

# SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

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

#### ALTAR ROSARY

Will meet today after Mass to finalize Bull Thistle Festival Breakfast plans. If anyone is interested in helping with this breakfast on Aug. 5 please join us for our meeting.

#### NEW EMAIL

To be compliant with the Diocese of Toledo we have change our email it is [OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com) (all are the letter "O"), thank you for your understanding.

#### VERY REVEREND THOMAS EXTEJT, VF

Father Extejt, former pastor here at Our Lady of Mercy, is celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> 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

"We must often draw the comparison between time and eternity. This is the remedy of all our troubles. How small will the present moment appear when we enter that great ocean."  
*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

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

**July 9** – One by one, my former students began to arrive. They wanted to give everything to God. With what joy they put away their colorful saris in order to put on our poor cotton on".

**July 10** – Once we take our eyes away from ourselves, for our interests, from our own rights, privileges, ambitions – they they will become clear to see Jesus around us.

**July 11** – A high – ranking government official once said to me, "You are doing social work and we also do the same. But we are doing it for something and you are doing it for somebody." To do our work we have to be in love with God.

**July 12** – It is much easier to conquer a country than to conquer ourselves.

**July 13** – Every act of love is a work of peace, no matter how small.

**July 14** – I don't claim anything of the work. It's His work. I'm like a little pencil in His hand. That's all. He does the thinking. He does the writing. The pencil has nothing to do with it. The pencil has only to be allowed to be used.

**July 15** – Rigorous poverty is our safeguard. We do not want, as has been the case with other religious orders throughout history, to begin serving the poor and then gradually move toward serving the rich. In order for us to understand and to be able to help those who lack everything, we have to live as they live. The difference lies only in the fact that those we aid are poor by force, whereas we are poor by choice.

**Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at [vanzilejn@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

#### NIGHT OF HEALING

July 6, 2023 – 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.,  
night of Prayer, Eucharist & Confession

*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](mailto:ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com)



# Our Lady of Mercy Parish



JULY 9, 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 9	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Marcel Bonin Marie Marry Giovanni Stella
	10:30 am	SP	For the People
Tues. July 11	7 p.m.	SP	Mike & Joyce Britenriker
Wed. July 12	9:00a.m..	SP	For the People
Thurs. July 13	9:00a.m.	OLM	Luca Truax
Fri. July 14	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. July 15	8:30a.m.	SP	NO MASS
	4:30p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun. July 16	8:30a.m.	OLM	Eddie Tidwell Giovanni Stella
	10:30a.m	SP	Gina Damman

### 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 July 2, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (16 envelopes)	\$ 1,221.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 27.00

<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,747.00</b>
Over/(Under)	(\$ 499.00)

### OTHER COLLECTIONS

Maintenance	\$ 405.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 10.00
Votives	\$ 7.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$ 1,670.00</b>

### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

July 16, 2023

<b>Reader</b>	Shelly Gruman
<b>Servers</b>	Evan Beauregard Hannah Kovar Kennedy Kunkle
<b>Greeters/ Gifts</b>	Mary Bird Shelly Gruman
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry & Anita Van Zile
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Until further notice
<b>Money Counters</b>	Terry Kovar Michelle Miron

### Words of the week

Burden - something oppressive or worrisome

Rest - peace of mind or spirit

“Come to me, all you who labor and are  
burdened, and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart; and  
you will find rest for yourselves.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.’

Matthew 11:28-30

# Saints of the Day (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of July 9 – July 15

**Sunday, July 9 – St. Augustine Zhao Rong** - St. Augustine Zhao Rong (d. 1815) was a Chinese soldier who was assigned to escort the captive Catholic bishop, John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse, to Beijing where he was to be executed by beheading. The bishop's faith made a strong impact on Zhao, who then requested baptism. He took the Christian name Augustine, and later entered the seminary and was ordained to the priesthood. During the continuing persecution of Christians in China, Augustine was one of thousands of Chinese Catholics who suffered martyrdom for the faith. He was arrested, tortured, and killed in 1815. St. Augustine Zhao Rong is honored with a group of 120 martyrs who were killed for their Catholic faith in China from 1648-1930. The group was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000. Of them, 87 were Chinese natives and 33 were Western missionaries. The feast day of St. Augustine Zhao Rong and the Chinese Martyrs is July 9th.

**Monday, July 10 – St. Amelia** - St. Amelia (741-772 A.D.) was born into a noble and pious Christian family in the land of the Ardennes, bordering what is today Belgium and Luxembourg. She was a devout child of strong character who committed her virginity to Christ from a young age. However, because she was such a beautiful and virtuous woman, she was pursued for several years by the young Charlemagne. In one account, Charlemagne broke her arm in a physical struggle to hold her hand, and afterwards her arm was miraculously healed. His romantic interest was rebuffed, and Amelia was eventually able to realize her desire to enter the convent. She spent the rest of her life in the Benedictine abbey of Münster-Bilzen in Belgium, and helped to build a church dedicated to the Virgin Mary in the Belgian town of Temsche. St. Amelia is said to have performed many miracles, the most famous being the one in which she crossed the Schelde River miraculously while standing on the back of a giant sturgeon fish. St. Amelia is the patroness of farmers, fishermen, and those suffering from arm and shoulder pain. Her feast day is celebrated on July 10th.

**Tuesday, July 11 – St. Benedict of Nursia** - St. Benedict of Nursia (480-547 A.D.) and his twin sister, St. Scholastica, were born to a Roman nobleman and his wife in Nursia, Italy. He spent his childhood with his parents in Rome. As a young man he found in himself a strong desire to escape the trifling things of the world and serve God. He left his family and wealth and settled in the mountainous region of Subiaco. After three years living in solitude as a cave-dwelling hermit, he was asked to lead a monastery in the place of an abbot who had died. Benedict did as they asked, but his way of life was too extreme for the monks and they tried to poison him. He thwarted their evil designs by blessing the poisoned cup, rendering it ineffective. Benedict returned to his cave, where news of his sanctity and miracles began to spread. Soon a community of men surrounded him wanting to adopt his way of life. To house them Benedict established twelve monasteries, including the world-famous Monte Cassino, and gave them a rule of life to live by, known as the Rule of St. Benedict. His Rule—still observed by Benedictines today—helped form the civilization and culture of Europe. Because of the organization, structure, and discipline he brought to the monastic life, he is known as the Founder of Western Monasticism. He is the patron saint of monks, students, farmers, all of Europe, and more. He is also especially known for his intercession against poison, temptations, and witchcraft. His feast day is July 11th in the Latin rite, while the Benedictines celebrate his feast on March 21st.

**Wednesday, July 12– St. Veronica** - St. Veronica (1st c.) is one of the holy women of Jerusalem who accompanied Jesus on the Way of the Cross. Out of her sorrow and compassion she offered Jesus her veil to wipe the blood and sweat from his face as He carried the cross on the way to His crucifixion. In gratitude for her simple yet gracious act, Jesus left an image of His face on the cloth. According to tradition, Veronica afterwards went to Rome and brought the cloth with her. This piece of cloth, known as Veronica's Veil, has been venerated as a holy and miraculous image of Jesus Christ ever since. It has been kept since ancient times in St. Peter's Basilica. On the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) in Jerusalem there is a small chapel called the Chapel of the Holy Face that was built on the site of St. Veronica's home and the location where the miracle took place. St. Veronica's feast day is July 12th.

**Thursday, July 13 – St. Henry III** - Saint Henry II (972-1024 A.D.) was born to the Duke of Bavaria and the Princess of Burgundy. He was a pious child and was given the education of a priest. However, his destiny changed when he succeeded his father as the Duke of Bavaria and took a holy woman as his wife. Upon the sudden death of his cousin he also became the King of Germany. Then, in 1014 A.D. he was crowned Holy Roman Emperor in St. Peter's Basilica by Pope Benedict VIII. St. Henry was determined to rule the empire with justice for the greater glory of God. He was known for his virtue and great faith; when entering any town, he would first pray in a church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He also invoked the saints to help him in battle against pagan armies. He did much good for his subjects and for the Church, and was graced with many mystical experiences. He and his wife, St. Cunegundes, observed perfect chastity during their marriage and therefore remained childless. Henry tried to enter a monastery after the death of his wife, however, his application was refused because it was thought he would continue to do much good if he remained in the world. St. Henry is the patron of dukes, kings, childless people, the handicapped, and people rejected by religious orders. His feast day is July 13th.

**Friday, July 14 – St. Kateri Tekakwitha** - St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680), also known as the 'Lily of the Mohawks,' was born in present-day New York. Her father was a Mohawk chief, and her mother an Algonquin who had been converted to the Christian faith by Jesuit missionaries. When Kateri was four years old, a smallpox epidemic killed her entire family and left her partially blind, disfigured, and crippled. She was raised by her uncle, who detested the Christians. As she grew up, Kateri longed for the Catholic faith of her mother, and was very drawn to the missionaries evangelizing near her village. At the age of twenty she was baptized with the name Catherine (which was translated as "Kateri") after St. Catherine of Siena. Her uncle opposed her conversion to Christianity, and as a result she was ostracized by her people and treated harshly. When it was clear that her life was in danger, a priest helped her flee to a French Jesuit mission in Montreal, Canada—a journey of over 200 miles alone and on foot. There she lived a solitary life of prayer and penance, rejecting an opportunity for marriage. Her great sanctity, virtue, and love for Christ amazed everyone who knew her. She was also known as a miracle-worker. Kateri died of illness at the age of twenty-four. She was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1980, and canonized in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI as the first Native American saint. Kateri is the patron saint of environmentalists, orphans, exiles, and those who are ridiculed for their piety. Her feast day is July 14.

**Saturday, July 15– St. Bonaventure** - St. Bonaventure (1221–1274) was born with the name Giovanni in Tuscany, Italy. As a child he became seriously ill and was in danger of death until his mother brought him to St. Francis of Assisi, who was then living in the region as a mendicant friar. It is said that St. Francis healed the child and afterward exclaimed, "O buona ventura (O good fortune)!" when he prophetically perceived how great the child would one day become, and this is how he began to be called Bonaventure. He joined the Franciscan order at the age of 22 and went on to study theology at the University of Paris, where he became famous friends with the Dominican friar St. Thomas Aquinas. The two friends graduated together, each insisting that the other be the first to receive honors. St. Bonaventure is regarded as one of the great philosophers and theologians of the Middle Ages, earning the name "Seraphic Doctor." In addition to his many writings, including a Life of St. Francis of Assisi, he was elected to serve as head of his order, and was appointed a cardinal-bishop by the Holy Father. St. Bonaventure died while assisting at the Second Council of Lyons, which worked for the reunification of the Catholic Church with the Eastern Orthodox churches. His feast day is celebrated on July 15th.



# 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](http://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](http://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-SCHOLORSHIP 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](http://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](http://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](http://toledodiocese.org/calendar)