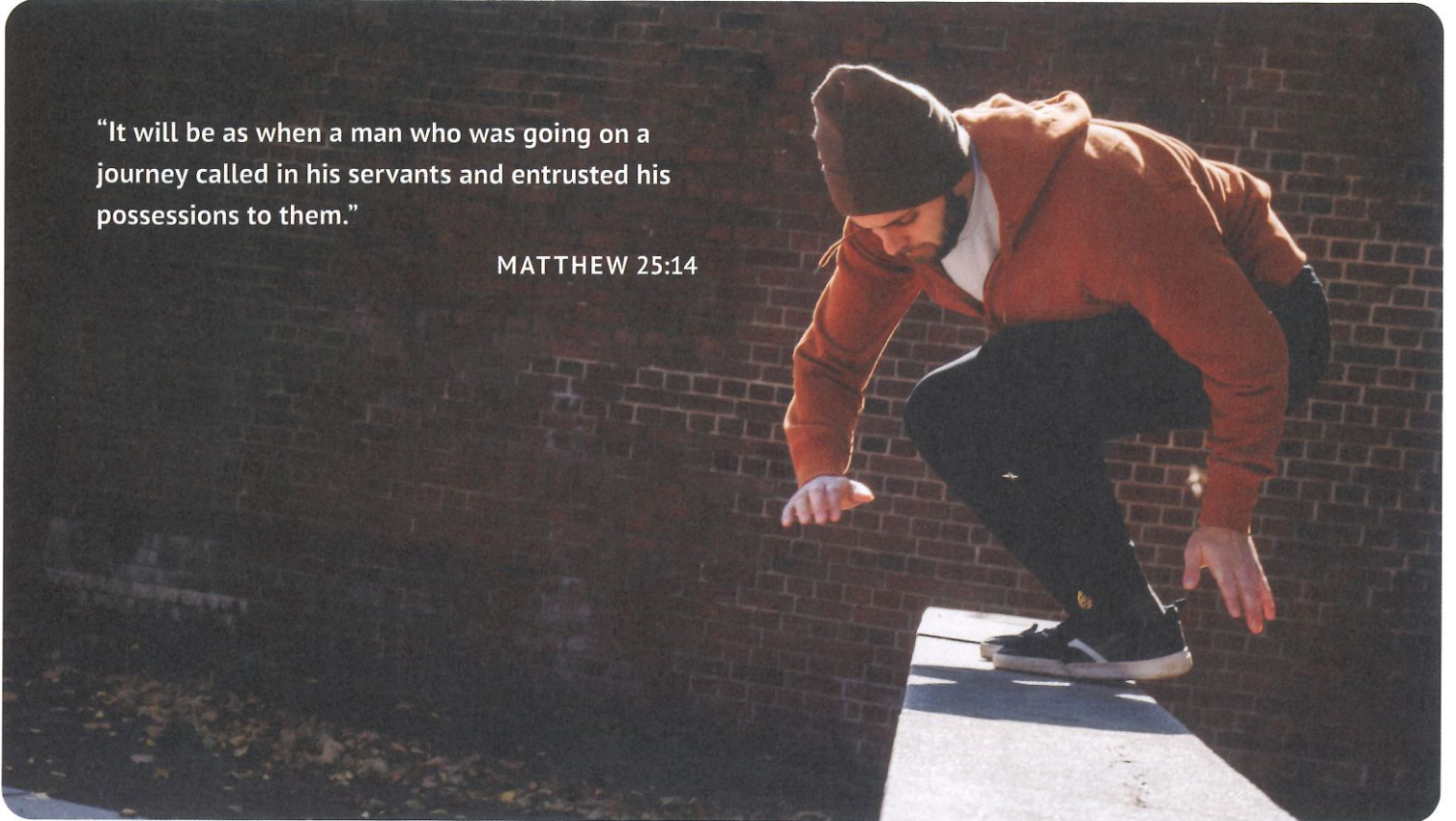




“It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.”

MATTHEW 25:14



The Edges: Where God Works

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Those who are willing to take great risks are often the ones who give birth to dreams of growth and new life. Often it is at the scary edge of life where such growth ultimately takes place. In 1776, those who sparked a revolution and risked their personal wealth founded a new nation. President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, when many were urging him not to do so, thus opening the door of freedom to those who found it locked. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela risked speaking out against apartheid, was imprisoned for twenty-seven years, and was eventually freed to become the leader of a new South Africa.

So often those who risk to make life new are those who are living at the growing edge of God’s reign, instruments of God bringing creation to new life.

In the parable in this week’s Gospel, three individuals are entrusted with a treasure of great worth. The third person backs away from any risk, burying it because he is stifled by fear. God’s dynamic presence, on the other hand, grows when individuals risk doing the right thing in spite of the consequences, when they are willing to speak an unpopular truth, when they take a stand for those on the edges of society, when they break down the barriers of racism and oppression. In the end, we need to listen less to our fears and more to our dreams. It’s where God does God’s best work: at the edges. ●

Reflect

When have you risked bringing about new life?

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.



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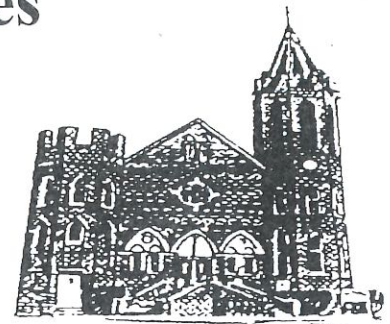
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St. Peter

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

33rd 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 and help support our youth on their mission trip in June 2024.

MASS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2023

There will be no daily Mass at Our Lady of Mercy. Thanksgiving Mass will be at St. Peter with the Rosary at 8:30 a.m. and Mass at 9:00 a.m.

ST VINCENT de PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul will **NOT** be accepting clothing, household items, etc. donations until after January 1, 2024. Their Christmas and toy giveaway will be on Thursday, December 7 & December 14, 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please spread the word should you know of anyone in need of help for Christmas.

THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open on Monday, November 20 & Tuesday, November 21 – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bulletin deadline will be Monday by noon.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Wishing all parishioners and their families Very Happy Thanksgiving. Prayers for safe travels for you all.

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

"Settle yourself in solitude, and you will come upon God in yourself" - *Sf. Teresa of Avila*

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

Nov. 19 – All our words will be useless unless they come from within. Words that do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness. Today, more than ever, we need to pray for the light to know the will of God, for the love to accept the will of God, for the courage to do the will of God.

Nov. 20 – Be kind to each other. It is better to commit faults with gentleness than to work miracles with unkindness.

Nov. 21 – Do we know our poor people? Do we know the poor in our house, in our family? Perhaps they are not hungry for a piece of bread. Perhaps our children, husband, wife, are not hungry for food, or naked, or dispossessed. But are you sure there is no one there who feels unwanted, deprived of affection?

Nov. 22 – A life not lived for other is a life not lived.

Nov. 23 – I remember that at the beginning of my work I had a very high fever and in that delirious fever I went before Saint Peter. "Go back! There are no slums in Heaven!" he said to me. So I got very angry with him and I said, "Very well! I will fill Heaven with people from the slums and they you will have slums!"

Nov. 24 – If you are a joyful, it will shine in your eyes, in your conversation, and in your countenance. You will not be able to hide it because joy overflows.

Nov. 25 – Go out into the world today and love the people you meet.

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. 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

---Dec. 12 – Night of Healing 7 p.m. - St. Richard's – Swanton, Ohio

---Dec. 18 – Opera House – 7 p.m. - Clark Family Christmas – \$15 General Admission - \$12 Seniors - \$10 Students

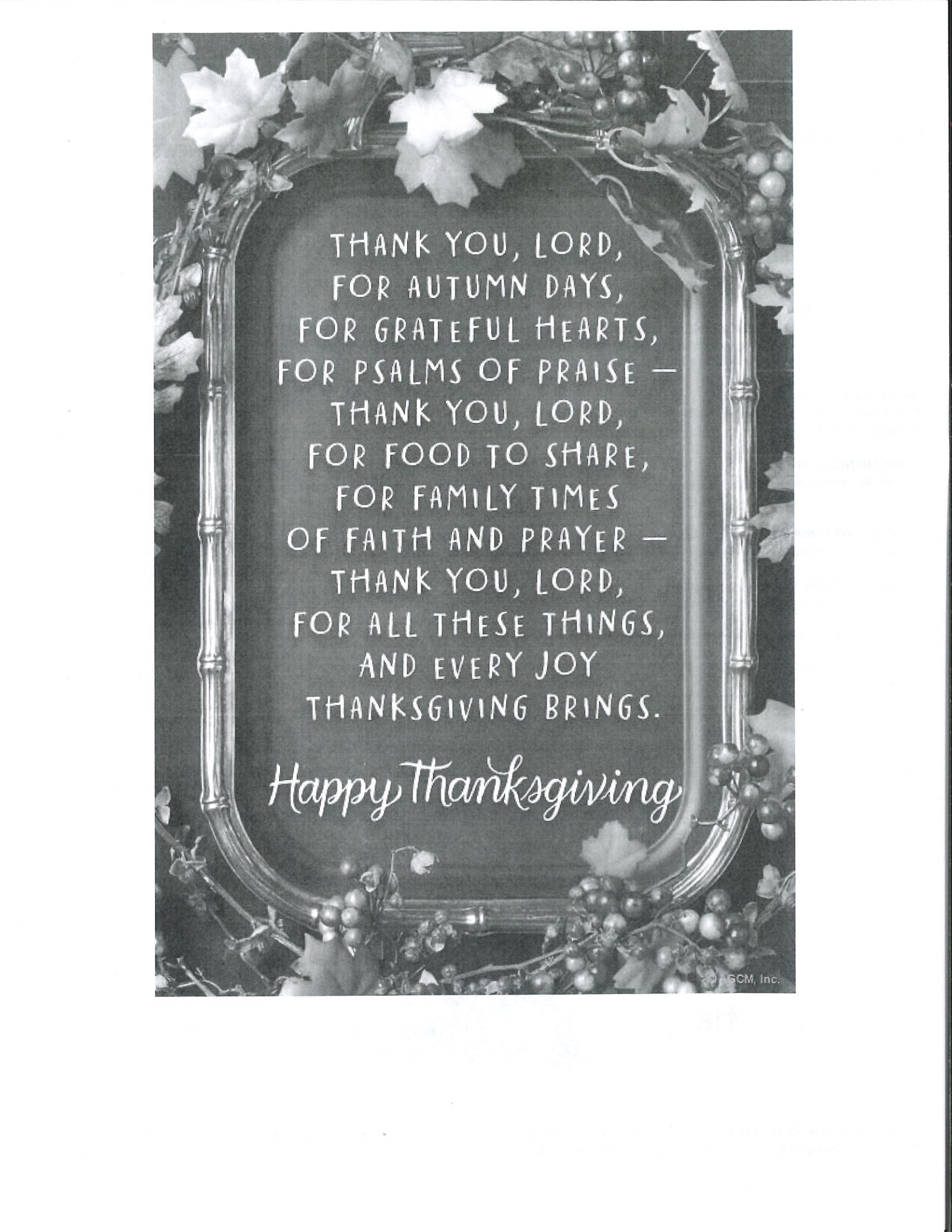
If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to
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Happy



Thanksgiving

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.



THANK YOU, LORD,
FOR AUTUMN DAYS,
FOR GRATEFUL HEARTS,
FOR PSALMS OF PRAISE —
THANK YOU, LORD,
FOR FOOD TO SHARE,
FOR FAMILY TIMES
OF FAITH AND PRAYER —
THANK YOU, LORD,
FOR ALL THESE THINGS,
AND EVERY JOY
THANKSGIVING BRINGS.

Happy Thanksgiving



DIOCESE OF TOLEDO NEWS

ACA in progress – information and envelopes are on the table in the back.
Our Lady of Mercy is at 100.66%.

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.



CATHOLIC
CONFERENCE OF OHIO

Catholic Bishops of Ohio Statement on Passing of Issue 1

Today is a tragic day for women, children, and families in Ohio. We mourn that the dignity of human life remains concealed by the duplicity of a culture of death. Though this is a day of sorrow, we are never without hope. St. Paul tells us that it is in hope that we were saved and, "if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance."

Asking for God's protection and mercy, we must look ahead. Despite the obstacles this amendment presents, the Catholic Church in Ohio will continue to work for policies that defend the most vulnerable, strengthen the child-parent relationship, and support women in need. As we pray for the conversion of minds and hearts to the gospel of life, we recommit ourselves to defending children in the womb and supporting women in need. The Catholic Church and faithful will never grow weary in our mission to help women and families flourish through ministries such as Walking with Moms in Need and other local organizations that provide material and spiritual support and through advocacy with policymakers.

We, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio, are grateful to the Catholic faithful, clergy, and all people of goodwill whose actions in this campaign demonstrated our commitment to honoring and upholding the dignity of life. Your sacrifices prove that the Church will never abandon her mission to support human life. We will persevere in this mission until every preborn child is protected, every pregnant woman is supported, and every human life receives respect, dignity, and justice.

With you in Christ Jesus,

The Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

The Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley
Diocese of Steubenville

The Most Rev. Edward C. Malesic
Diocese of Cleveland

The Most Rev. David J. Bonnar
Diocese of Youngstown

The Most Rev. Bohdan J. Danylo
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of
St. Josaphat in Parma

The Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Diocese of Toledo

The Most Rev. John Michael Botean
St. George Byzantine Catholic Diocese

The Most Rev. Earl K. Fernandes
Diocese of Columbus

The Most Rev. Michael Woost
Diocese of Cleveland

Saints of the Day (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of November 19 – November 25

Sunday, Nov. 19– St. Barlaam of Antioch - St. Barlaam of Antioch (d. 304 A.D.) was an elderly, uneducated peasant laborer from a village near Antioch. He was arrested for his Christian faith under the persecution of Roman Emperor Diocletian. He was detained for a long time in a dungeon before being brought before his judge. At his trial he was severely scourged, his bones dislocated on the rack, and tortured in other ways in an attempt to force him to renounce his faith in Christ and sacrifice to idols. Instead of crying out, there was joy in his countenance. His meekness, answers, and resolute will confounded his persecutors. The judge, determined to not be humiliated by a peasant, then devised a plan that would force Barlaam to offer sacrifice to the gods despite his constancy. He had an altar with a fire prepared, and had Barlaam's right hand held over the fire and filled with incense and hot coals. This would force Barlaam's burning hand to recoil, causing the incense to fall before the pagan altar, which the judge could then proclaim as a public act of sacrifice to the idols. Instead, Barlaam endured the pain in perfect stillness. He held his hand steady until it burned off completely. In rage, the judge ordered his immediate death. St. Barlaam's feast day is November 19th.

Monday, Nov. 20 –Blessed Maria Fortunata Viti - Blessed Maria Fortunata Viti (1827–1922) was born in Italy, the eldest daughter of nine children. Her father had a gambling and alcohol addiction, and her mother died when she was 14 years old. Maria then cared for her younger siblings and worked as a housekeeper to earn money for the family as her father sunk deeper into his addiction. Maria rejected an offer for marriage, deciding instead to become a Benedictine nun at the age of 24. Sr. Maria Fortunata, illiterate her entire life, spent more than seventy years in the monastery as a housekeeper attending to the washing, sewing, and other simple tasks, which was her path to holiness. She was admired for her great simplicity of heart, and her confessor testified that she was often accosted by the devil with threats, physical attacks, and vile insults in attempts to break her virtue. She had great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and made frequent visits to the chapel tabernacle as she carried out her daily tasks. She died at the age of 95, and after her death miracles were reported at her grave. She is a patron saint against poverty, temptations, loss of parents, and mental illness. Her feast day is November 20th.

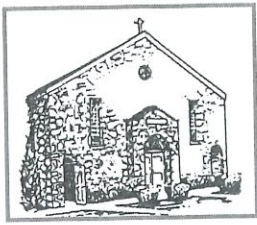
Tuesday, Nov. 21– Blessed Maria Franciszka Siedliska - Bl. Maria Franciszka Siedliska (1842-1902) was born to a noble and wealthy family in Warsaw, Poland. When a Capuchin friar prepared her for her First Holy Communion, she began to desire the religious life and made a private act of consecration to God. Her father was greatly opposed and said he would rather see her dead than lost to the cloister. Her vocation was not deterred, and she went to Rome to obtain the Pope's blessing for founding an active apostolic Order modeled on the hidden virtues of the Holy Family. The Congregation of Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth was formed in 1875, and she took the name Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd. In 1885 the Nazareth Sisters arrived in New York, eventually settling near Chicago where they made their first foundation in the U.S.A. She was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1989. Her feast day is November 21.

Wednesday, Nov. 22– St. Cecilia - St. Cecilia (3rd c.) is one of the most venerated of the virgin martyrs of Rome. Her name is in the Roman Canon of the Mass. According to tradition she made a private vow of chastity to Jesus, yet her parents promised her in marriage to a suitor. On her wedding night, St. Cecilia told her husband that she had not only made a vow to remain a virgin, but that an angel guarded her purity. Her husband agreed to honor her vow and follow Christ if he could also see her guardian angel. She instructed him to first be baptized, and afterwards he was able to see her angel. Cecilia's brother-in-law also converted, and both men were eventually martyred for their faith; but not without first converting their jailer. St. Cecilia was later arrested and also sentenced to death. An executioner struck three blows but was not successful in severing her head from her body; instead, she survived for three days preaching to those who visited her in prison until her last breath. They lovingly soaked up the blood from her wounds with clothes and sponges. Her relics, along with those of her husband, his brother, and the converted jailor, were placed in the church of St. Cecilia in Rome. Because she sang hymns to Jesus in her heart on her wedding day, St. Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians. Her feast day is celebrated on November 22nd.

Thursday, Nov. 23 – St. Clement of Rome - St. Clement of Rome (d. 100 A.D.), also known as Pope St. Clement I, is considered the first Apostolic Father of the Church. He is mentioned by name in the Bible by the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:3. St. Clement is also said to be one of the band of seventy followers of Jesus' ministry as described in the Gospels. Clement was a disciple of St. Peter and was ordained by him, and became the fourth Bishop of Rome. Of his life and death little is known, but he has left one definite writing: a letter to the Church in Corinth, Greece. The Basilica of St. Clement is one of the earliest parish churches of Rome and was built on the site of his home. Pope St. Clement I is the patron saint of mariners, sailors, marble-workers, stone-cutters, and sick children. His feast day is celebrated on November 23rd.

Friday, Nov. 24– St. Columbanus - St. Columbanus (543 – 615 A.D.) was born in West Leinster, Ireland. He was a noble, well-educated, and handsome man who was pursued by many women. He sought the advice of a pious religious woman who advised him to flee from his temptations for the sake of his soul, which he did, leaving the world to become a monk against the wishes of his family. He embraced the monastic life and excelled in virtue before being called by God to be a preacher in foreign lands. At the age of 40 he left his monastery with a band of twelve fellow monks on an apostolic mission to spread the Gospel throughout Europe. The holiness and zeal of Columbanus and his companions combatted the laxity of the clergy and the negative influence of the barbarian invaders. Columbanus preferred the solitude of nature and would often live withdrawn from others in a nearby cave, which attracted followers to imitate his lifestyle. He founded and served as abbot of several monasteries known for their strictness, writing a monastic rule governing their life which emphasized obedience, silence, poverty, humility, and chastity. The Rule of St. Columbanus was approved by the Council of Mâcon in 627 A.D., but was later superseded by the Rule of St. Benedict. His feast day is celebrated on November 24th.

Saturday, Nov. 25– St. Catherine of Alexandria - St. Catherine of Alexandria (4th c.) was born to a noble pagan family in Alexandria, Egypt, and her father was governor of the city. She was an intelligent child who devoted herself to study, and converted to the Christian faith after the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to her in a vision. Many of her fellow Christians were put to death under the reign of Roman Emperor Maxentius. Catherine, at the age of 18, rebuked the emperor to his face for this injustice, giving a skillful defense of the Christian faith. In response, Maxentius brought fifty of his best philosophers to debate with her and refute her claims. St. Catherine not only won the argument by confounding her opponents, but she caused many of them to convert to the Christian faith. The emperor offered Catherine a royal marriage if she would renounce her faith, but she refused. She was imprisoned, and while in captivity, through her newfound fame, converted the emperor's wife and two hundred of his soldiers. When this was discovered, Maxentius had them all put to death. Catherine was to be tortured and killed by being torn apart on a spiked wheel, but the wheel fell to pieces when it touched her. She was finally martyred by beheading. St. Catherine is the patroness of philosophers, preachers, lawyers, apologists, scholars, and librarians, to name a few. Her feast day is celebrated on November 25th.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



NOVEMBER 19 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. 19	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Jeannette Tidwell
	10:30 am	SP	For the People
Tues. Nov. 21	7 p.m.	SP	Mike & Joyce Britenriker
Wed. Nov. 22	9:00 a.m..	SP	For the People
Thurs. Nov. 23	9:00a.m.	OLM	NO MASS
	9:00a.m.	SP	Thanksgiving Mass
Fri. Nov. 24	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Nov. 25	8:30a.m.	SP	No Mass
	4:30p.m.	SP	Mike & Joyce Britenriker Gina Damman
Sun. Nov. 26	8:30a.m.	OLM	Chuck Wurth
	10:30a.m	SP	For the People

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Nov. 22 – NO Religious Ed – H.S. & Elem.

---Dec. 7 – Immaculate Conception (day of Holy Obligation) Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.
Rosary - 6:30 p.m. Mass

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for November 12, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (12 envelopes) \$ 831.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 242.00

BUDGET \$ 1,747.00
Over/(Under) (\$ 674.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 150.00
CPC Jar	\$ 3.00
Maintenance	\$ 120.00
Postage Help	\$ 2.00
All Saints	\$ 20.00
All Souls	\$ 25.00
Rel. Ed Tuition	\$ 15.00
Catholic Heart Workcamp reg. fees	\$ 305.00
Votive Candles	\$ 1.18
Fayette Local Ministries	\$ 5.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$ 1,719.18

NEXT
WEEK'S
MINISTERS

November 26, 2023

Reader	Mary Bird
Servers	Will & Micah Maginn
Greeters/ Gifts	Mike Maginn Family
Ushers	Phil & Tami Baker
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Phil & Tami Baker Jerry Van Zile

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

ENTRUSTED – to confer a trust on *especially*: to deliver something in trust to

“A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.” Matthew 25:14

Dear Padre,

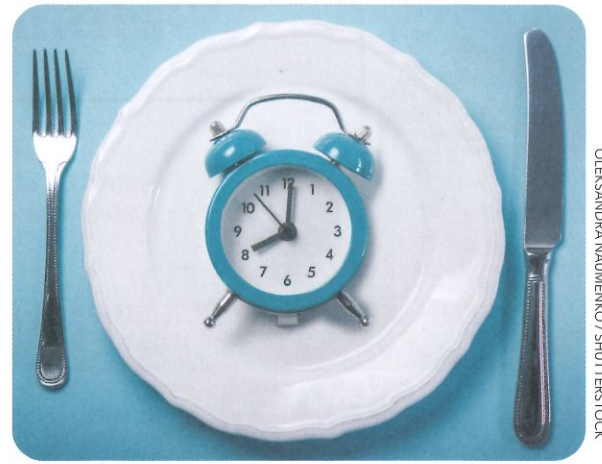
My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today the Church tells us: "Use what God has given you and look at the poor." At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. And not doing harm is good. But not doing good is not good. We must do good, come out of ourselves and look...at those who are more in need.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 15, 2020



MONDAY

November 20

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Lk 18:35-43

TUESDAY

November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18-31
Lk 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY

November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31
Lk 19:11-28

THURSDAY

November 23

Weekday

1 Mc 2:15-29
Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day
Sir 50:22-24
1 Cor 1:3-9
Lk 17:11-19

FRIDAY

November 24

St. Andrew, Dŭng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59
Lk 19:45-48

SATURDAY

November 25

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1-13
Lk 20:27-40

SUNDAY

November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46