

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

29th Sunday – Ordinary Time

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

YOUTH BREAKFAST TODAY

Please come and join us after Mass **TODAY**. All funds donated will be used to offset the expense of our trip in June 2024 to Louisville, KY

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and service of the mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Giving envelopes are in the pews and on the back table. Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

Our Lady of Mercy welcomes Tami Baker as the new bookkeeper.

ROSARY MONTH OF OCTOBER

The Rosary will be prayed every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for the month of October.

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.

ALL SAINTS DAY (day of Holy Obligation)

Masses will be held at St. Peter, Archbold, OH

Tuesday, October 31st – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 1st – 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting A Night of Healing with the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Diocese of Toledo. The event will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 7 p.m. Please join us for a night of Worship, Healing, Adoration, Witness, Prayer and Reconciliation.

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

"God does not accept doctrines apart from good works, nor are works, when divorced from Godly doctrines, accepted by God"- *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

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

Oct. 22 – God allows failure, but He does not want us to become discouraged. God doesn't require us to succeed, He only requires that you try.

Oct. 23 - Do not think that love, in order to genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is love without getting tired.

Oct. 24 – People remind me of what a magazine once said about me. It described me as a "living saint." If someone sees God in me, I am happy. I see God in everyone, especially in those who suffer. And I remind myself of what Francis of Assisi said, "I am who I am in the eyes of God, and nothing more."

Oct. 25– I think that a person who is attracted to riches, who lives with the worry of riches, is actually very poor. If this person puts his money at the service of others, then he is rich, very rich.

Oct. 26 – The most appealing invitation to walk with God is the witness of our own lives, the spirit with which we respond to our divine calling the completeness of our dedication, the generosity and cheerfulness of our service to God, and the love we have for one another.

Oct. 27 – People died suddenly all the time, so it could happen to us at any moment. Yesterday is gone and tomorrow has not yet come; we must live each day as if it were our last, so that when God calls us we are ready to go home to God with a clean heart.

Oct. 28 – Joy is a sign of a generous personality. Sometimes it is also a mantle that clothes a life of great sacrifice and self-giving. A person who has the gift of joy often reaches high summits.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

ALL SAINTS (Day of Holy Obligation) – MASSES

October 31 – 7 p.m.

November 1 – 9 a.m. & 6:30 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

---Oct. 22 & Oct. 28 – Farmer's Market @ Fayette Opera House Parking Lot – Saturday's 9 am – 1 pm

---Oct. 24 – Fayette PTO Pancake & Sausage dinner – 5 -7 p.m. Fayette schools

---Oct. 28 – Fayette Opera House – Down Home at the Opera House – 7 p.m. (operahouse-fayette.org or on Facebook)

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to

LOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.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 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.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



OCTOBER 22, 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. 22	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Giovanni Stella Living & Deceased Sarnac family
	10:30 am	SP	For the People
Tues. Oct. 24	7 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Oct. 25	9:00a.m..	SP	For the People
Thurs. Oct. 26	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Oct. 27	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Oct. 28	8:30a.m.	SP	No Mass
	4:30p.m.	SP	Ronnie Ruffer
Sun. Oct. 29	8:30a.m.	OLM	For the People
	10:30a.m	SP	Pat & Juanita Arend

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Oct. 25 – Rosary 7 p.m. (every Wed. month of October)
 ---Oct. 25 – Rel. Ed. 6:45 p.m. Elem.
 ---Oct. 31– All Saints Day (day of obligation) Vigil Mass 7 p.m. @ St. Peter, Archbold
 ---Nov. 1 - All Saints Day (day of obligation) Mass 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. @ St. Peter, Archbold
 ---Nov. 15 – Night of Healing with MCCR, Diocese of Toledo – at Our Lady of Mercy, 7 p.m.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT Reported for October 15, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (13 envelopes) \$ 826.00
 LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 60.00

BUDGET \$ 1,747.00
 Over/(Under) (\$ 861.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS

CPC jar \$ 1.04
 Maintenance \$ 10.00
TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 897.04

SILENT FESTIVAL

Parishioner's donation \$ 25.00
GRAND TOTAL (to date) \$ 11,578.62

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

October 29, 2023

Reader	Anita Van Zile
Servers	Maeve & Micah Maginn
Greeters/ Gifts	Mike Maginn Family
Ushers	Dennis & Denise Miller
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Barb Bruggeman Dennis & Denise Miller

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

REPAY – to pay back

“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” **Matthew 22:21**

Saints of the Day (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of October 22 -October 28

Sunday, Oct. 22–Pope St. John Paul II - Pope St. John Paul II (1920–2005) was born in Poland and was a vibrant, athletic, and intelligent child. His deeply religious father played an important role in his spiritual formation after his mother's death when he was 8 years old. He studied literature, poetry, and theater before his studies were interrupted by the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939. He answered the call to the priesthood, and after entering a clandestine seminary was ordained in 1946. He completed his doctoral studies in Rome and returned to Poland where he ministered in a special way to young people. He was ordained a bishop in 1958 and attended the Second Vatican Council in 1962. He is well known for his leadership in encouraging a spiritual and cultural resistance to the Communist occupation of Poland. He was elected Supreme Pontiff in 1978, the first non-Italian pope in over 450 years, and had the second-longest pontificate in history. He was a remarkable theologian and philosopher and a guardian of orthodoxy. During his time as Holy Father he gave a multitude of important contributions to the Church including his teaching on the Theology of the Body, his emphasis on the Universal Call to Holiness, and his strong devotion to the Virgin Mary. He is also known as the "Pope of the Family." During his pontificate he beatified 1338 people and canonized 482 saints. He also visited 129 countries, making him one of the most well-traveled world leaders in history. He was canonized by Pope Francis in 2014. His feast day is October 22nd.

Monday, Oct. 23 –St. John of Capistrano - St. John of Capistrano (1385-1456) was born in Capistrano, Italy. After the death of his father, his mother sent him to study law in Perugia where he rose to prominence. He achieved great success as a lawyer and was appointed governor of Perugia. He was an upright leader who refused bribes and corruption. While attempting to negotiate a peace treaty he was imprisoned, which gave him opportunity to assess the direction of his life and the state of his soul. After having a vision of St. Francis of Assisi, John left the world and entered religious life as a Franciscan friar. He was taught theology by St. Bernardine of Siena, and together the two worked to reform the Franciscan order. St. John traveled throughout Italy preaching for the salvation of souls, combating the heresies of his day, and winning many souls away from schism and heresy. Merchants would suspend their business as great crowds gathered to hear him preach in the public squares. He was also known as a healer, and many of the sick were brought to him to be cured. St. John was frequently used as an ambassador by the Holy See which allowed him to preach across the Holy Roman Empire, earning him the name "Apostle of Europe." He also preached a crusade against the Muslim Turks for the emancipation of Hungary. He was present at the Battle of Belgrade and led the charge of the Christian army under a banner monogrammed with the Holy Name of Jesus, to which he had a great devotion, urging the crusaders to invoke the name of Jesus for success in battle. The victor of the Christian army was attributed to his efforts. St. John of Capistrano is the patron of judges, military chaplains, lawyers, and jurists. His feast day is October 23rd.

Tuesday, Oct. 24– St. Anthony Mary Claret - St. Anthony Mary Claret (1807–1870) was born in Spain, the fifth of eleven children, the same year Napoleon invaded the country. He took up his father's trade of weaving before entering the priesthood. He served as a parish priest with a missionary's zeal for the salvation of souls. He often preached multiple sermons in a single day, traveled to preach parish missions and retreats for the clergy, and heard confessions for hours on end. His labors were rewarded by many people returning to a fervent practice of the Catholic faith, especially as a result of his meek and gentle manner. He was made Archbishop of Santiago and sent to Cuba from 1849-1857. His great reforms of the neglected diocese, both ecclesiastically and socially, were so sweeping and effective that his life was threatened. He was recalled back to Spain as confessor to the queen, where his tireless and fruitful priestly work continued. To increase his apostolic efforts he founded the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, known today as the Claretians. He also founded a major Catholic publisher in Spain, and wrote or published hundreds of books. He was so opposed in his efforts that he was severely persecuted and eventually exiled to Paris, along with the Spanish queen, by revolutionary enemies of religion. He took part in the First Vatican Council, his wisdom and sanctity being evident to all, before suffering a stroke and dying in exile in France. During his life St. Anthony Marie Claret had the gift of prophesy and reading of consciences, in addition to performing many miracles. A resplendent light was also observed to shine from his face as he offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. His feast day is October 24th.

Wednesday, Oct. 25– Sts. Crispin & Crispinian - Sts. Crispin and Crispinian (d. 286 A.D.) were brothers, believed to be twins, from a noble Roman family. They were Christians and went as missionaries into Gaul (present-day France). Taking the Apostle St. Paul as their example, they earned their living through a trade, dividing their time between ministry and work. Their craft was shoe-making, and because they asked little pay for their shoes they were loved and esteemed by all. Crispin and Crispinian used their work as an opportunity to share the Christian faith with the pagans they encountered,

(Sts. Crispin & Crispinian – cont.)

and many were converted through their witness. During the persecution of the Roman Emperor Diocletian they were denounced as Christians and brought before the co-emperor, Maximianus Herculius. The emperor tried to persuade them to abandon their faith with promises and threats, but to no effect. The brothers were then given over to the governor who was notorious for his cruelty. They were stretched on the rack, their flesh was cut, and awls were driven under their fingernails. They were then thrown into a river with a millstone tied to their necks, but they both miraculously survived and swam back to shore. They were caught and finally beheaded. Crispin and Crispinian are the patron saints of shoemakers, saddlers, and tanners. Their feast, known as St. Crispin's Day, is October 25th.

Thursday, Oct. 26 – Pope St. Evaristus - Pope St. Evaristus (1st century) was the fifth Pope of the Holy Roman Catholic Church and was elected to succeed Pope St. Clement I. During this time the Roman empire was ruled by Trajan. Not many details have been recorded about the life of Pope St. Evaristus, however he is known to have ordained deacons to help serve the faithful in Rome. He is thought to have suffered martyrdom and is buried near St. Peter in the Vatican. His feast day is October 26th.

Friday, Oct. 27– Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza - Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza (1201-1270), also known as Bartholomew of Braganca or Breganza, was born to a noble family in Vicenza, Italy. While studying in Padua he entered the newly established Dominican Order as one of their first friars, receiving the habit from St. Dominic himself. Bartholomew quickly advanced to positions of prominence within the Order, becoming prior and then overseeing several convents. He was sent to preach against the heretics in Lombardy, and was so successful that in 1235 the Holy Father made him Master of the Sacred Palace (an office known as "The Pope's Theologian") a position which was first held by St. Dominic. In this role he also founded a military order of knights for the purpose of maintaining civil order and peace throughout Italy called the Order of the Knights of the Mother of God (or the Knights of St. Mary). He was later made bishop of Cyprus, and also served as papal legate and confessor to St. Louis King of France, who was then leading a crusade in the Holy Land. From this friendship Bartholomew received the gift of a relic of the True Cross and a thorn from the Crown of Thorns. When Bartholomew returned to his native Vicenza as the city's bishop he built a church to house the precious relics called the Church of the Holy Crown. Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza was an effective mediator between the factions and feuds of his day, even converting the leader of a heretical party back to the Catholic faith. His feast day is October 27th.

Saturday, Oct. 28– Sts. Simon & Jude Thaddeus - St. Jude Thaddeus (1st c.) was a blood relative of Jesus Christ and one of his Twelve Apostles. He was known for his preaching, healing, exorcisms, and his appearance was said to have closely matched that of Jesus'. He is the patron of impossible causes, desperate situations, and hospitals. He also wrote the book of the Bible that bears his name. St. Simon the Zealot (1st c.) was also one of Jesus' Twelve Apostles, but one of the most obscure. He earned his name for being zealous for the honor of Jesus, showing a holy indignation towards those who claimed Christ with their lips while dishonoring him with their manner of life. After the Ascension of Jesus, towards the end of his life, it is believed that St. Simon joined St. Jude to preach the Gospel in Persia, where they were both martyred in 65 A.D. St. Simon the Zealot and St. Jude Thaddeus share a feast day on October 28th.



DIOCESE OF TOLEDO NEWS

ACA in progress – information and envelopes are on the table in the back.
Our Lady of Mercy is at 99.50%.

HELP WANTED

The Diocese has openings for employment. Check out the list at toledodiocese.org/careers

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO CALENDAR

For additional happenings in the Diocese of Toledo please visit toledodiocese.org/calendar

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Office for Life and Justice of the Diocese of Toledo is **calling for volunteers** to knock on doors and make phone calls to inform voters about the importance of voting no on Issue 1. If you're willing to volunteer, please contact the Northwest Ohio Regional Coordinator, Tim Szocinski at tim@createdequal.org. Most importantly, please join us in prayer for the defeat of this dangerous abortion amendment.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP THOMAS ON OHIO ISSUE 1

As the November election nears, it is vital for every Catholic in the Diocese of Toledo and all of Ohio to understand the grave moral seriousness of Issue 1 and realize that this is not a political issue but an issue of life. In order to help the faithful understand the proposed abortion amendment, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas made a video going through the actual text of the and what it means.

Please join Bishop Thomas and all the faithful of Ohio is praying for the defeat of Issue 1 and voting no on Issue 1!

Link to video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucKKKlc0SEo>

Link to video on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bishopdethomas/videos/1764393774038509>

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

Catholic Conference of Ohio has answers to the below topics on **Catholic Conference of Ohio YouTube Channel**

Answering Your Questions About Issue 1

Miscarriage and Ectopic Pregnancy Care in Ohio

OB-GYN Perspective on Issue 1

Is Abortion Essential to Healthcare?

Know the Facts About Issue 1

The Catholic Conference of Ohio released this Statement Regarding Ohio Catholic Hospitals and Miscarriage Care

The Diocese of Toledo Invites You to the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." - John 6:51

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas invites you to join him to witness what God has in store for his Church in the U.S. through the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024! The Diocese of Toledo is forming a delegation to represent our local Church in this historic event at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN, where 80,000 Catholics are expected to gather to deepen our understanding of, love for, and living out the great mystery of the Eucharist. The Diocese of Toledo has reserved a limited number of tickets for this pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress. Tickets are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Learn more and register: <https://toledodiocese.org/congress> or see flyer on bulletin board.

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

PROTECT

Women.

PROTECT

Families.

PROTECT

Children.



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Early voting starts on Oct. 11. Scan to find out where you can vote early.

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*Join Catholics across Ohio
in praying a Rosary Novena*

for the defeat of this dangerous amendment

This week the Sorrowful Mysteries
will be prayed each day.

Sign up for a daily email
reminder with novena prayers
here, or at pray54ohio.org.



SANCTUS

EUCCHARISTIC FAMILY REVIVAL

Saturday, November 4

St. Joseph Parish, Sylvania

9:00am to 4:00pm

Guided by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal,
with worship led by Seph Schlueter.



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Scan Me:



Night of Healing

Worship Healing

Adoration Witness

Prayer

Reconciliation

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