



Family Gifts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

asked some folks what they carried with them as their most treasured gift from their parents. One spoke of the gift of freedom. As an adult he always felt loved and welcomed by his parents. Although he was not always able to visit them as frequently as his life would allow, he was never made to feel guilty about it. It was an atmosphere unpressured by any “have-tos” whether it concerned choices for marriage or profession or simply for occasional family visits.

Another spoke of being taught by example that love in a family always extends to welcoming the stranger, caring for the unfortunate, opening one’s home to those in pain. She learned to live that way because that was how her parents lived.

Yet another spoke of her father’s gentleness and faithfulness as treasured gifts. And in truth she herself had become gentle and faithful, both with life and with God. Yet another took note of his parents’ acceptance and openness to differing cultures and traditions and value systems. It was a way of living he now took to himself and his own family.

Not every family may seem as graced as these individuals remember their own families, and no doubt these families had flaws, too. Yet those qualities of a believer, enumerated by St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians, make for good family life as well: “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love” (Colossians 3:12-14). ●

Reflect

What gift from your family do you hope to pass to the next generation?



The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom; and the favor of
God was upon him.

LUKE 2:40

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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Tuesday and Thursday

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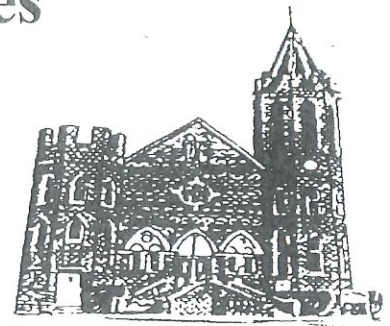
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stpeterarchbold.com/our-lady-of-mercy



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614 N. Defiance St.
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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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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.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

JANUARY 1ST MASS – SOLEMNIY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Mass will be at Our Lady of Mercy – 9 a.m.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

There will be a meeting after Mass on January 7, 2024.

BFF'S (Breakfast, Friends & Fellowship)

BFF's will resume next week, January 7, 2024, after Mass. Please come and enjoy good food, friends and fellowship.

Reverend Martin B. Nassr (Interim Priest here at OLOM)

Fr. Martin B. Nassr, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Thursday, December 14, 2023. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady of Mercy's Altar Rosary Society invites all parishioners over the age of 21 for an Adult Night Out on January 27, 2024, starting at 6:30 p.m. More information will be coming.

SAINT OF THE DAY

Saint of the Day will return hopefully next week. The website has not updated their calendar for 2024.

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

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows." - St. Francis of Assisi

Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska – Notebook 1

Vilnius, July 28, 1934

(5) Be adored, O Most Holy Trinity, now and for all times. Be adored in all Your works and all Your creatures. May the greatness of Your mercy be admired and glorified, O God.

(6) I am to write down the encounters of my soul with You, O God, at the moments of Your special visitations. I am to write about You, O Incomprehensible in mercy towards my poor soul. Your holy will is the life of my soul. I have received this order through him who is for me Your representative here on earth, who interprets Your holy Will to me. Jesus, You see how difficult it is for me to write, how unable I am to put down clearly what I experience in my soul. O God, can a pen write down that for which many a time there are no words? But You give the order to write, O God; that is enough for me.



*In the New Year,
may you be Blessed
with all the good things
God has to give.*

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY-DAYS

January 12, 2024 – March 29, 2024

*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

---Jan. 11 – Bean Creek Coffee House
7 p.m. – Fayette Opera House – Free & open to the public

---Jan. 17 – Community Meal Fayette
Methodist Life Center 5 – 6 pm

---Jan. 27 – Lee Warren & Friends
7 p.m. – Fayette Opera House - \$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
OLOMFayette@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.

Standing Strong as a Catholic Man

presented by: Dr. Ray Guarendi

St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio

300 S. Michigan Ave., Edgerton, OH

January 13, 2024 9am - 5pm

\$10 at the door

RSVP—Text: 419-575-6936 / Email: mark@gerschutz.com



Dr. Ray Guarendi is a Catholic father of ten adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. Dr. Ray has given over 3,000 talks around the country on topics including smart parenting; happier marriages; successful families; and a variety of motivational themes, for both personal and professional application. He captivates audiences with his humor laced presentations filled with practical advice and proven techniques.

Calling All Men!

Come spend a Saturday with
Dr. Ray to strengthen
your faith and your family.

Agenda

8:30—9:00	Registration
9:00—9:55	Men of Faith
9:55—10:05	Break
10:05—11:00	Men of Faith
11:00—12:00	Lunch
12:00—12:55	Men of Family
12:55—1:05	Break
1:05—2:00	Men of Family
2:00—3:30	Adoration and Confession
4:00—5:00	Mass

January

2024

Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year	2	3 Rel. Ed Elem. & HS 6:45 p.m.	4 9 a.m. Communion Service	5	6
7 BFF's Resume Altar Rosary Meeting after Mass	8	9	10 Rel. Ed Elem. 6:45 p.m.	11	12 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry-Days begin Archbold, OH	13
14 BFF after Mass	15	16	17 Rel. Ed Elem. & HS 6:45 p.m.	18 Finance 5:30 p.m. Parish Council 6:15 p.m.	19	20
21 Youth Breakfast after Mass	22	23	24 Rel. Ed Elem. 6:45 p.m.	25	26	27 Adult Night Out - 6:30 p.m.
28 BFF After Mass	29	30	31 NO RELIGIOUS ED			

Parents of Priests
Prayers for Priests

Prayers for Clergy, Religious, and/or Groups of Individuals for each day of the month.



Dear Lord,
 we pray that the Blessed Mother
 wrap her mantle around your priests
 and through her intercession
 strengthen them for their ministry.
 We pray that Mary will guide your priests
 to follow her own words,
 "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).
 May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph,
 Mary's most chaste spouse.
 May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart
 inspire them to embrace
 all who suffer at the foot of the cross.
 May your priests be holy,
 filled with the fire of your love
 seeking nothing but your greater glory
 and the salvation of souls.
 Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pope Francis	2 Bishop Daniel E. Thomas	3 Your Parish Priests	4 Parents of Priests	5 Rev. Gerald Chmiel	6 Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
7 Very Rev. David Cirata	8 Rev. Anthony Cosi	9 Rev. Nathan Cromley	10 Rev. James Cryan	11 Rev. Eric Culler	12 Rev. Nicholas Cunningham	13 Deacons and Missionary Priests
14 Rev. Michael Dandurand	15 Rev. Luyen Dau	16 Very Rev. Mark Davis	17 Seminarian Frederick Del Guidice	18 Rev. Charles Denny	19 Rev. Micheal Diemer	20 Religious Brothers and Sisters
21 Rev. Todd Dominique	22 Rev. Melwin Dsouza	23 Rev. Frederick Duschl	24 Rev. Frank Eckart	25 Rev. Francis Ejimofor	26 Very Rev. Thomas Extejt	27 Deceased Priests of our Diocese
28 Rev. Paul Fahrbach	29 Rev. Philip Feltman	30 Bishop Earl Fernandes	31 Rev. Timothy Faris			

The OLM Religious Education Program would like to THANK YOU for your generosity in our Christmas Drive 2023

UPDATE:

This year we helped the Fayette Helping Hands Food Pantry.

THANK YOU FOR provide the following:

- Winter caps and hats x 46
 - Gloves x 60
 - Combs x 40
 - Brushes x 31
- Toothbrushes x 93
 - Socks x 8 pr
 - Toothpaste x 5

YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY WILL RESONATE WITHIN OUR VILLAGE LONG AFTER THERE ARE HOLES IN THE GLOVES AND HATS ❤️



2 Corinthians 9:11

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

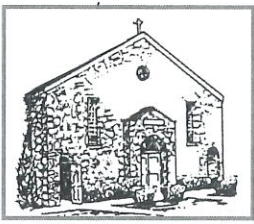
CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTIONS

Christmas

Loose Offerings	\$ 655.00
11 envelopes	<u>\$ 580.00</u>
TOTAL Christmas	\$1,235.00

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$ 16.00
All Saints Day	\$ 5.00
All Souls Day	\$ 5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 30.00
CPC Jar	\$ 20.75
Votives	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,346.75



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



DECEMBER 31, 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. Dec. 31	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Giovanni Stella, Mike & Joyce Dwyer Living & Deceased Sarnac Family
	10:30a.m.	SP	Cindy Eddy, Jeanette Talbot
Tues. Jan. 2	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Jan. 3	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. Jan. 4 Communion Svc	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Jan. 5 Communion Svc	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Jan. 6	8:00a.m.	SP	NO MASS
	4:30p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun. Jan. 7	8:30a.m.	OLM	Marcel Bonin Ron Lichtnwald
	10:30a.m.	SP	

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Mass 9 a.m.
- Jan. 3 – Religious Ed resumes
- Jan. 7 – BFF's resume
- Jan. 7 – Altar Rosary meeting after Mass
- Jan. 18 – Finance & Parish Council meetings
- Jan. 21 – Youth breakfast after Mass
- Jan. 27 – 6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy Adult Night Out, put on by Altar Rosary Society

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for December 24, 2023 (morning Mass)

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (10 envelopes) \$ 515.00
 LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 2.00

BUDGET \$ 1,747.00
 Over/(Under) (\$ 1,230.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Christmas \$ 50.00
 Votive Candles \$ 1.00
 CPC Jar \$ 20.00
TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 588.00

Christmas Collection see bulletin insert

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

January 7, 2024

Reader	Pat Eisel
Servers	Kennedy Kunkle Maeve Maginn
Greeters/ Gifts	Ron & Pat Eisel
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 The America College Dictionary)

PATIENCE – calm and uncomplaining endurance, as under pain, provocation

“Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.” -

Colossians 3:12-13

Dear Padre,

How much should we support our adult children? We have a niece and a daughter who are both healthy, capable, and in their twenties. We have set boundaries and continue to give to them but they just can't seem to get their act together. Would it be unchristian to cut them off?



SHUTTERSTOCK

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes in detail the duties of family members toward each other (CCC 2214–33). Parents are responsible to ensure that their children grow up in faith and to meet their basic needs. Children should show respect toward their parents and, as they grow older, assist them as needed. As children become adults, they should take on responsibility for themselves and parents are not to pressure them into choices of a profession or a spouse, while at the same time, “giving their children judicious advice...” (CCC 2230). At some point, children need to become responsible adults, which brings us to your point.

You seem to have done what is required as parents. At the same time, you would not want to abandon young adults if physical, mental, or emotional factors prevent them from assuming the responsibility of adulthood. If they are healthy, capable young people they should be able to progress in life without your financial assistance. To help them toward this goal, you may want to set very specific limits, perhaps with the help of a counselor, and then consistently follow those limits. ●

Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 1 <i>Mary, Holy Mother of God</i> Nm 6:22–27 Gal 4:4–7 Lk 2:16–21	January 2 <i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i> 1 Jn 2:22–28 Jn 1:19–28	January 3 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 2:29–3:6 Jn 1:29–34	January 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> 1 Jn 3:7–10 Jn 1:35–42	January 5 <i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i> 1 Jn 3:11–21 Jn 1:43–51	January 6 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 5:5–13 Mk 1:7–11 or Lk 3:23–38 or 3:23, 31–34, 36, 38	January 7 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> Is 60:1–6 Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6 Mt 2:1–12

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.



HOLY FAMILY WITH SAINTS ANNE AND JOHN THE BAPTIST (DETAIL), ANDREA MANTEGNA / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit: it requires being founded on the love that always regenerates relationships.... [I]f you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace.... And do you know why? Because a cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous.

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