

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body.

MATTHEW 10:28

What Is a Soul, if Not...?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The Gospel of Matthew warns that the greater danger is not about those who may kill the body, but rather it is about those who can destroy both body and soul. Indeed, what if our soul dies long before our body dies? What then has become of our living?

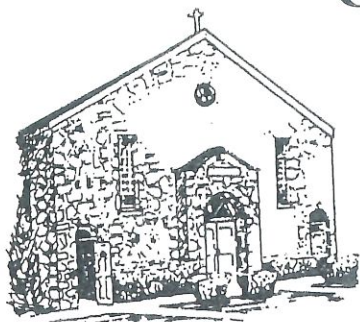
Henry David Thoreau spent a year at Walden Pond in 1845. He did not go to escape life, he said, but to preserve it, to live it more fully. “I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived,” he wrote in *Walden* in 1854. “I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear, nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life.”

To have a soul is not as if some other-worldly reality has been given a home in our body. Rather, to have a soul is to have a source of hope even in the face of failure, to love in imitation of Jesus even when we are not loved, to see goodness even when it is hidden, to trust in God even when we are powerless. It is the source of mystery, of all that is transcendent, the home of all that is holy. ●

Reflect

**How would you know
if your soul was in danger?**

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.



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Rev. William Pifher
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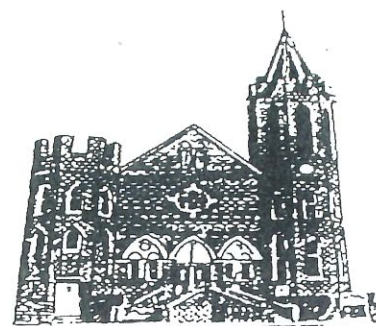
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Fayette, OH 43521

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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.

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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, JUNE 25, 2023

12th Sunday Ordinary Time

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

THURSDAY MASSES

Masses resume on Thursday June 29, 9 a.m.

THANK YOU

Deacon Larry Zachrich would like to thank everyone who participated in his evaluation as Deacon. Please know suggestions may be given for improvement at any time. You do not have to wait for the six-year evaluation.

NEW EMAIL (Corrected)

I apologize, I had a numeral wrong on the email address in last week's bulletin. To be compliant with the Diocese of Toledo we have change our email it is OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com (all are the letter "O"), thank you for your understanding.

DEFINITION - WORD OF THE WEEK

FEAR - an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat

DID YOU KNOW....

The Catholic Church is entirely responsible for the composition of the Bible, which books are included, as well as the breakup of the chapters and verses. Protestants have removed some books of the Bible because some of the verses were inconsistent with their theology. Martin Luther was a prime offender in this regard, removing Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach and Baruch. He also made an effort to remove James and Revelations, but this was rejected by his followers and those two books were kept. Catholics are often accused of "adding" the books, but despite this common belief, it is false. Older, pre-Protestant, Catholic translations of the Bible include them. (from catholic.org)

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"Not the power to remember, but its very opposite, the power to forget, is a necessary condition for our existence." - *St. Basil the Great*

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

June 25 – I once picked up a small girl who was wandering the streets, lost. Hunger was written all over her face. Who knows how long it had been since she had eaten anything! I offered her a piece of bread. The little one started eating, crumb by crumb. I told her, "Eat, eat the bread!" She looked at me and said, "I am just afraid that when I run out of bread, I'll still be hungry."

June 26 - I always begin my prayer in silence, for it is in the silence of the heart that God speaks. God and silence are great friends. We need to listen to God, because it's not what we say, but what He says to us and through us that matters.

June 27 – There is so much suffering in the world – physical, material, mental. The suffering of some can be blamed on the greed of others. The material and physical suffering is suffering from hunger, from homelessness, from all kinds of diseases. Will we allow greed to rule our hearts or will we accept God's invitation to joyful generosity?

June 28 - When someone is doing something to hurt you, don't turn inward, turn toward that person. He is hurting himself. Learn to forgive, knowing that we all need forgiveness. If you want to be true to God, learn from Jesus to be meek, humble, and pure. Learn to forgive.

June 29 - Should I devote myself to struggle for the justice of tomorrow or even for the justice of today, the most needy people would die right in front of me because they lack a glass of milk...I do not condemn those who struggle for justice. I believe there are different options for the people of God. To me the most important thing is to serve the neediest people.

June 30 – To leave Loreto was my greatest sacrifice, the most difficult thing I have ever done. It was much more difficult than to leave my family and country. In Loreto I have received my spiritual training.

July 1 – Everybody today seems to be in a hurry. No one has any time to give to others: children to their parents; parents to their children; spouses to each other.

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.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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

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.



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

SAVE THE DATE

2023 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
October 22, 2022 | 3:00 p.m.

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2023 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass.

To register visit: www.toledoanniversarymass.org

GRADUATES DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

This spring parochial, diocesan, and private Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Toledo celebrated 914 graduating seniors, 98 percent of the class, who together earned approximately \$83 million in scholarships. Matt Daniels, Senior Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Toledo, said: "We are very proud of the graduates from our diocesan, parochial, and private Catholic Schools. We are thrilled to see how they will continue to make the Lord known, loved, and served in their colleges, universities, chosen professions, military service, or religious vocation in the future! We congratulate them on their accomplishments this year, which highlight the gift and value of a Catholic education."

2023 GRANT-SCHOLARSHIP REV. AUGUST SCHAEFER

The 2023 Rev. August Schaefer Liturgical Grant Cycle will open on Monday, July 3, 2023. Applications and deadlines can be found on the parish website at stjosephmarblehead.org.



Love and Life Programs Program 1: *I + YOU = WE*



Happy relationships don't grow on trees. Inspire your Marriage!

October 7 - 8, 2023

Immaculate Conception Church 414 Madison St. Port Clinton, OH 43452

This is a unique weekend filled with lectures, dynamic workshops, and individual couple dialogue that leads you through 6 simple steps to real joy in your marriage.

Program Leader

Fr. Jaroslaw "Jay" Szymczak
Institute of the Holy Family • Warsaw, Poland



All married couples will benefit from this workshop.

Registration \$250 per couple. \$300 after Sept. 25th

Includes

- Lecture & detailed workshop materials
- Coffee, tea & refreshments
- All meals

More Information

loveandlifeprogramsa@ho@gmail.com
Aaron & Stephanie Gorys 614-378-6975

Saturday, October 7th 8 am - 9 pm and Sunday, October 8th 8 am - 4 pm

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

Saints of the Day (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of June 25 – July 1

Sunday, June 25 – St. Dominic Henares - St. Dominic Henares (1764-1838) was born to a poor family in Spain. He joined the Dominican Order and was ordained a priest in 1790. Ten years later he was sent as a missionary to the Far East. He went from Mexico to the Philippines, and finally to North Vietnam. He became Bishop of Phunhay, Vietnam, in 1803. In 1831 the Vietnamese emperor officially prohibited Catholicism and severely persecuted the Church. Whole villages were sent into exile; priests were arrested and subjected to the most terrible tortures before they were killed. Those who helped capture them were richly rewarded. Bishop Henares was arrested and beheaded in Nam Dinh on June 25, 1838; the soldiers and villagers who participated in his arrest received generous compensation. St. Dominic Henares is one of an estimated 130,000 to 300,000 Catholics martyred for the faith in Vietnam between the 15th and 20th centuries. They were canonized together by Pope St. John Paul II in 1988. St. Dominic Henares' feast day is June 25, and the collective memorial for 117 of the Vietnamese Martyrs is November 24.

Monday, June 26 – St. Josemaria Escriva - St. Josemaria Escriva (1902-1975) was born in Spain, one of six children of a devout Catholic family. Growing up, he observed his parents faithfully endure painful family trials (the death of three of their young children and devastating financial setbacks) and this had a profound effect on his own faith. As a teenager he discovered his vocation to the priesthood when he saw the path of footprints in the snow left by a barefoot Carmelite friar. He then experienced a radical conversion: he gave up his intended career as an architect and entered the seminary. He spent most of his life studying and teaching in universities, earning a doctorate in civil law and theology. Saint Josemaria Escriva's lasting impact lies in the foundation of Opus Dei ("The Work of God"), an organization of laity and priests dedicated to the universal call of holiness and the belief that ordinary, daily life is an authentic path to sanctity. Today Opus Dei has over 80,000 members worldwide. His famous written work is *The Way*, a collection of spiritual and pastoral reflections on the gospels and their application to everyday life. On June 26, 1975, after glancing at an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in his office in Rome, St. Josemaria died suddenly of cardiac arrest. He was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II. His feast day is June 26th.

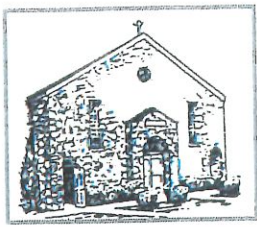
Tuesday, June 27 – St. Laszlo - St. Laszlo (c. 1040-1095), also known as St. Ladislaus I of Hungary, was born to a royal family in Krakow, Poland. His father became King Bela of Hungary, and his mother was the daughter of the King of Poland. He was raised as a Christian, spending his childhood in the court of the Polish king. After the death of his father and brother, he became the King of Hungary in 1077 and also later the King of Croatia in 1091. He was a beloved king, highly regarded as a moral and pious man and a great leader. He is remembered for his accomplishments in bringing peace and stability to his country following the strife of civil war, for his success in defending the kingdom of Hungary against the invading Cumans, and for politically and financially supporting the spread of Christianity in his kingdom. According to legend, while in battle he witnessed a Cuman warrior abducting a Hungarian girl. He pursued the enemy, defeated him, and liberated the girl. Because of his skills in military and diplomacy, as well as his religious devotion and chivalry, St. Laszlo was chosen to lead the first Crusade to the Holy Land, but died before the mission commenced. He was canonized by Pope Celestine III. His feast day is June 27.

Wednesday, June 28– St. Irenaeus of Lyons - St. Irenaeus of Lyons (c. 125 – 203 A.D.) was born in Asia Minor at a time when the direct memory of the Apostles was still alive. He was well educated in Sacred Scripture, theology, philosophy, and literature. He became an astute disciple of St. Polycarp, who himself was a disciple of St. John the Evangelist, one of the Twelve Apostles who belonged to Jesus' inner circle. St. Irenaeus is therefore an early witness of the authentic teaching of the Apostles preserved and handed down in both the written and oral tradition. St. Irenaeus was ordained a priest and became bishop of Lyons in modern-day France. He was one of the Church's first great theologians and apologists, writing his famous and important work 'Against Heresies' to combat the heresy of Gnosticism which greatly threatened the early Church. He is also an early witness of the primacy of Peter over the other Apostles, and thus the authority of the Roman See over the whole Church. St. Irenaeus is one of the most important early Church Fathers and is a Doctor of the Church. His feast day is June 28.

Thursday, June 29 – St. Peter & St. Paul - St. Peter and St. Paul (1st c.) were the foremost Apostles of Jesus Christ; St. Peter was the leader of the Twelve, while St. Paul followed Christ after His ascension into heaven. Together the two saints are the founders of the Church in Rome through their apostolic preaching, ministry, and martyrdom in that city. They are the solid rock on which the foundation of the Catholic Church is built, and they will forever remain her protectors and guides. To them Rome owes her true greatness, for it was under God's providential guidance that they transformed the capital of the Roman Empire into the heart of the Church, with the mission to radiate the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world. Both saints were martyred in close proximity to one another; Peter first, then Paul, though some traditions claim they were killed on the same day. St. Peter was crucified upside down and buried on the hill of the Vatican where St. Peter's Basilica now stands. St. Paul was beheaded on the via Ostia and buried where the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls now stands. St. Peter and St. Paul are the patron saints of Rome and they share a feast day on June 29, a tradition going back to the earliest centuries of the Church. See more about St. Peter. See more about St. Paul.

Friday, June 30 – Blessed Gennaro Sarnelli - Bl. Gennaro Sarnelli (1702 – 1744) was born to a noble family in Naples, Italy. He was very well educated, and completed his doctorate in civil and canon law at the age of 20. He gave much of his time to caring for the incurably sick, through which he discerned a call to the priesthood. He was ordained in 1732. He became good friends with St. Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorists. Shortly afterward, Blessed Gennaro became a Redemptorist priest. Gennaro's special work was preaching to those who were the most spiritually deprived, while also caring for the temporal needs of impoverished children. He was a great defender of the dignity of women, and worked intensely to free women and girls from forced prostitution. Blessed Gennaro was also a talented writer, penning over 30 books ranging in subjects such as theology, law, prayer, spiritual direction, and contemporary moral issues. He worked so hard that his health suffered, and he died when he was only 42 years old. He was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1996. His feast day is June 30.

Saturday, July 1– St. Junipero Serra - St. Junipero Serra (1713 – 1784) was born to a farming family on the Spanish island of Majorca. He was baptized the same day he was born, and was later sent to be educated by the Franciscans. In 1730 he joined the Franciscans and was ordained to the priesthood. St. Junipero was considered brilliant by his peers; he was well-trained in philosophy and theology, and taught at the university. In 1750 he traveled to the New World and began ministering to the people of Mexico City. In 1768 he moved north and began working in the Californian missions. As a result of his tireless missionary efforts, he is largely responsible for the spread of Catholicism along the western coast of the United States—as testified by the many Californian cities with Spanish Christian names. He founded the first nine of twenty-one Catholic missions that spread along the California coast. He converted thousands of Native Americans to the Christian faith and taught them new methods of agriculture, animal husbandry, and craftsmanship. He died from tuberculosis at the age of 71. The Native Americans he ministered wept at his death out of their love for him. Junipero Serra was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1988 and canonized by Pope Francis during his trip to the United States in 2015, the first canonization Mass to ever take place on American soil. His feast day is July 1st.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



JUNE 25, 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. June 25	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Mike & Joyce Dwyer
	10:30 am	SP	Mary E. Smith Mary Grime
Tues. June 27	7 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. June 28	9:00a.m..	SP	For the People
Thurs. June 29	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. June 30	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. July 1	8:30a.m.	SP	For the People
	4:30p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun. July 2	8:30a.m.	OLM	For the People
	10:30a.m	SP	Mike & Joyce Britenriker

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---July 9 – Altar Rosary meeting after Mass

---Aug. 5 – Bull Thistle Festival Breakfast
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for June 18, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (11 envelopes) \$ 656.00
 LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 102.00

BUDGET \$ 1,747.00
 Over/(Under) (\$ 989.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS
 Maintenance \$ 20.00
 St. Vincent dePaul \$ 5.00
 Votives \$ 1.00
 Memorial – Giovanni Stella \$ 25.00
TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 809.00

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	July 2, 2023
Reader	Anita Van Zile
Servers	Alise Herr Andrea Herr Hannah Kovar
Greeters/ Gifts	Jerry & Anita Van Zile
Ushers	Dennis & Denise Miller
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Dennis & Denise Miller Jerry Van Zile



“Fear no one.

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.”

Matthew 10:26

Dear Padre,

A friend of mine wants to be cremated. Does the Church permit it?

The Church permits cremation when extraordinary circumstances warrant it. There was never a direct canonical ban on cremation until 1886, simply because it was not widely practiced by the Christian Church; its members preferred inhumation—the traditional form of burial—in hopeful imitation of Christ, whose body was resurrected from the dead. The Church reacted to a proliferation of nineteenth-century cremation societies, primarily in Europe, with a decree that forbade Catholics from membership in these societies or from cremation (with obvious exceptions made in times of public crisis, plagues, wars, etc.). The Church restated the ban as late as 1926 out of concern that these groups were anti-religious in promoting cremation as an argument against belief in the resurrection.

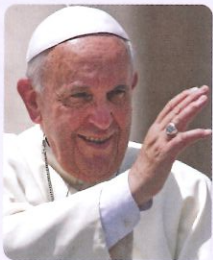
The Vatican has allowed cremation as an acceptable alternative to burial since 1963, except in cases where irreligious motives are apparent (Canon 1176, No. 3). Nevertheless, “although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites” (No. 413, *Order of Christian Funerals*, “Appendix 2, Cremation,” 1997). Moreover, while the Church permits cremation, the scattering of ashes is forbidden. They are to be reserved with reverence in a sacred place. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent

yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience.... God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, JOY OF THE GOSPEL (EVANGELII GAUDIUM), NOVEMBER 24, 2013

MONDAY

June 26
Weekday
Gn 12:1–9
Mt 7:1–5

TUESDAY

June 27
Weekday
Gn 13:2, 5–18
Mt 7:6, 12–14

WEDNESDAY

June 28
St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
Gn 15:1–12, 17–18
Mt 7:15–20

THURSDAY

June 29
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1–11
2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18
Mt 16:13–19

FRIDAY

June 30
Weekday
Gn 17:1, 9–10, 15–22
Mt 8:1–4

SATURDAY

July 1
Weekday
Gn 18:1–15
Mt 8:5–17

SUNDAY

July 2
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a
Rom 6:3–4, 8–11
Mt 10:37–42

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