



The Light of Wisdom

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

[Jesus said,] "Stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

MATTHEW 25:13



The dark of night can unsettle and frighten children, but darkness can disturb adults, too. It's not so much the feeling when the lights go off that unsettles us grownups as it is the dark of uncertainty. We graduate from school and wonder what to do with our lives. Should we stay in a relationship? How do we find meaning again in the midst of grief and the loss of someone we love? And sometimes most of all, where is God when we need God? We may even wonder whether to believe. At such times, we bump and bruise our way through the obstacles that life's darknesses cause.

Leonard Cohen's song "Anthem" echoes a note of hope when we feel lost in the dark as he sings about how light always seems to find a way to seep in between the cracks of our everyday living. Like stars that are visible only at night, new opportunities are often most readily recognized when we find ourselves stumbling through the dark.

Long before Leonard Cohen, Jesus told the parable of ten virgins, some wise and some foolish. In the midst of that story, he tells of a bridegroom who comes to the waiting virgin attendants at midnight. In other words, it is the Lord God who comes into our lives in the darkest times, if only we are wise enough to recognize such a coming.

How then to negotiate the darkness? Stay the course. In time, wisdom reveals a path. Trust that light will come, all in God's time and not ours. Finally, wisdom always comes in the darkest of times, seldom when our lives are bright as day. ●

Reflect

*When and how has God entered into
your darkness?*

Catholic Communities

Parish Pastor

Rev. William Pifher

419-446-9288



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.



OLM PARISH OFFICE

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Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday

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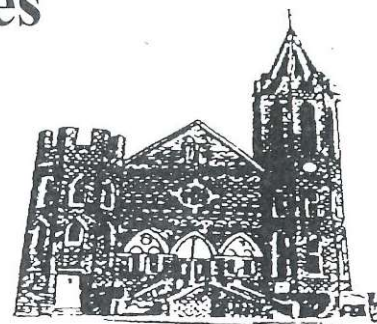
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MASS SCHEDULE

1st 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.

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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 OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

32nd Sunday – Ordinary Time

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

BFF BREAKFAST TODAY (LIGHT)

Please come and join us after Mass for Breakfast, Fellowship and Friends.

ALTAR ROSARY

Meeting after Mass today. All ladies welcome to attend.

NIGHT OF HEALING

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. Please use the cards on the back table and pass along to all who are in need of healing.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Finance will meet at 5:30 p.m.

Pastoral will meet at 6:15 p.m.

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

"No one can every excel in great things who do not first excel in small things." - St. Francis Xavier

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

Nov. 12 – Never get discouraged. The good you do today, will often be forgotten by tomorrow: Do good anyway. Discouragement doesn't come from God. He is there always at our side encouraging us.

Nov. 13 - I can never forget the time when I gave a child to a family and after a few months I heard that the child had become very, very sick. I went to the family and told them: "Give me back that child. I'll take care of the sick child and I'll give you another healthy child." The father look at me and said. "Mother, take my life rather than the child."

Nov. 14 – When you are suffering, always remember that the Passion of Christ ends always in the joy of the Resurrection. So, when you feel in your own hear the suffering of Christ, remember the Resurrection has to come. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the risen Jesus.

Nov. 15- One day we will each meet the Lord of the the Universe. What will we tell Him about the life we lived.....about how we treated His other children?

Nov. 16– Poverty makes us free. We need to experience the joy of poverty. We choose poverty, we choose not to have things, unlike the poorest of the poor who are forced to be poor. If we do not have something, it is because we choose not to have it. In this, we are free because nothing belongs to us. Our poverty means that we do not have the kind of shoes we may want or the house we may want. We cannot keep things or give anything away or lend anything of value. We have nothing. We own nothing. This is the experience of poverty.

Nov. 17 – There is nothing wrong with money. It is what we do with it that makes it a positive or negative influence in our lives. But I have seen it destroy people time and time again. So, be watchful. Nothing will destroy our joy and our connection with God like money.

Nov. 18– 'Let your light shine!' Jesus asks this of us all. But to keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it. Pray. Pray. Pray.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 23, 2023

8:30 a.m. Rosary

9:00 a.m. Mass

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

---Nov. 18 – Opera House – Pickin' Roots 7 pm - \$15 GA, \$12 Seniors, \$10 Students (operahouse-fayette.org or on Facebook)

---Nov. 21 – Community Thanksgiving Meal – 5 – 6 p.m.

---Nov. 21 – Community Thanksgiving Service – 6:30 p.m. Fayette Methodist Church

---Dec. 2 –Opera House - 7 p.m. Siberian Solstice - \$20

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



Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at vanzilein@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.



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

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.

Night of Healing

Worship Healing

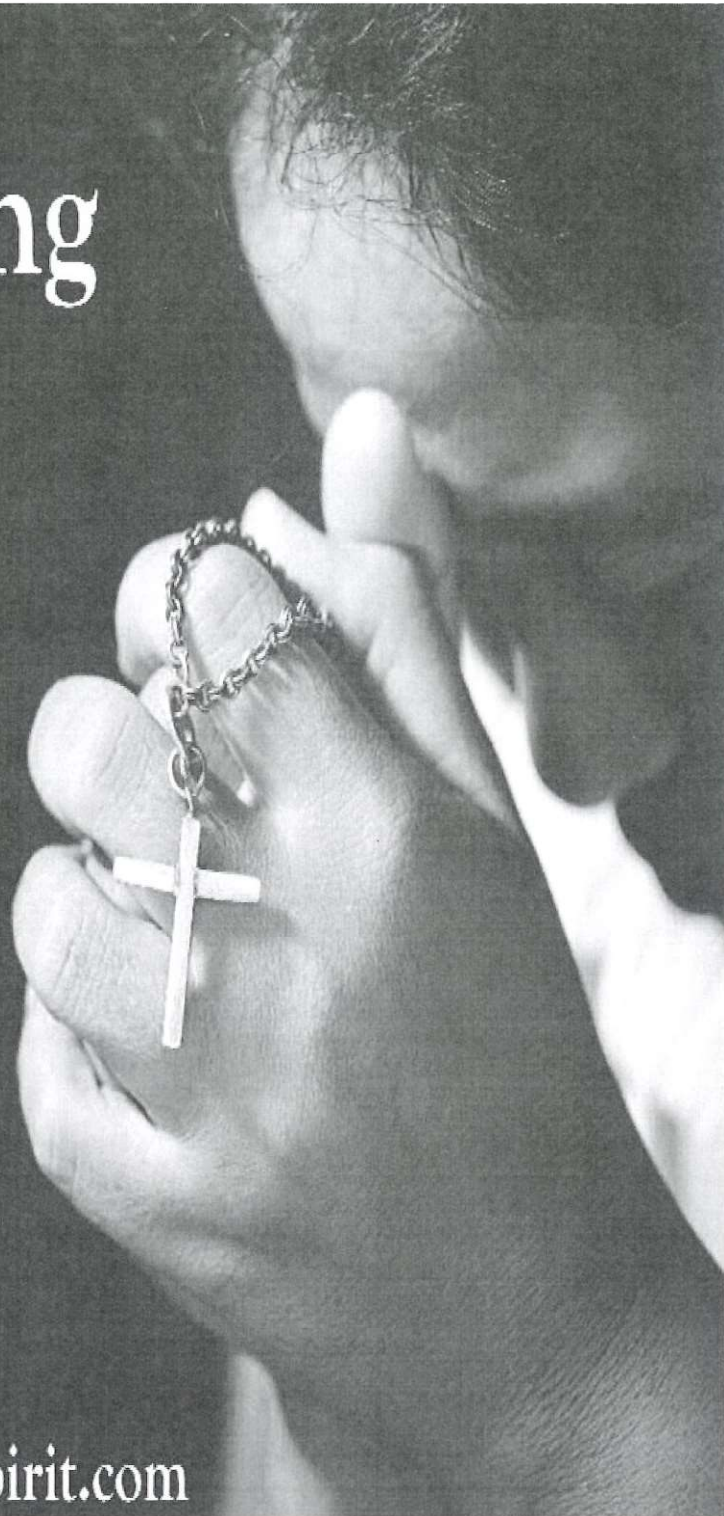
Adoration Witness

Prayer

Reconciliation

www.mccrholyspirit.com

Our Lady of Mercy
Wednesday, November 15, 2023
7:00 p.m.





Our Lady of Mercy Parish



NOVEMBER 12, 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. Nov. 12	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Marcel Bonin, Ron Lichtenwald Deceased & Living Sarnac family
	10:30 am	SP	For the People
Tues. Nov. 14	7 p.m.	SP	Mike & Joyce Britenriker
Wed. Nov. 15	9:00 a.m..	SP	For the People
Thurs. Nov. 16	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Nov. 17	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Nov. 18	8:30a.m.	SP	No Mass
	4:30p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun. Nov. 19	8:30a.m.	OLM	Jeannette Tidwell
	10:30a.m	SP	Pat & Juanita Arend Ronnie Ruffer

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Nov. 12 – Altar Rosary Meeting after Mass
- Nov. 15 –Religious Ed – H.S. & Elem.
- Nov. 15 – Night of Healing with MCCR, Diocese of Toledo – at Our Lady of Mercy, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 16 – Council meetings
Finance 5:30 p.m.
Pastoral 6:15 p.m.
- Nov. 19 – Youth Breakfast after Mass

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for November 5, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (17envelopes) \$ 1,371.00
 LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 201.00

BUDGET \$ 1,747.00
 Over/(Under) (\$ 175.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 15.00
 CPC Jar \$ 10.50
 Maintenance \$ 440.00
 Postage Help \$ 5.00
 All Saints \$ 5.00
 All Souls \$ 20.00
TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 2,067.50

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	November 19, 2023
Reader	Shelly Gruman
Servers	Maeve & Micah Maginn
Greeters/ Gifts	Mary Bird Shelly Gruman
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)

FOOLISH – having or showing a lack of good sense, judgement or discretion

WISE - characterized by wisdom: marked by deep understanding, keen discernment, and a capacity for sound judgement

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
Matthew 25:2

Dear Padre,

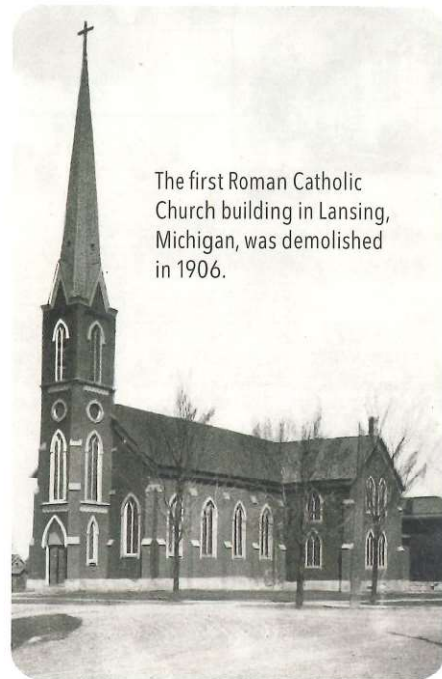
I was taught that Catholic churches are built on consecrated ground. How can a church be torn down and replaced by a shopping mall if it's sacred ground?

Church buildings are blessed and considered by the Church to be sacred places. But when they're damaged and can no longer be repaired or their repair is impractical or they no longer effectively serve their purpose for the faithful of God, the bishop can remove that blessing. By doing this, the bishop opens them for nonsacred use. Subsequently, they can be torn down or sold, as long as the new purpose is not scandalous to the people of God.

In the end, what is truly sacred is not the brick and mortar or even the soil, but the purpose for which they were built. Churches are blessed and declared sacred because we perform sacred rituals within them. When those rituals are no longer being performed in that location, there is no longer a need for them to be declared sacred.

When a church is closed, it is often a sad event. Many people carry deep emotional ties to their parish churches. But a diocese cannot always maintain all of its churches. Catholic populations shift, local needs change. Money is limited, and good stewardship demands that bishops sometimes make the difficult decision to close or merge parishes. Remember what is truly important and of ultimate and sacred value—our worship and service of God. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR / DearPadre.org



The first Roman Catholic Church building in Lansing, Michigan, was demolished in 1906.

WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

MONDAY

November 13
*St. Frances
Xavier Cabrini,
Virgin*
Wis 1:1–7
Lk 17:1–6

TUESDAY

November 14
Weekday
Wis 2:23–3:9
Lk 17:7–10

WEDNESDAY

November 15
Weekday
Wis 6:1–11
Lk 17:11–19

THURSDAY

November 16
Weekday
Wis 7:22b–8:1
Lk 17:20–25

FRIDAY

November 17
*St. Elizabeth
of Hungary,
Religious*
Wis 13:1–9
Lk 17:26–37

SATURDAY

November 18
Weekday
Wis 18:14–16;
19:6–9
Lk 18:1–8

SUNDAY

November 19
*Thirty-third
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Prv 31:10–13,
19–20, 30–31
1 Thes 5:1–6
Mt 25:14–30
or 25:14–15,
19–21

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 8, 2020