

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

15th Sunday Ordinary Time

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

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and to contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 419-214-4880; or to write to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604.

NEW EMAIL

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.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday 7/17– 9a.m. – noon
Tuesday 7/18 – CLOSED
Wednesday 7/19 – 9 a.m. – noon
Thursday 7/20 – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

VERY REVEREND THOMAS EXTEJT, VF

Father Extejt, former pastor here at Our Lady of Mercy, is celebrating his 50th year jubilee as a Toledo Diocese priest. Below is his address if you would like to send a card.

Very Reverend Thomas Extejt, VF
Saints Adalbert & Hedwig Parish
3233 Lagrange St.
Toledo, OH 43608

SHARING YOUR FLOWERS WITH MARY

If you have any flowers out of your garden, that you would like to share with Mary, there will be extra vases on the back table every Sunday to put them in and then you can place by the statue of Mary.

CATHOLIC MEMORABILIA

There was a box of Catholic memorabilia that was donated to St. Vincent de Paul. There are some vintage items that may interest you, they are on a table at the back of the church. Please feel free to take whatever you like.

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"True friendship ought never conceal what it thinks ." - St. Jerome

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

July 16 – We are entirely at the disposal of the Church. We profess a deep personal love for the Holy Father. We surrender ourselves completely to be united with Him as carriers of God's love. Pray for us that we don't spoil the work God has called us to do.

July 17– Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person. Today.

July 18 – Abandonment is an awful poverty. There are poor people everywhere, but the deepest poverty is not being loved.

July 19 – I have seen every disease. I have seen people suffer in unimaginable ways. But I tell you, one of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody.

July 20 – We know only too well that what we are doing is nothing more than a drop in the ocean in the whole scheme of things, but not for the people we serve. So, our work may be just a drop in the ocean, but if that drop were not there, the ocean would be missing something.

July 21 I have met many famous people, successful people, wealthy people, and powerful people. None of us – not you, or me, or them – ever do great things. But we can all do small things with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.

July 22 – Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be a living expression of God's kindness.

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.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

---July 19 – Community Meal @ Methodist Life Center 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

---August 5 - Bull Thistle Festival

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



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



JULY 16, 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. July 16	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Eddie Tidwell Giovanni Stella
	10:30 am	SP	Gina Damman
Tues. July 18	7 p.m.	SP	Mary Grime
Wed. July 19	9:00a.m..	SP	For the People
Thurs. July 20	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. July 21	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. July 22	8:30a.m.	SP	NO MASS
	4:30p.m.	SP	Mike & Joyce Britenriker
Sun. July 23	8:30a.m.	OLM	Giovanni Stella
	10:30a.m	SP	Mary Grime

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT Reported for July 9, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (15 envelopes) \$ 1,076.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 55.00

BUDGET \$ 1,747.00
Over/(Under) (\$ 616.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS
Maintenance \$ 120.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 70.00
Votives \$ 2.35
TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 1,323.35

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

July 23, 2023

Reader	Mary Bird
Servers	Evan Beauregard Andrea Herr Will Maginn
Greeters/ Gifts	Joyce Bonin Marge Crowell
Ushers	Angie Beauregard Alise Herr
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Phil & Tami Baker Jerry Van Zile

Words of the week (from Merriam-Webster online dictionary)

HEAR - to perceive or become aware of by the ear

LISTEN - to hear something with thoughtful attention : give consideration

Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:
You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see.
Gross is the heart of this people they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.

Matthew 13:14-15

Saints of the Day (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of July 9 – July 15

Sunday, July 16 – St. Marie Magdalen Postel - St. Marie Magdalen Postel (1756–1846) was born in a fishing village in Normandy, one of seven children of a middle class family. As a child she became famous for her generosity; she would often give her food and belongings to the needy, acts for which she was often rebuked. She was educated by Benedictine nuns and decided to devote her life to the service of God. She took a private vow of chastity, and at the age of 18 opened her own school for girls. This began her life mission dedicated to the education of children. The school ran for five years until the French Revolution shut it down. During that time of great turmoil she used the school to house fugitive priests. She also encouraged the faithful amidst the terrible persecution, and was granted special permission to keep in her possession the Blessed Sacrament to give to those who were in immediate danger of death. She continued her work in education after the unrest subsided, founding a religious community called 'The Poor Daughters of Mercy' living under the rule of the Third Order of St. Francis. The community was later renamed 'Sisters of the Christian Schools of Mercy' taking the rule of St. John Baptist de la Salle, founder of the Christian Brothers, a religious order dedicated to the education of children. St. Marie Magdalen's school for girls was so effective that it was declared the best-run organization of its kind. St. Marie Magdalen Postel died at the age of 90 after seeing her community grow and spread. Her feast day is July 16th.

Monday, July 17 – St. Alexius - St. Alexius (d. 417 A.D.) was a native of Rome, the son of a distinguished Roman senator. His parents arranged a marriage for him, but he had a divine calling to a higher vocation. On the night of his wedding, with permission from his fiancée, he secretly fled to Edessa in Syria to live in poverty and obscurity as a holy ascetic. He disguised himself as a beggar, unrecognized by all, even accepting alms from his own servants who were sent to look for him. St. Alexius lived in this way for seventeen years. A vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the church near his dwelling identified him as a "Man of God." When the fame of his sanctity spread in Edessa, he moved back to Rome so that he could continue his hidden life. He lived as a beggar under the very stairs of his father's palace, his true identity completely unknown to anyone. He lived in this way for another seventeen years. He was befriended by other Christians, shared his alms with the poor, and taught catechism to children. It was only after his death that his identity was revealed through a document that he secretly carried on his person. He was then venerated as a saint, and his father's palace was converted into a church in his honor. St. Alexius' feast day is July 17.

Tuesday, July 18– St. Camillus de Lellis - St. Camillus de Lellis (1550–1614) was a wild, undisciplined youth who became a battle-hardened soldier with a violent temper and a gambling addiction. His bad behavior, combined with a persistent war wound in his leg, left him in poverty. He found work doing odd jobs at a Capuchin friary. Gradually the good influence of the friars inspired him to a better life, and he experienced a true conversion. He sought to join the Franciscans, but was prevented due to his leg wound. He then moved to Rome and worked for a hospital that cared for patients with incurable illnesses. He later became its director as he continued a life of penance and virtue. Seeing that his patients often received poor attention from hospital staff, he devoted his life to providing excellent care for the sick, in whom he saw the face of Christ. He established a religious order of men committed to helping patients who were the most ill, even at the risk of their own well-being, known as the Order of St. Camillus, or the Camillians. For this task he studied for the priesthood and was ordained at the late age of 34. His order gave medical care to anyone in need of treatment. In addition to serving in hospitals, they also served on the battlefield. The Camillians developed into a worldwide relief effort of like-minded medical workers who seek to follow Christ through ministering to the sick. The large red cross on his habit became an international symbol of charitable medical aid. St. Camillus is the patron of the sick, hospitals, nurses, and physicians. His feast day is July 18th.

Wednesday, July 19– St. Macrina the Younger - St. Macrina the Younger (d. 380 A.D.) was born in Cappadocia to a family of saints. Her mother was St. Emelia, and her father was St. Basil the Elder. Her grandmother was St. Macrina the Elder, after whom she was named. Her holy parents had ten children. Macrina was one of the oldest, and received an excellent religious education from her holy mother. Her parents betrothed her to a pious youth, but he died before the marriage took place. Macrina then consecrated her virginity to God and lived a life of great asceticism. She remained living with her parents, helping to raise her younger siblings, directing the household servants, and supporting the family with her domestic skills. Among her siblings were St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory of Nyssa (who both became Cappadocian Fathers and Doctors of the Church) St. Peter of Sebaste, and St. Theosevia. When their father died, Macrina became the main support for the family. It was Macrina who profoundly influenced the spiritual discipline of her younger brothers. When all her siblings were grown, Macrina convinced her mother to give up their family belongings, set their servants free, and convert their home into a monastery. Many of their servants joined them in this spiritual pursuit; they all lived

(St. Macrina the Younger – cont.)

together as a family, sharing all things in common. When her mother died, Macrina led the religious community. The biography of St. Macrina's life was written by her brother, St. Gregory. Her feast day is July 19th.

Thursday, July 20 – St. Margaret of Antioch - St. Margaret (289-304 A.D.) was born in Antioch, the daughter of a pagan priest. Her mother died when she was an infant, and she was raised by a Christian nurse who baptized her and gave her a Christian education. St. Margaret grew into a pious and virtuous young woman under her nurse's care, to the delight of her father. When she came of age, Margaret returned to live with her father. She quickly angered him, however, when she refused to take part in offering sacrifices to idols. Furious at her steadfast refusals, he drove her out of his home. Margaret then returned to live with her nurse as a household servant. One day a Roman prefect noticed Margaret's beauty and desired to have her for himself. Margaret declined, citing that she had consecrated her virginity to Jesus Christ, a reply for which she was severely persecuted. She was brought to trial for her Christian faith, scourged, tortured, and thrown into prison by her suitor. In her moment of weakness, the devil appeared to her in the form of a dragon to intimidate her and break her faith. Margaret trusted in God and made the Sign of the Cross, and the dragon fled defeated. At this triumph over her enemy, Margaret's cell was filled with light and her wounds were miraculously healed. Enraged to find her healed, her suitor had new tortures applied to her body, which did her no harm and caused many witnesses to convert to the Christian faith. She was finally killed by beheading. St. Margaret of Antioch was one of the saints who appeared to St. Joan of Arc. She is the patron saint against sterility, of the dying, and of pregnancy, labor, and childbirth. Her feast day is July 20th.

Friday, July 21– St. Victor of Marseilles - St. Victor of Marseilles (d. 290 A.D.) was a Christian soldier serving in the Roman imperial army in Marseilles, France. Christianity was thriving there, until Emperor Maximian arrived with the intention of putting the Christians to death. This caused the Christians to fear, and St. Victor would go from house to house under the cover of night to admonish them to stand strong in their faith. This behavior drew attention, and during one of his nightly rounds he was arrested. The Roman prefects tried to dissuade him from following a "dead man" (Jesus), but St. Victor testified boldly for the truth of the Christian faith. Enraged, the prefects had him bound and dragged through the streets. Victor was undeterred and continued to denounce the Roman gods. His tortures were renewed until his torturers grew tired, after which he was thrown into a dungeon. That night he was visited by angels, and his three guards were converted and baptized that same night. The next morning the Emperor had the guards beheaded, while St. Victor was kept alive for fresh torments. After three days of abuse, the Emperor commanded Victor to burn incense to the gods. Instead, St. Victor walked up to the altar and kicked it over with his foot. In retaliation, his foot was cut off. Seeing that his efforts to cause Victor to apostatize were useless, the Emperor finally had him crushed to death on a grindstone. His body was thrown into the sea before being recovered and buried by Christians. His tomb became a place where many miracles occurred. St. Victor of Marseilles' feast day is July 21st.

Saturday, July 22– St. Mary Magdalen - St. Mary Magdalen (1st c.) was a friend and devoted follower of Jesus Christ. Formerly she had been a woman of ill repute out of whom Jesus exorcised seven demons. Mary Magdalene has a special place among the Lord's disciples and is mentioned several times in the Gospels. She stood at the foot of the Cross with St. John and the Blessed Mother, and went the next morning to Christ's tomb to anoint his body. As a reward for her great love and faithfulness, she is the first recorded witness of Jesus' Resurrection. It was Mary Magdalene who informed the twelve Apostles that Jesus rose from the dead—for this she is called "Apostle to the Apostles." After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, Mary Magdalene continued her mission as an evangelist, contemplative, and mystic in the heart of the Church. According to the Eastern tradition, she went to Ephesus with the Virgin Mary and died there. St. Mary Magdalene is the patron of women, repentant sinners, penitent women, reformed prostitutes, contemplatives, converts, pharmacists, perfumers, hairstylists, and against sexual temptation. Her feast day is July 22nd.



DIOCESE OF TOLEDO NEWS

ACA in progress – information and envelopes are on the table in the back.
Our Lady of Mercy is at 96.01%.

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

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*

Family Support Foundation

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. All married couples will benefit from this workshop.

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

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

Registration

Includes

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

More Information
loveandlifeprogams.ohio@gmail.com
Aaron & Stephanie Gonya 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