

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent

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

BFF BREAKFAST

Please join us today after Mass Breakfast in the church basement.

ADULT LENTEN STUDY

The 2nd Adult Lenten Study on Bishop Robert Baron's program "The Mass" is today, Sunday, March 10, 2024, after Mass in the basement.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 7 p.m. it will be led by Deacon Larry Zachrich

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX – THE STORY OF A SOUL

Discussion on St. Therese book The Story of a Soul will be on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the church lower level.

TIFFANY PROPER (VAN ZILE) BENEFIT

There will be a benefit for Tiffany Proper (Van Zile) daughter of Jerry and Anita Van Zile. Tiffany was diagnosed with breast cancer on 11-28-2023. The benefit will help Tiffany with the onset of her medical expenses. Benefit is on March 16, 2024, at the Kissel Building in West Unity, Ohio from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. See flyer on the bulletin for additional information.

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

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." - St. Therese of Lisieux

Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska – Notebook 1

88 (37) +During adoration I felt God close to me. A moment later I saw Jesus and Mary. At the sight of them I was filled with joy, and I asked the Lord, "What is Your will, Jesus, concerning the matter about which my confessor told me to ask You?" Jesus replied, **It is My will that he should remain here and that he should not take the initiative of dispensing himself.** I asked Jesus whether the inscription could be: "Christ, King of Mercy." He answered, **I am King of Mercy,** but He did not say "Christ." **I desire that this image be displayed in public on the first Sunday after Easter. That Sunday is the Feast of Mercy. Through the Word Incarnate, I make known the bottomless depth of my Mercy.**

90 One day, I saw interiorly how much my confessor would have to suffer: friends will desert you while everyone will rise up against you and your physical strength will diminish. I saw you as a bunch of grapes chosen by the Lord and thrown into the press of suffering. Your soul, Father, will at times be filled with doubts about this work and about me.

I saw that God himself seemed to be opposing [him], and I asked the Lord why He was acting in this way toward him, as though He were placing obstacles in the way of his doing what He himself had asked him to do. And the Lord said, **I am acting thus with him to give testimony that this work is Mine. Tell him (38) not to fear anything; My gaze is on him day and night. There will be as many crowns to form his crown as there will be souls saved by his work. It is for the success of a work, but for the suffering that I give reward.**

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Tuesday during Lent at 6:30 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

---March 10 – Fayette Opera House – 2pm Glasgow Reed Organ Series Concert
---March 20 – Community Dinner 5-6 pm Fayette Methodist Community Center
---March 23 – Fayette Opera House 7pm – BLISS 60's – 90's music
---April 16 – CPC Women's Health Spring Benefit - register at cpcnw.org/events/benefit (more info on OLOM bulleting)

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.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



MARCH 10, 2024

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. Mar. 10	8:00a.m.	OLM	Marcel Bonin Muriel Pennington
	10:30a.m.	SP	For the People
Tues. Mar. 12	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Mar. 13	6:45a.m.	SP	Rosary
	7:10a.m.		Mass
Thurs. Mar. 14	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Mar. 15	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Mar. 16	8:00a.m.	SP	NO MASS
	4:30p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun. Mar. 17	8:30a.m.	OLM	Muriel Pennington
	10:30a.m.	SP	Gina Damman, Marysusan Vinskey

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Mar. 10 – BFF breakfast after Mass
- Mar. 13 –Rel. Ed 6:45 pm Elem. & HS
- Mar. 10, 17 – Adult Lenten Study After Mass
- Mar. 13 – Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.
- Mar. 14 – St. Therese Book reflection 7 p.m.
- Mar. 17 – Youth Breakfast after Mass
- Mar. 20 – Penance Service 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 28 – Holy Thursday – 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 29 – Good Friday Walk for Life
- Mar. 29 – Good Friday – 3:00 p.m.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for March 3, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (11 envelopes) \$ 1,056.00
 LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 243.00

BUDGET \$ **1,747.00**
 Over/(Under) (\$ 448.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS \$ 523.89
TOTAL COLLECTIONS \$ **1,822.89**

FEBRUARY 2024 PROFIT & LOSS
 Income \$ 9,008.87
 Expenses \$ 5,717.67
Net Profit/(Loss) \$ **3,291.20**

YEAR JULY 2023 – FEB. 2024 PROFIT & LOSS
 Income \$ 68,054.39
 Expenses \$ 51,386.54
Net Profit/(Loss) \$ **16,667.85**

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

March 17, 2024

Greeters/Gifts	Joyce Bonin Marge Crowell
Reader	Pat Eisel
Servers	Maeve Maginn Kennedy Kunkle
Ushers	Ron & Pat Eisel
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Phil & Tami Baker Michelle Miron

Word(s) of the week (from The America College Dictionary)

GRACE – mercy; clemency; pardon

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is a gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. **Ephesians 2:8-10**

Saints of the Day (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of March 10– March 16

Sunday, Mar. 10– St. Macarius of Jerusalem - St. Macarius of Jerusalem (4th c.) was the Bishop of Jerusalem from 312-335 A.D. Little is known of his life before this time. He took part in the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. and vigorously opposed the Arian heresy, which greatly threatened the early Church. It is believed that he was one of the bishops who helped draft the Nicene Creed. St. Athanasius, his contemporary, refers to Macarius as an example of "the honest and simple style of apostolical men." After the council, St. Macarius accompanied St. Helen, the queen mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, in her successful search for the True Cross that Jesus was crucified upon. It was he who suggested to St. Helen that she would identify the real Cross by touching all three of those she found to a seriously ill woman, and observe which one brought immediate healing. Following the discovery of the True Cross in this miraculous manner, Constantine wrote to Bishop Macarius requesting that he oversee the construction of a magnificent church in Jerusalem, the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, to commemorate the sites of the Crucifixion and Burial of Christ, which still exists today as one of the most important Christian pilgrimage sites in the world. His feast day is March 10th.

Monday, Mar. 11 –St. Eulogius of Cordoba - St. Eulogius of Cordoba (9th c.) was a priest from a prominent Christian family in Cordoba (Cordova), Spain. He was well-educated, humble, gentle, friendly, and a gifted leader with the charism of encouragement, especially towards Christians facing martyrdom. In his time Cordoba was the capital of the Muslim conquerors of Catholic Spain. The Muslim leaders allowed Christians to live in relative peace until a persecution arose when some of the Muslim population began converting to Christianity. They imprisoned the clergy, including Eulogius. While in prison Eulogius read the Bible to his companions and exhorted them to faithfulness in the face of martyrdom. He also wrote to two other young female converts who were facing threats, instructing them that no matter how terribly they were physically abused, it could not harm their souls, and that they must fight for their faith till death and leave God to defend his Church. St. Eulogius was released and later jailed again for hiding a young female convert who fled from her family in fear of her life. St. Eulogius' judge offered him escape if he would weaken the practice of his religion, but instead he preached the Gospel to the presiding court. He was immediately beheaded. St. Eulogius' feast day is March 11th.

Tuesday, Mar. 12 – St. Luigi Orione - St. Luigi Orione (1872-1940) was born in northern Italy and entered a Franciscan friary at the age of 13, but had to leave due to poor health. He became a pupil of St. John Bosco at his Turin oratory for boys, and later entered the diocesan seminary. While still a seminarian he opened his own oratory and boarding school to provide for the Christian training and education of boys. This institution became a well-spring for new vocations to the priesthood. He also traveled and founded many other pious congregations for clergy and lay people alike, including two religious orders. The ideal of St. Luigi's life was to provide for the spiritual welfare of others and to serve Jesus Christ and his Church. Many people were attracted to him and his work, and he cared in a special way for the sick, the disabled, and the poor. He was a preacher and confessor, as well as an organizer of pilgrimages, missions, processions, and other public celebrations of the faith. He loved Our Lady deeply and fostered devotion to her among his seminarians. Today his apostolate encompasses about 300 foundations, including schools, hospitals, assisted living facilities, and learning centers on nearly every continent. His body is incorrupt, and he was canonized in 2004. St. Luigi Orione's feast day is March 12th.

Wednesday, Mar. 13– St. Euphrasia - St. Euphrasia (380-410 A.D.) was the only child of noble Christian parents serving the court of the Christian Emperor Theodosius I, their relative, in Constantinople. After her birth her parents vowed to remain celibate in order to commit their lives fully to prayer and penance. Her father died soon after, and Euphrasia moved with her mother to Egypt near a large monastery of nuns. At the age of seven Euphrasia vowed her virginity to Christ and desired to join the monastery. Her mother gladly presented her to the abbess, and then died soon after. When the Emperor heard of her mother's death, he sought out Euphrasia for an arranged marriage. Euphrasia denied the offer due to her vow, and requested that her large estate be sold with the money given to the poor, and all her slaves freed. The Emperor was greatly pleased with her chosen course in life, and did all that she asked. As a nun Euphrasia did great penances. In order to resist temptations to sin, she would perform difficult manual labor, often lifting heavy stones and moving them from one place to another for days on end, and other such drudgery. She was known to perform miracles both before and after her death at the age of thirty. Her feast day is March 13th.

Thursday, Mar. 14– Matilda – St. Matilda (895-968 A.D.) was born in Prussia, the daughter of a Count, and was raised and educated in a monastery by her grandmother, who was the abbess. A political marriage was arranged for her to Henry I, the future king of Germany. Henry and Matilda enjoyed a happy and blessed marriage. As the Queen of Germany, Matilda became the mother of five important historical figures: Holy Roman Emperor Otto I; Henry, Duke of Bavaria; St. Bruno, Archbishop of Cologne; Gerberga, wife of King Louis IV of France; and Hedwig, mother of Hugh Capet. Matilda was a holy and virtuous woman known for her generosity to the poor. The king adored his queen and attributed his success in battle to her prayers. They reigned seventeen years, and their eldest son succeeded the throne and became Emperor Otto I. After her husband's death, Matilda's two eldest sons chastised her for her generous almsgiving. St. Matilda then took the possessions left to her husband and turned them over to her sons and retired from court. Her sons immediately suffered misfortune, which was attributed to their poor treatment of their holy mother. In order to repair this injustice and regain God's favor, St. Matilda was begged to return to court, which she did, forgiving her sons for their ill will. She continued to help the poor, build churches, and support many monasteries. St. Matilda was a celebrated monarch and was venerated by the people immediately after her death. Her feast day is March 14th.

Friday, Mar. 15– St. Louise De Marillac God - St. Louise De Marillac (1591-1660) was born in Paris, France to a noble family and received her education at a Dominican convent. Her mother died shortly after her birth, and her father when she was sixteen years of age. It was then necessary for her to decide her vocation, and being dissuaded from entering religious life by her spiritual director, as was her desire, she married and bore a son. Later she worried that she had rejected a divine call to the religious life, and vowed that should her husband die, she would not remarry. Two years later her husband died after a long illness. During this time she met a holy priest, St. Vincent de Paul, and placed herself under his spiritual direction. Through his influence she worked among the poor and disadvantaged in Paris, and co-founded the Sisters of Charity with him in 1642. After writing their rule of life she traveled around France establishing her new religious order to work in hospitals, orphanages, and other institutions that aided the poor. She was especially gifted at spiritual guidance and served as the superior of the Sisters of Charity in Paris until her death. St. Louise De Marillac is the patron saint of social workers, the sick, widows, and against the loss of parents. Her feast day is March 15th.

Saturday, Mar. 16 – St. Abraham of Edessa - St. Abraham of Edessa (300-360 A.D.), also known as Abraham of Kidunaia, was a rich nobleman from Mesopotamia. He married according to his parents' wishes, despite his desire to give himself totally to God. After the wedding ceremony he fled to a cave and hid himself, leaving only a small window to receive food. He lived there as a hermit, and after the death of his parents gave his inheritance to the poor. The Bishop of Edessa ordained him as a priest and sent him to lead a notoriously sinful city. There Abraham was beaten and maligned for three years until his prayers prevailed and every citizen came to him for baptism. He then returned to his hermitage and lived there the rest of his life. After his brother's death his young niece was left to his care. He set her up to live as a religious in a cell next to his, which she did for twenty years until she succumbed to the seduction of a rogue hermit. She was so ashamed of her sin that she despaired of God's mercy and became a prostitute. St. Abraham prayed for his niece earnestly for two years; then, discovering her location, left his cell and came to her disguised as a suitor. When they were alone he revealed his identity to her, and, pleading with her throughout the night, prevailed upon her to return with him to her life of prayer and penance. She came back to her cell, which Abraham relocated directly behind his own for her protection, and became St. Mary of Edessa. St. Abraham's feast day is March 16th.