

“Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

MATTHEW 16:25

## Called to Be Faithful

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**omewhere in every life, along its twisting curving path, we find ourselves wondering if we would not be better off somewhere else doing something different, as if with the flip of the channel we could live a parallel life. Except that changing life is never that simple. And so we live on with our foibles and our insecurities. We make do for one more day in a job that is less than satisfying, or a relationship that is worn and fraying, or caring for aging parents as we juggle the needs of two households. In every niche of life, we may find ourselves dealing with difficult people, listening to others' woes, wondering if anyone cares. Like

the prophet Jeremiah, we can feel we've been duped by the Lord God.

We don't need to go looking for crosses. They come our way. And it is our crosses that allow us to save our lives by losing our lives. It is these very same lives from which we wish we could escape that bring us to holiness, if for no other reason than that we *do* struggle not to have our own way all the time. Spirituality has been defined as an inner set of values by which we live an outer set of circumstances. As people of faith, we try to do just that: to live in the style of Jesus. Somehow, it seems that God brings us to places we should be. ●

### Reflect

***What does it mean to be faithful in the circumstances of your life?***



# 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

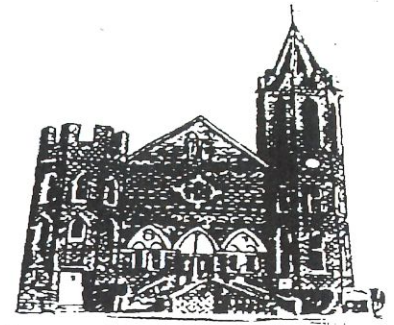
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Fayette, OH 43521

**Phone:** 419-237-2441  
**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday

### PARISH STAFF

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## St. Peter

614 N. Defiance St.  
Archbold, OH 43502

### MASS SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> 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

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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](mailto:ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com) or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin



# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Ordinary Time

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

### OUR LADY OF MERCY FEAST DAY & FESTIVAL (Save the Date)

Our Lady of Mercy will be celebrating our Feast Day and Festival on September 24, 2023. Come and enjoy a day of fun & food. Starting the day is a very Special Celebration of Holy Mass followed by a light breakfast, silent auction, special activities and ending with an Our Lady of Mercy Festival dinner. More information to follow.

### SILENT AUCTION – FESTIVAL BASKETS

Anyone wishing to donate a basket for the Festival's Silent Auction, please see or call Pat Eisel, 419-630-6534.

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences & prayers go out to Phil & Tami Baker as Tami's sister, Barbara Menchhofer, passed away on August 20, 2023.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MASS

Religious Education will begin on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. with a Mass at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

### FULTON COUNTY FAIR CATHOLIC BOOTH

There are a few time slots still on Thursday to be filled. Please consider sparing a couple of hours.

### PREVIOUS WEEKS BULLETINS

For your convenience, the previous weeks bulletin will be on the back table.

### THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"Nothing is far from God." - St. Monica

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

**Sept. 3** – When we speak of the poorest of the poor, who comes to mind? Who are the poorest of the poor? Nobody but you and me! We are the poorest of the poor.

**Sept. 4** – That terrible longing keeps growing and I feel as if something will break in me one day – and then that darkness comes, that loneliness, that feeling of terrible aloneness. Heaven seems closed from every side – and yet I long for God. I long to love Him with every drop of life in me – and I want to love Him with a deep personal love.

**Sept. 5** – The reason I was given the Nobel Prize was because of the poor. The prize, however, went beyond appearances. In fact, it awakened consciences in favor of the poor all over the world. It became a sort of reminder that the poor are our brothers and sisters, and that we have the duty to treat them with love.

**Sept. 6** – We care for thousands of lepers. They are among the most unwanted, unloved, and neglected people. The other day one of our sisters was washing a leper covered with sores. A Muslim holy man was present, standing close to her. He said, "All these years I have believed that Jesus Christ is a prophet. Today I believe that Jesus Christ is God since He has been able to give such joy to this sister, so that she can do her work with so much love."

**Sept. 7** – Sometimes people are hungry for more than bread. It is possible that our children, our husband, our wife, do not hunger for bread, do not need clothes, do not lack a house. But are we equally sure that they do not feel alone, abandoned, neglected, or in need of some affection?

**Sept. 8** – Give Jesus a big smile each time your nothingness frightens you. Just keep the joy of Jesus as your strength – be happy and at peace, Accept whatever He gives or takes with a big smile.

**Sept. 9** – At the very beginning, after leaving my convent at Loreto, when I arrived in Calcutta I was alone. I had only a box and five rupees. A man from Air India wanted to give me a nice suitcase to carry the few things I had with me. I said to him, "There is no shame in carrying a cardboard box." But there is no shame in asking when we need guidance or help.

**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 the 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

---Sept. 20 – Community meal – Fayette Methodist Community Center – 5 – 6 p.m.

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to [OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com)

# September

Our Lady of Mercy

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Fulton Co. Fair Catholic Booth 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Labor Day	Fulton Co. Fair Catholic Booth 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.		Fulton Co. Fair Catholic Booth Noon - 9 p.m.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Rel. Ed. Students arrive 6:45 p.m. Mass 7 p.m.			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Finance Council - 5:30 p.m. Pastoral Council - 6:30 p.m.		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day Festival after Mass						





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[livingchristcampaign.org/pledgefulfillment](http://livingchristcampaign.org/pledgefulfillment)  
OR SCAN THIS CODE TO GET STARTED:



## Living Christ

Diocese of Toledo

PROTECT

# Women.

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# Children.

PROTECT

# Families.

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.

Vote **NO**  
Nov. 7



Join us in praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena beginning Friday, Sept. 15, for the defeat of this amendment.

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers here, or at [pray54ohio.org](http://pray54ohio.org).





# Saints of the Day ([www.morningoffering.com](http://www.morningoffering.com))

Week of September 3– September 9

**Sunday, Sept. 3–Pope St. Gregory the Great** - Pope St. Gregory the Great (540-604 A.D.) was the son of a wealthy Roman senator. His mother and two of his aunts are also saints, which provided him with a strong and devout religious upbringing. His skill in grammar and rhetoric were exceptional, and he followed in his father's political footsteps by serving in public office as the prefect of Rome. Discerning a call to the religious life, he sold all of his possessions and converted his home into a Benedictine monastery. He used his liquidated assets to build six other monasteries. Because of his talent and intelligence he was unanimously chosen to become the Roman Pontiff, the first monk to become Pope. During his lifetime Rome was sacked by invading barbarian hordes, and the city also suffered severe damage from floods and pestilence, causing his pontificate to be an important one. He brought stability and order to the Church in a time of great societal and cultural upheaval. His profound influence on the doctrine, organization, and discipline of the Church cannot be underestimated, thus earning him the title "The Great" which he shares with only two other popes. For his abundant doctrinal and spiritual writings he is also considered to be one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church. He is most commonly known for promoting and standardizing the sacred music of liturgical worship, now called "Gregorian Chant." Pope St. Gregory the Great is the patron of popes, masons, choir boys, singers, teachers, and musicians. His feast day is September 3rd.

**Monday, Sept. 4 –St. Rosalia** - St. Rosalia (1130–1166 A.D.) was born to a wealthy and noble Norman family, descendants of Charlemagne who had migrated to Sicily. From a young age Rosalia was strongly drawn to Christ, which caused her to leave her life of wealth and comfort to follow Him in complete solitude as a hermitess. Tradition holds that St. Rosalia was led by two angels to a cave near Palermo where she spent the rest of her life in prayer, complete solitude, and works of penance. On the cave wall she wrote "I, Rosalia, daughter of Sinibald, Lord of Roses, and Quisquina, have taken the resolution to live in this cave for the love of my Lord, Jesus Christ." Centuries later, when a plague was ravaging Palermo, her relics were discovered in the cave by a hunter to whom she had appeared in order to direct him to their location. Rosalia instructed the hunter to have her relics carried in procession three times around the city, after which the plague ceased. St. Rosalia was credited with saving the city, and a sanctuary was erected in her cave which remains a pilgrimage site to this day. St. Rosalia is the patron of Palermo and Sicily, Italy. Her feast day is September 4th.

**Tuesday, Sept. 5– St. Mother Terese of Calcutta** - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910–1997), known simply as Mother Teresa, was born to a family of Albanian descent in what is now Macedonia. As a young girl Mother Teresa was fascinated by stories she heard of missionaries serving in India. By age 12 she discerned a vocation to the religious life, and at the age of 18 joined the Sisters of Loreto as a missionary to India. She chose her religious name after St. Therese of Lisieux, the patron saint of missionaries. She arrived in Calcutta, India in 1929 and taught at a schoolhouse for wealthy children, eventually becoming head mistress. She enjoyed her work, but became increasingly disturbed by the extreme poverty and societal unrest she observed around her. In 1946 she received a "call within a call" and began her own religious order in Calcutta dedicated to ministering to, in her words, "the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone." This order was established in 1950 with 12 sisters and named the Missionaries of Charity. By the time of her death on September 5, 1997, the Missionaries of Charity had grown to 4,000 sisters operating 610 missions in 123 countries. She received the Pope John XXIII Peace Prize and the Nobel Peace Prize for her inspiring work with social outcasts. Mother Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016. Her feast day is September 5th.

**Wednesday, Sept. 6– St. Eleutherius** - St. Eleutherius (d. 585 A.D.) was a monk living in Spoleto, Italy. Little is known of his early life. He became the Abbot of St. Mark's Abbey and was well-known as a man of simplicity and penance. He also demonstrated the gift of miracles and exorcism, and raised a dead man to life. After he healed a boy from demonic possession and saw that the child was afterwards left unharmed, St. Eleutherius made a remark to this effect: "Since the child is among the servants of God, the devil dares not approach him." Then the boy, who came to live at St. Mark's Abbey to be educated by the monks, became possessed again. St. Eleutherius repented of his vain and presumptuous remark, and the whole monastery underwent a penitential fast before the devil would leave the boy for the final time. St. Eleutherius was a friend of Pope St. Gregory the Great, the latter having called upon the saint to pray for him in his illness. St. Eleutherius died in Rome in 585 A.D. His feast day is September 6th.



**Thursday, Sept. 7- St. Regina** - Saint Regina (d. 286 A.D.) was born to pagan parents in France. Her mother died in childbirth, and her father gave her to the care of a Christian nurse who secretly baptized her and raised her in the Christian faith. As Regina grew older her embrace of Christianity became evident, and her father disowned her as a result. Regina then went to live with her Christian nurse. They lived in poverty, and Regina tended sheep to help support the household. This solitude allowed her time to pray and meditate on the lives of the saints. When she was fifteen years of age, a Roman proconsul by the name of Olybrius was determined to marry her. He became greatly disturbed when he discovered that she was a Christian. He asked her to renounce her faith in order to save her life and secure a prosperous marriage with him. Regina staunchly refused to deny her faith, having already taken a vow of virginity to Christ. For her defiance she was cast into prison. Hoping that her resolve would gradually weaken, Olybrius visited her in prison and asked her once more to renounce her faith. Regina's determination only increased with time, and she again refused. Olybrius, angered, had her severely tortured with her body being scourged, burned, and raked. Finally, she was beheaded. Her resolve under torture and the appearance of a dove above her head caused witnesses to convert to Christianity. After her death many miracles were attributed to her relics. St. Regina is the patron of poor people, shepherdesses, and torture victims. Her feast day is September 7th.

**Friday, Sept. 8- St. Adrian of Nicomedia** - St. Adrian of Nicomedia (d. 306 A.D.) lived under the Christian persecutions of the Roman Emperor Galerius Maximian. Thirty-three Christians were seized in Nicomedia, brought before a judge, and ordered to be savagely beaten. With each new torture the men received, they bravely proclaimed their faith in Christ. They argued with the judge that by his tortures he was only increasing their heavenly glory, while guaranteeing his own damnation to hell. Adrian, a man of 28 years, was head of the praetorium and witnessed the steadfast faith of these men. He was moved to the point of conversion, and exclaimed that he, too, would reject paganism to suffer and die for the name of Christ along with the other Christians. One of Adrian's servants ran to tell his wife, Natalie, what her husband had done. Natalie, who was secretly a Christian, ran to the prison in joy at the news of her husband's newfound faith, and encouraged him to stay strong and steadfast in it. After Adrian refused to recant his profession of faith in Christ, he was thrown into prison with the other men and cruelly tortured. His arms and legs were severed on an anvil before finally dying as a martyr. Saint Adrian is the patron saint of soldiers, arms dealers, and butchers. His feast day is September 8th.

**Saturday, Sept. 9- St. Kieran the Younger** - St. Kieran the Younger (512-546 A.D.), also known as St. Ciaran, was born in Connacht, Ireland, the son of a carpenter. He demonstrated a great aptitude in his studies, being educated by a holy deacon who had him baptized. Kieran tended cattle in the fields before continuing his education at Saint Finnian's monastery school at Clonard, where he became a monk. He soon earned the reputation for being the most learned monk at Clonard, and was held in high esteem by his instructors and peers. Kieran's years of residence there were marked by many miracles. He also mentored, befriended, and tutored many of the founders of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Saint Kieran eventually left Clonard and went on to found the famous Clonmacnoise Abbey in West Meath Ireland, which attracted thousands of students from all over Europe. St. Kieran was one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland - the first twelve bishops in Ireland consecrated by St. Patrick. He is also honored as the first Irish-born saint. St. Kieran's feast day is September 9th.



## KICKOFF MEETING INVITATION

LifeWise Academy is a released time religious instruction program that exists to reach students in public schools with the gospel. Under released time law, students may be released from public school during school hours to receive religious instruction, provided the program is held off school property, privately funded and parent-permitted.

Please join us for the LifeWise Academy Kickoff Meeting! All are encouraged to attend to find out more about the program and how you can get involved!

**WHAT:** LifeWise Academy Kickoff Meeting

**WHEN:** September 12, 7pm

**KICKOFF MEETING:** Family Life Center 306 E Main St.

Questions may be directed to your Local Kickoff Coordinators, Caleb Brinegar 419-704-2524 & Amanda Knierim 419-572-6868



To sign the Community Interest List, scan this QR Code or go to [lifewise.org/interest](https://lifewise.org/interest) to find your community.

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# Our Lady of Mercy Parish



SEPTEMBER 3, 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. Sept. 3	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Karl & Lotte Obermoser
	10:30 am	SP	Pat & Juanita Arend Mike & Barb Britenriker
Tues. Sept. 5	7 p.m.	SP	Mona LaNeve
Wed. Sept. 6	9:00a.m..	SP	For the People
Thurs. Sept. 7	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Sept. 8	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Sept. 9	8:30a.m.	SP	NO MASS
	4:30p.m.	SP	Daryl Graber, Mona LaNeve
Sun. Sept. 10	8:30a.m.	OLM	Marcel Bonin
	10:30a.m	SP	For the People

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Sept. 5 - Catholic Fair Booth help 2 p.m.-4p.m.
- Sept. 7 – Our Lady of Mercy’s day at Catholic Fair Booth help 10 a.m. - 9p.m.
- Sept. 13 – Religious Ed., Arrive at 6:45 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m.
- Sept. 21 – Finance Council 5:30 p.m.  
Pastoral Council - 6:15 p.m.
- Sept. 24 – Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day & Festival starting with 8:30 a.m. Mass

### SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for August 27, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (12 envelopes) \$ 516.00  
 LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 212.00

**BUDGET \$ 1,747.00**  
 Over/(Under) **(\$ 1,019.00)**

#### OTHER COLLECTIONS

Postage Help \$ 5.00  
 St. Vincent de Paul \$ 20.00  
 CPC jar \$ 7.00  
**TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 760.00**

#### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

September 10, 2023

Reader	Ron Baker
Servers	Evan Beuregard Kennedy Kunkle
Greeters/ Gifts	Jerry & Anita Van Zile
Ushers	Jerry & Anita Van Zile
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Ron Baker Michelle Miron

### Word(s) of the week (from Merriam-Webster online dictionary)

**SUFFER** – to submit to or be forced to endure

**SATISFACTION** – the payment through penance of the temporal punishment incurred by a sin

“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” **Matthew 16:27**



# Dear Padre,

**Are we supposed to pray a specific prayer after we genuflect and kneel in the pew before we take our seats? What about after Communion?**

There is no particular prayer to say when we genuflect, enter the pew, and kneel for a while. Genuflecting and kneeling are powerful expressions and prayers in themselves—we kneel only to God. But these gestures can become mere routine unless we accompany them with a moment of awareness and recollection and maybe a prayer like, “I adore you, O Christ, and I bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”

Neither are there required prayers to say in the moments after holy Communion as we return to the pew. But this is a most special time. “Holy souls endeavor to remain as long as possible in prayer after Communion,” wrote St. Alphonsus Liguori in *The Holy Eucharist*. “There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion.” Eucharist is from the Greek *eukharistia*, which means “thanksgiving,” and this is a time for giving thanks. We remain silently focused on the astonishing passion and affection of our Lord in giving himself to us to eat and make part of ourselves. So much depends on awareness; so much depends on gratitude. Prayer books may help us enter a time of thanksgiving. But we can also say simply, “Jesus, I love you.” ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### MONDAY

September 4

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13–18

Lk 4:16–30

### TUESDAY

September 5

Weekday

1 Thes 5:1–6,

9–11

Lk 4:31–37

### WEDNESDAY

September 6

Weekday

Col 1:1–8

Lk 4:38–44

### THURSDAY

September 7

Weekday

Col 1:9–14

Lk 5:1–11

### FRIDAY

September 8

The Nativity

of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1–4a or

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 1:1–16, 18–

23 or 1:18–23

### SATURDAY

September 9

St. Peter Claver,

Priest

Col 1:21–23

Lk 6:1–5

### SUNDAY

September 10

Twenty-third

Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7–9

Rom 13:8–10

Mt 18:15–20



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile. The cross is the holy sign of God's love.*

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 30, 2020

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