind, or spirit). Please make arrangements with Father or call the parish office.
- **Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office *six months* ahead of your planned wedding date, for Marriage Preparation and scheduling.
- **RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of classes designed to bring new members into the Catholic church. Weekly sessions begin in September. People who have not been baptized, who have not been practicing or who have been raised in another faith are all welcome to register. Parishioners are encouraged to invite interested family members and friends. There is no obligation to join the church. This is simply an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Pifher at 419-446-9288.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please note that the bulletin deadline is Tuesday, Noon. Please either call, email at ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

ROSARY MONTH OF MAY

The Rosary will be prayed every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Come and ask the Blessed Virgin to intercede for you.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Baccalaureate Mass today. Congratulations Hannah Kovar, Andrea Herr and Matayvia Van Zile

DID YOU KNOW....

The Pope is protected by the Swiss Papal Guard. Wearing uniforms designed by Michelangelo and commonly armed with halberds, they are capable of using heavier weapons if needed. Each member is Catholic, male, and Swiss, and must complete military training in Switzerland. They must demonstrate good conduct and be at least five-foot-eight in height. Those who are chosen are granted a private audience with the pope along with their families. In extreme circumstances, they are expected to guard the Holy Father with their lives. The Swiss Papal Guard is the oldest active military unit in continual existence since 1506. (from catholic.org)



THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"Christians must lean on the Cross of Christ just as travelers lean on a staff when they begin a long journey." - St. Anthony of Padua

Do Something Beautiful for God – The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

May 21 - We are called to cultivate that sacred silence which makes people remember the words of Jesus: See how they love one another. How often we find ourselves speaking about the faults of another. How often our conversations is about someone who is not present. Yet see the compassion of Christ toward Judas, the man who received so much love yet betrayed his own master. But the master kept the sacred silence and did not betray Judas. Jesus could have easily spoken in public – as we often do – telling the hidden intentions and deeds of Judas to others. But He didn't. Instead, He showed mercy and charity. Rather than condemning Judas. He called him His friend.

May 22 – In many places, children are neglected, but animas are cared for and pampered. Animals are given special food and other special things. I love dogs myself, very much, but still I cannot bear seeing a dog given the place of a child.

May 23 – To parents: It is very important that children learn from their fathers and mothers how to love one another. Not in school, not from the teacher, but from you. It is very important that you share with your children the joy of loving others. There will be misunderstandings. Every family has its cross, its suffering, but always be the first to forgive with a smile. Be cheerful, be happy.

May 24 – Everything we do each day is a means to put our love for Christ into living loving action. It is so beautiful that we complete each other. What we are doing in the slums, maybe you cannot do. What you are doing where you are called – in your family, in your life at college, in your work – we cannot do. But you and we together are doing something beautiful for God.

May 25 - Choose the way of peace. Let us not use bombs and guns to overcome the world. Let us use love and compassion. Peace begins with a smile. Smile five times a day at someone you don't really want to smile at all. Do it for peace. Let us radiate the peace of God. In this way let us set the world alight with His light and extinguish all hatred and love of power. Peace in the world, yes, but first peace in our hearts. Do you have peace in your heart today? If not, why not?

May 26 Be faithful to the time spent in prayer and make sure that at least half of your prayer is spent in silence. This will bring you closer to Jesus. If you deepen your prayer life you will grow in holiness and obtain many graces for the souls entrusted to your care. Deepen your love for one another by praying for each other and by sharing thoughts and graces you have received in prayer and reading.

May 27 – You are called to be holy where you are, wherever God has put you, right now.

Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at vanzilejn@hotmail.com or call Pat Eisel at 419-737-2163.

Privacy Issues for Parish Office: IMMEDIATE FAMILY – must contact the parish office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Please submit with exact verbiage requested. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.

June 15 - 17 – St. Peter Garage Sale – They need volunteers & donations (no books or large appliances, including TV's) June 14 is setup

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---May 6 – Oct. 28 – Farmer's Market @ Fayette Opera House Parking Lot – Saturday's 9 am – 1 pm

---June 21 – Community Meal – Methodist Community Center 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

If you know of any Fayette Community events please either call or visit the office or email to ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com



DIOCESE OF TOLEDO NEWS

ACA in progress – information and envelopes are on the table in the back.
Our Lady of Mercy is at 80.87%.

HELP WANTED

The Diocese has openings for employment. Check out the list at toledodiocese.org/careers

25th Annual Open Arms Awards

June 3, 2023 @ 5 p.m. – Holy Trinity Parish (Assumption, OH)

or
June 4, 2023 @ 4 p.m. – St. Mary Parish (Sandusky, OH)

“PROTECT THEM BOTH” CAMPAIGN

In our state, forces are at work through an incoming proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution to attack those most vulnerable among us--the preborn and their families. Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, and their allies are putting abortion on the Ohio Ballot in November to be enshrined in Ohio's Constitution. The proposed amendment will allow abortions to take the lives of innocent preborn children through all nine months, to the point of birth, without any legal protection for the lives of the preborn or the health of their mothers.

The **“Protect Them Both” Campaign** has been launched in the Diocese of Toledo to raise the awareness of every Catholic parishioner with the message to VOTE NO on the proposed November Ohio constitutional amendment entitled, “Ohio Right to Make Reproductive Decisions Including Abortion Initiative. – see flyer in bulletin for more information.



HelpOurMarriage.com

RETRouvaille

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship

A weekend has been scheduled for the Northwest Ohio Chapter!

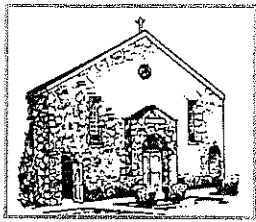
July 14th – July 16th

**St. Francis Spirituality Center 200 St. Francis Ave
Tiffin, OH 44883**

Register at <https://helpourmarriage.org>

Contact email: NWOhio@helpourmarriage.org Or
call: 419-481-1116

For more Diocese of Toledo happenings please visit toledodiocese.org/calendar



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



MAY 21, 2023

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

| Date | Time | Church | Intention |
|---------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sun. May 21 | 8:30 a.m. | OLM | Living & Deceased Sarnac family |
| | 10:30 am | SP | Juanita Arend |
| Tues. May 23 | 7 p.m. | SP | Mona LaNeve |
| Wed. May 24 | 9:00a.m.. | SP | For the People |
| Thurs. May 25 | 9:00a.m. | OLM | For the People |
| | 7:00p.m. | OLM | Rosary |
| Fri. May 26 | 9:00a.m. | SP | For the People |
| Sat. May 27 | 8:30a.m. | SP | NO MASS |
| | 4:30p.m. | SP | Mike & Joyce Britenriker Gina Dammon |
| Sun. May 28 | 8:30a.m. | OLM | Joyce Dwyer |
| | 10:30a.m. | SP | Pat & Juanita Arend Greg Wlasiuk |

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Wednesday's -- all of May
Rosary 7 p.m.
---May 21 -- Baccalaureate Mass

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for May 14, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (16 envelopes) \$ 1,975.24
LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 71.00

BUDGET \$ 1,747.00
Over/(Under) \$ 299.24

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Maintenance \$ 115.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 55.00
Fayette Local Ministries \$ 4.00
CPC Jar \$ 20.00
Votive Candles \$ 3.00
Postage Help \$ 22.00
TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 2,265.24

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

May 28, 2023

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| Reader | Ron Baker |
| Servers | Maeve, Micah & Will Maginn |
| Greeters/ Gifts | Mike Maginn family |
| Ushers | Jerry & Anita Van Zile |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | Until further notice |
| Money Counters | Ron Baker Terry Kovar |



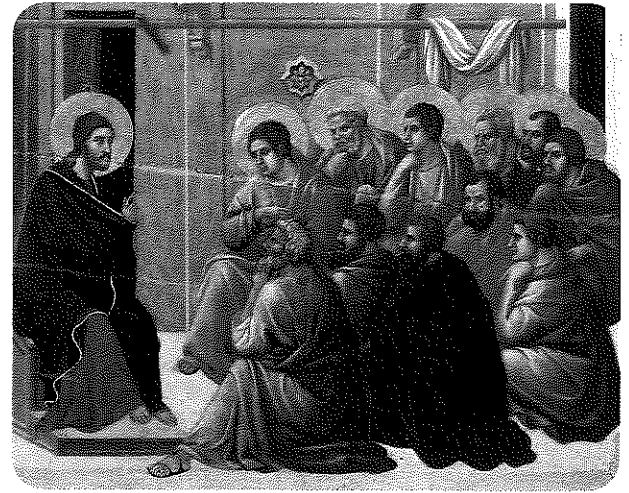
"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Dear Padre,

Why should I be confirmed?

In baptism, God calls you to be a priest, prophet and king. In confirmation, you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live out those vocations. A priest offers prayer and sacrifice. In confirmation, you are moved to make your everyday life a sacrifice that you join to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross (Romans 12:1). *Prophet* is from *prophētēs*, a Greek word meaning “spokesperson.” In confirmation, you are compelled to preach the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16), just as the apostles were when they received the Holy Spirit on the original day of Pentecost (Acts 2:2–4). When you were baptized, you were made a member of the royal family of God (1 Peter 2:9). Just as Jesus showed what it means to be a Servant King, so are we called to serve others in love. In confirmation, we are inspired by the love that God pours into us in his Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

In his first public preaching, Jesus quoted from Isaiah the prophet: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me” (Luke 4:18). That was the beginning of his public ministry. When the bishop anoints you with chrism, you can say the same. Your confirmation is the beginning of your own public ministry. ●



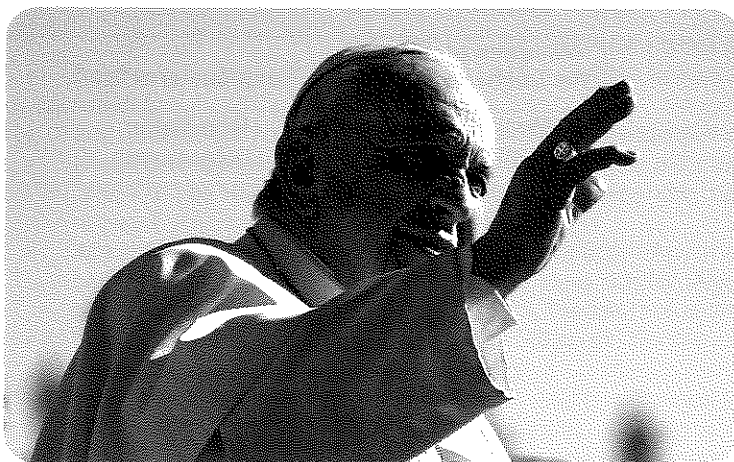
Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSSR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A disciple follows the Master daily and shares the joy of discipleship with others. Not by conquering, mandating, proselytizing, but by witnessing, humbling oneself alongside other disciples and offering with love the love that we ourselves received. This is our mission...to show by our lives...that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone.

HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 20, 2019

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MONDAY

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1–8
Jn 16:29–33

TUESDAY

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17–27
Jn 17:1–11a

WEDNESDAY

May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28–38
Jn 17:11b–19

THURSDAY

May 25
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11
Jn 17:20–26

FRIDAY

May 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
Acts 25:13b–21
Jn 21:15–19

SATURDAY

May 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31
Jn 21:20–25

SUNDAY

May 28
Pentecost
Acts 2:1–11
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13
Jn 20:19–23