



## Being Emptied

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In his book *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, Robert Fulghum lists those basic qualities that enable us to negotiate the rest of life somewhat successfully. It's what you might expect the curriculum of kindergarten to be about: being kind, saying you're sorry, getting along with others, and sharing. In short, what we learned in kindergarten is about putting others' needs ahead of our own comfort. It's a kind of emptying of our selfishness that seems to take place.

Unfortunately, the process isn't finished by the time we reach adulthood. We still tend to hoard, slam one another with insults, cheat in business, and neglect to apologize. In spite of that extended learning curve

that seems to take place, we slowly do take on those attitudes noted by Fulghum. Marriage can smooth our rough edges. Children's needs call for self-sacrifice. Aging tends to mellow us. And somewhere along the line we learn that talking things out works better than hitting.

Saint Paul encouraged the Philippians to take on the attitude of the Lord Jesus, who emptied himself for our sake. Still, I think much of that emptying takes place in us unconsciously. Some would say it is simply the process of life. Maybe, but then again it may be the gentle hand of God. Saint Teresa of Calcutta is said to have commented that even God can't fill what is already full. So then maybe that emptying is God's way of making room for God. ●



**Humbly regard others  
as more important  
than yourselves, each  
looking out not for his  
own interests, but [also]  
everyone for those of  
others.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:3B-4

### Reflect

***Since kindergarten, have you become better at putting others first? What do you still need to work on?***



# 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  
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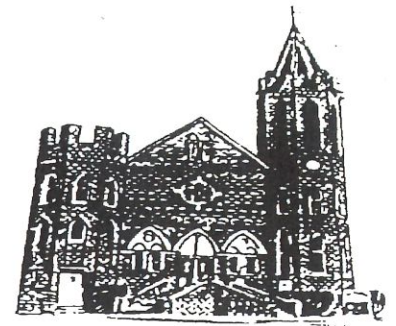
#### Bookkeeper

Ron Baker  
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#### Youth Leader/CRE

Anita Van Zile

Website (bulletin online)  
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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

Kim Garrow 419-446-2150  
[email-stpeter@rtexpress.net](mailto:email-stpeter@rtexpress.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](mailto:ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com) or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Ordinary Time

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

### ROSARY MONTH OF OCTOBER

The Rosary will be prayed every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for the month of October. Starting October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

Ushers, please mark the attendance on the sheet in the back of church. Please count all who are in attendance including baby's.

### ALTAR ROSARY

The Altar Rosary will meet today, Sunday, October 1, 2023, after Mass in the basement. All women of Our Lady of Mercy are welcome to attend.

### FAYETTE COMMUNITY DINNER

Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting the Fayette Community Dinner on October 18, 2023, 5 – 6 p.m. If you are interested in helping with this event, please see Sherry Renner.

### THANK YOU'S

I would like to thank all of you who were here last Sunday to witness my Confirmation and First Eucharist in the Catholic Church. I so appreciate the personal messages in the cards I received, the gifts, and all the Congratulations shared with me. You are truly my church family.

I sincerely hope that one day I will have both the courage and opportunity to tell you my spiritual journey to join the Catholic Church. God Bless, Barb Bruggeman.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Silent Festival a success. To everyone who helped with the Festival meal to all of your generous donations. We have such a wonderful Church Community.



### OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on Thursday, October 5, 2023 and will be open on Friday, October 6, 2023.

### 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

"Cling to God and leave all the rest to Him. He will not let you perish. Your soul is very dear to Him. He wishes to save it."- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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

**Oct. 1** – If we really want to love, we must learn to forgive.

**Oct. 2** - When we touch the sick and needy, we touch the suffering body of Christ.

**Oct. 3** – Joy is prayer; joy is strength; joy is love; joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.

**Oct. 4** – Meditation is talking to Jesus. It is a deep intimate conversation with Jesus.

**Oct. 5** – From the cross Jesus cries out, "I thirst." His thirst was for souls even as He hung there dying, alone, despised. Who will bring those souls to Him? Can you and I continue to stand by as mere spectators? Can we pass by and do nothing?

**Oct. 6** - Look at Mary Magdalene; she was so in love in Jesus. She went early in the morning to see Him.... Are we like that at holy Mass? During prayer? Do we have that eagerness and longing to be with Him?

**Oct. 7** – When you look at the inner workings of the electrical things, you often see small and big wires, new and old, cheap and expensive, all lined up. Until the current passes through them there will be no light. That wire is you and me. The current is God. We have the power to let the current pass through us, use us, produce the light of the world. Or we can refuse to be used and allow darkness to spread.

**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

---Oct. 18 – Community meal – Fayette Methodist Life Center – 5 – 6 p.m., OLOM hosting

---Oct. 13 & 14 7 p.m. Fayette Opera House – Films by Jay Perdue

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)





## DIocese OF TOLEDO NEWS

**ACA** in progress – information and envelopes are on the table in the back.  
Our Lady of Mercy is at 97.17%.

### HELP WANTED

The Diocese has openings for employment. Check out the list at [toledodiocese.org/careers](https://toledodiocese.org/careers)

### 2023 Century Farm Award Applications Available

Catholic Charities is now accepting applications for Century Farm Awards. This award designation honors Catholic families who have maintained a farm or homestead within their family for at least 100 years in the Diocese of Toledo, with an emphasis on well-preserved working farms.

Applicants will be asked to submit a registration form, copies of old deeds, and pictures to support claims. The information submitted must show family residence and ownership of a farm for at least 100 years in the Diocese of Toledo. Applications should be submitted no later than Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will celebrate a Mass honoring Century Farm Award recipients at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 307 N. Locust Street, Ottawa, OH. For more information or to request the registration form, please contact: Paula J. Kidney at (419) 214-4898 or email [pkidney@toledodiocese.org](mailto:pkidney@toledodiocese.org).



Louisville KY – June 8 – 15, 2024

**It is time to register for our 25th Annual Catholic HEART Workcamp mission trip for June 2024.**

- We will be attending Louisville KY and leaving on Saturday June 8th with a return date of Friday June 15th.
- Camp deposit is \$100.00.
- We will attend the ELEVATE camp this year with a camp cost of \$495.00 for the week, which includes camp lodging, food, and our activities (Partial Scholarships are available - please ask). This cost also helps purchase repair materials for the needy.
- The ELEVATE camp accepts those youth who are currently in the 8th grade and all ages up to age 99 😊
- Background checks required for everyone 18 years of age and older

**If you have ever wanted to 'do a mission trip', this will be an excellent opportunity.**

**Please contact Youth Group Leader Anita Van Zile by Monday October 2nd at the latest. Cell # 419.572.1306**

At this time, I am committing to attend the 2024 camp with my deposit of \$100.00 on or before October 4, 2023. I understand this deposit is non-refundable.

Name (signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name if camper is under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 25:40 “And the King will answer, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brethren of mine, you did for me.’”**

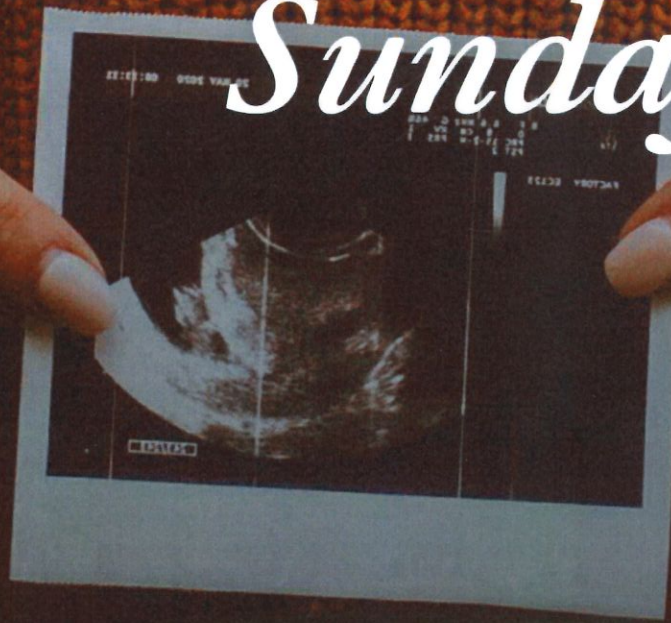


An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.

**Vote NO**  
**Issue 1**  
Nov. 7

# RESPECT LIFE

## *Sunday*



Diocese  
of Toledo



Voter registration deadline is Oct. 10. Scan to register.

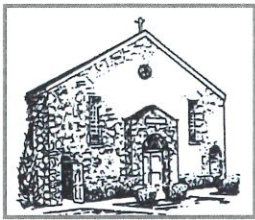


# October

Our Lady of Mercy

2023

| Sunday                           | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|--|---|--------|----------|
| 1<br>Altar Rosary after Mass     | 2      | 3       | 4<br>Rel. Ed. Elem., HS 6:45 pm<br>Rosary 7 pm   | 5   | 6      | 7        |
| 8<br>BFF after Mass              | 9      | 10      | 11<br>Rel. Ed. Elem. 6:45 pm<br>Rosary 7 pm  | 12  | 13     | 14       |
| 15<br>BFF after Mass             | 16     | 17      | 18<br>Community Medl 5-6 pm<br>Rel. Ed. Elem., HS 6:45 pm<br>Family Rosary 7 pm with Father Bill | 19<br>Finance Council 5:30 p.m.<br>Pastoral Council 6:15 p.m. | 20     | 21       |
| 22<br>Youth Breakfast after Mass | 23     | 24      | 25<br>Rel. Ed. Elem. 6:45 pm<br>Rosary 7 pm  | 26  | 27     | 28       |
| 29<br>BFF after Mass             | 30     | 31      |  |   |        |          |



# Our Lady of Mercy Parish



OCTOBER 1, 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. Oct. 1   | 8:30 a.m. | OLM    | Giovanni Stella                   |
|               | 10:30 am  | SP     | For the People                    |
| Tues. Oct. 3  | 7 p.m.    | SP     | Mike & Joyce Britenriker          |
| Wed. Oct. 4   | 9:00a.m.. | SP     | For the People                    |
| Thurs. Oct. 5 | 9:00a.m.  | OLM    | For the People                    |
| Fri. Oct. 6   | 9:00a.m.  | SP     | For the People                    |
| Sat. Oct. 7   | 8:30a.m.  | SP     | For the People                    |
|               | 4:30p.m.  | SP     | Mary Grime<br>Pat & Juanita Arend |
| Sun. Oct. 8   | 8:30a.m.  | OLM    | Marcel Bonin<br>Ruth Obermoser    |
|               | 10:30a.m  | SP     | For the People                    |

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Oct. 1 – Altar Rosary meeting after Mass
- Oct. 4 – Rosary 7 p.m. (every Wed. in October)
- Oct. 4 – Rel. Ed. 6:45 p.m. Elem. & HS
- Oct. 18 – OLOM hosting Fayette Comm. Meal 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Oct. 18 – Family Rosary with Father Bill 7 p.m.
- Oct. 22 – Youth Breakfast after Mass

### SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for September 24, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (15 envelopes) \$ 621.00  
 LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 217.00

**BUDGET** \$ 1,747.00  
 Over/(Under) (\$ 909.00)

#### OTHER COLLECTIONS

CPC jar \$ 28.00  
**TOTAL COLLECTION** \$ 866.00

#### SILENT FESTIVAL

Pre-Festival Parishioner donations \$ 1,490.00  
 Parishioner's donations (Festival day) \$ 9,170.00  
 Silent Auction \$ 442.50  
 Other donations \$ 748.00  
**TOTAL** \$ 11,850.50  
 Less Expenses \$ -396.88  
**GRAND TOTAL (to date)** \$ 11,453.62

#### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

|                               | October 8, 2023                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Reader                        | Shelly Gruman                    |
| Servers                       | Maeve & Will Maginn              |
| Greeters/<br>Gifts            | Mary Bird<br>Shelly Gruman       |
| Ushers                        | Phil & Tami Baker                |
| Ministers of<br>the Eucharist | Until further notice             |
| Money<br>Counters             | Phil & Tami Baker<br>Terry Kovar |

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

**HUMBLE** – not proud or haughty: not arrogant or assertive

“Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.”

**Philippians 2:3-4**



# Dear Padre,

*Where does Church teaching on angels come from? Where did we get their division into classes and the concept of the guardian angel?*

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the existence of angels is “a truth of faith” known in both Scripture and Tradition (CCC 328). Here is an ancient definition: An angel is a mighty, concentrated personality standing in God’s presence, ready to do his bidding instantly.

Jesus famously speaks of what we take to be the guardian angels of children. He says the angels of these children always look on the face of God (see Matthew 18:10). Angels took care of Jesus (see Matthew 4:11).

The Church understands angels to be spirits. Angel means “messenger,” and angels are servants of God. Different classes of angels are mentioned in the Bible (for example, Ephesians 1:21 and 3:10, and Colossians 1:16). We speak of Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel as archangels because the jobs God gave them to do were so important.

The Church holds that Satan is a fallen angel (CCC 391). Jesus tells us Satan “was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in truth, because there is no truth in him” (John 8:44). ●



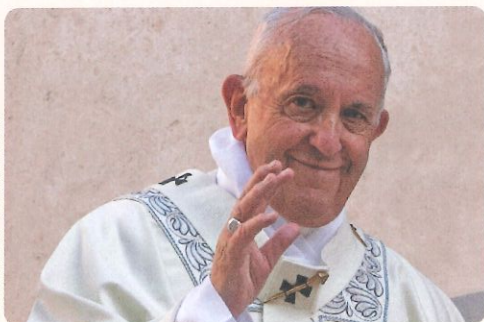
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***The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org***

## **Daybreaks inspires during our Church’s holiest seasons.**

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).

| <b>MONDAY</b>                   | <b>TUESDAY</b>            | <b>WEDNESDAY</b>             | <b>THURSDAY</b>                         | <b>FRIDAY</b>              | <b>SATURDAY</b>                     | <b>SUNDAY</b>                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| October 2                       | October 3                 | October 4                    | October 5                               | October 6                  | October 7                           | October 8                                     |
| <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> | <i>Weekday</i>            | <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i> | <i>Weekday</i>                          | <i>Weekday</i>             | <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>       | <i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Zec 8:1-8<br>Mt 18:1-5, 10      | Zec 8:20-23<br>Lk 9:51-56 | Neh 2:1-8<br>Lk 9:57-62      | Neh 8:1-4a,<br>5-6, 7b-12<br>Lk 10:1-12 | Bar 1:15-22<br>Lk 10:13-16 | Bar 4:5-12,<br>27-29<br>Lk 10:17-24 | Is 5:1-7<br>Phil 4:6-9<br>Mt 21:33-43         |



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## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

*Today let us look at our hands, so often empty of love, and let us try to think of some free gift that we can give without expecting anything in return. That will please the Lord. And let us ask him: “Lord, let me rediscover the joy of giving.”*

**HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 6, 2018**