



I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead... and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

JOHN 10:16

## Living with Our Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e live with a maze of instincts—some from the dark side and some from the light. In her book *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson describes how cultures tend to consign certain individuals to the bottom of the social ladder. She specifically compares the caste system in India with how the Nazis sought to suppress and eliminate Jews and with the way blacks were oppressed by slavery and even in our own time. She describes the instinct in every society to relegate others to a lower class, always seeking to ensure that we are not at the bottom. This instinct can come from the dark side of people.

There is also an instinct for goodness to others, an instinct of light—to recognize everyone as brothers and sisters. As Saint John notes, “we are God’s children now”

(1 John 3:2). It is the voice of the Shepherd instilled in the human spirit that calls us into one fold, the voice of God urging us to healing goodness.

It is the dark side that nurtures white supremacy. It is the light that enables us to see beyond the color of our skin. It is the dark side that excludes those who seem different. It is the light that welcomes and offers hospitality. It is the dark side that succumbs to fear. It is the light of God’s love that confronts the wolves of hate and urges us to follow. There is always tension between darkness and light. ●

### Reflect

***How does the voice of the Good Shepherd call you to reject the dark and embrace the light?***



# 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.



## St. Peter

614 N. Defiance St.  
Archbold, OH 43502

### MASS SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Parish Secretary

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Deb Herring

### Parish Council President

Stephen Bernath

## OLM PARISH OFFICE

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**Phone:** 419-237-2441

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Tuesday and Thursday

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### 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 or email at

[OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com) or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin.



# SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

## 4th Sunday of Easter

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

### YOUTH BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

There will be a Youth Breakfast today. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship after Mass today. All donations will be used to help fund the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip this year to Louisville, KY.

### 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNICANTS

Jaelynn Asbury and Bryson Kessler will be enrolled with Scapulars today, April 21, 2024 during Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion on April 28, 2024, at Our Lady of Mercy.

### OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Office will be open Wednesday, April 24 & Thursday, April 25, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### \*\*NEW POLICY\*\*

On March 15, 2024, Our Lady of Mercy had an Audit by the Diocese of Toledo. There were a few things that we needed to implement to our Parish. Starting immediately **ALL** purchases that need to be made for the Parish will require the authorization of the Priest, prior to purchasing items.

- \* A Purchase Requisition needs to be filled out, call the Office on Tuesday or Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., to have one filled out for the Priest's approval.
- \* After purchase is completed, a Reimbursement Request (please pick up in office) needs to be filled out and original receipt(s) attached to the form.
- \* Reimbursement Request will then need approval from the Priest before payment is made by the Bookkeeper. Please allow 7 – 14 days for reimbursement.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER (TORNADO WARNING)

Our Lady of Mercy will be open to all who need shelter during a Tornado warning. Please come and stay safe in the basement.

### 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

"Suffering is a great grace; through suffering the soul becomes like the Savior; in suffering love becomes crystallized; the greater the suffering, the purer the love." - St. Faustina

### DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

#### Notebook 1

143 + I have wasted many of God's graces because I was always afraid of being deluded. God drew me to Himself so powerfully that often it was not in my power to resist His grace when I was suddenly immersed in Him. At these moments, Jesus filled me with such great peace that, later on, even when I tried to become uneasy, I could not do so. And then, I heard these words in my soul: **In order that you may be assured that it is I who am demanding all these things of you, I will give you such profound peace (67) that even if you wanted to feel troubled and frightened, it would not be in your power to do so today, but love will flood your soul to the point of self-oblivion.**

### ST. PETER NEWS

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

#### "LIVE A LIFE OF NO REGRETS"

Robert Rogers – Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. – see flyer on bulletin for more information

*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

- April 27 - Fayette Opera House – Down Home At the Opera House 7pm
- May 17 – Fayette Opera House – Mr. Magic – Tom Patton – 7pm

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

Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at [vanzilejn@hotmail.com](mailto: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.





# MIGHTY in the LAND

"His children will be mighty in the land." Psalm 112

God will *INSPIRE* you through Robert Rogers' story to  
**"Live a Life of No Regrets"**

Robert experienced a tragedy of Biblical proportions when he lost his precious wife and all four children in a flash flood in Kansas in 2003.

Through his immediate trust in God, Robert has risen above adversity and shared his compelling message across the country and with ABC, CBS, CNN, EWTN, Focus on the Family, and numerous Catholic churches, schools, youth rallies, & men's conferences.

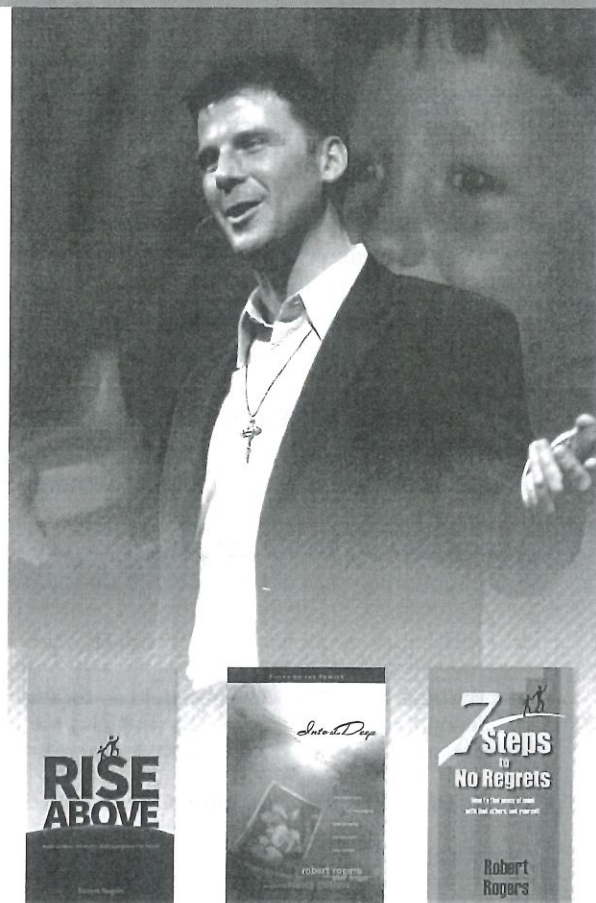
An accomplished worship leader, pianist, songwriter, and author of *"Into the Deep"*, *"7 Steps to No Regrets"*, and *"Rise Above"*, Robert teaches others to **Live a Life of No Regrets** with his inspiring words and original songs at the piano.

All are welcome to this inspirational community wide event!  
Where: St. Peter Catholic Church, 614 North Defiance St.  
Archbold, OH

When: Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 pm

There is no admission fee, but there will be a free will offering opportunity to support Mighty in the Land Ministry.

This is an uplifting experience you won't want to miss...SPREAD THE WORD!



[www.MightyInTheLand.com](http://www.MightyInTheLand.com)  
260-515-5158



# Leading the FLOCK

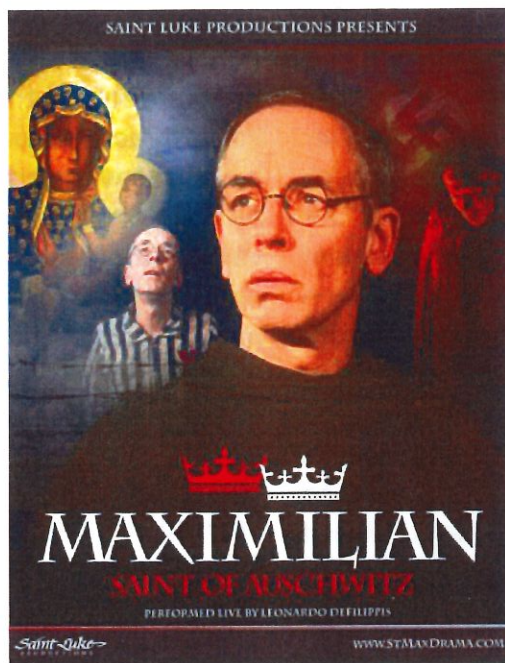
BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



## A witness of self-sacrificing love

It was only when I made a pilgrimage to Poland while living and working in Rome that his life and death so deeply struck me! That was the occasion when I had the graced opportunity to visit and pray before the cell in which Polish Franciscan priest and martyr, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, died after starvation and lethal injection, having offered himself in exchange for a husband and father who had been condemned to death by the Nazis at Auschwitz. His was the ultimate witness of self-sacrificing love, fulfilling the words of Jesus: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13).

How vividly I recall kneeling in the darkness of that cell at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and State Museum in Oswiecim in Poland, weighed down by the gravity of the atrocities against humanity that transpired there. Auschwitz, “a name that carries the burden of suffering, genocide and unimaginable cruelty, stands as a stark reminder of the darkest moments in human history” (Briscoe). The heroic self-sacrifice of that Franciscan Friar, Maximilian Kolbe, stands in stark contrast to the evil perpetrated by the Nazis and serves as a reminder that, in Christ Jesus, light triumphs over darkness,



that good triumphs over evil.

What struck me most kneeling at that cell was the massive Paschal candle placed there in 1979 by a fellow Pole, Pope St. John Paul II. How poignant that the very candle which symbolizes Easter, the Light of Christ risen from the dead, remains as a powerful symbol even in such a horrifically dark place!

In this Easter Season, with the reality of the horrors of war and violence transpiring before our

very eyes throughout our world in these days, and mindful of the recent publication of the Declaration of the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith entitled “*Dignitas Infinita*” on Human Dignity, it is more than poignant that I am able to invite you to attend “*Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz*,” a powerful multimedia one-man live drama on the life of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, the Martyr of Charity (1894-1941). Saint Luke Productions will be presenting the live drama here in our diocese from Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> thru Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can find more information about the performances, dates, times and locations at our Diocese of Toledo website here: [toledodiocese.org/maximilian](http://toledodiocese.org/maximilian). My hope is that Maximilian’s witness may inspire, educate and



be a source of deep reflection for all who participate, just as Venerable Father Augustus Tolton's witness was when in 2021 Saint Luke Productions presented "Tolton: From Slave to Priest" throughout our diocese.

In *Maximilian*, audiences encounter firsthand the courageous life and self-sacrificing love of Father Maximilian Kolbe. Born and raised in Poland, the son of poor, devout Catholics, he experienced many interior trials as a young man, but the Blessed Virgin Mary sustained him by appearing to him in a vision. She offered him a crown of purity or a crown of martyrdom. He chose both! This experience instilled in him a deep and abiding love for Our Lady. Having entered the Franciscan Order in 1907, he was especially drawn to explore the Blessed Mother's role in the history of salvation. He saw her as God's agent in confounding the darkness, which was gathering in opposition to the Church. He promoted consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, establishing centers dedicated to her in Poland and in Japan. Arrested by the Gestapo for his tireless work against the Nazi forces, he was sent to the infamous death camp of Auschwitz, where he stepped forward and offered his life for another prisoner, a married man who was condemned to death by starvation. Maximilian died at 47 years of age and his body was cremated along with the eight other prisoners whose lives were taken by the Nazis in retaliation for the escape of another prisoner. The man for whom Maximilian gave his life, Franciszek Gajowniczek, was present in Saint Peter's Square when the Franciscan Friar was canonized a Saint!

How providential it is that at this moment, right here in the Diocese of Toledo, we have someone with a family connection to Saint Maximilian Kolbe! Sylvania Franciscan Sister Ireneaus Samsel, OSF, shared in a recent interview that her father, Francis Samsel personally knew St. Maximilian Kolbe, who had been his superior when Samsel was a seminarian at the Conventual Monastery in Niepokalanow, Poland. Because Samsel was American, Kolbe had advised he depart Poland prior

to the German invasion. Sister Ireneaus learned firsthand from her father the profound impact Kolbe had on his community.

Actor Leonardo Defilippis, who plays Kolbe, in reflecting on the play, recently commented: "This is about what's happening today, even though it was World War II. You'll see the build up of what Hitler was trying to do and you'll see the same parallels in our situation in the world. And you'll see the different things that are going to battle and take away the freedoms of people" (Blade art). As we host *Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz*, who cannot pause to reflect on the unjust aggression we have seen of the attacks of Russia against Ukraine, of Hamas against Israel, who cannot question the grave effects of the response of Israel against the Palestinians, and who cannot worry and wonder as we have witnessed the attack of Iran against Israel? As we unite our prayers for peace and raise our voices for the respect of every human person in the face of the atrocities of violence and war at this moment in human history, the words of Maximilian Kolbe haunt us even now: "Hatred is not a creative force; only love is a creative power."

This April, we are blessed to learn more about and be inspired by the example and witness of this Franciscan friar and modern-day martyr. His life and death should resonate deeply with all of us in these days, when the evils of hatred, violence and the effects of war in our world are ever before our eyes. It is my sincere hope and prayer that attendance at this performance will serve as a catalyst to advance our efforts to promote the dignity of every person, to encourage understanding and working for peace, to root out hatred and violence, and to promote harmony born of self-sacrificial love. Through the intercession of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, may our Catholic faith be strengthened and may we all grow in human and Christian virtue.



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
April 15, 2024



## Saints of the Day ([www.morningoffering.com](http://www.morningoffering.com))

Week of April 21 – April 27

**Sunday, Apr. 21– St. Anselm** - St. Anselm (1033–1109) was born into a noble family in the Lombardy region of Italy. The example of his pious mother led him to great faith, and he sought to enter the monastery at age 15. However, the abbot refused him due to Anselm's stern father. After his mother's death Anselm left home and settled in Normandy to study under the direction of a famed monk named Lanfranc. Upon the death of his father, Anselm became a Benedictine monk at the age of 27. Due to his brilliance, Anselm became a teacher at the abbey's school and prior of the monastery. He went on to become the most learned theologian, philosopher, and mystic of his generation, the greatest since St. Augustine of Hippo. Anselm's fame led to his appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury in England, succeeding Lanfranc in this office, where he went on to correct abuses against the Church at the hand of the English kings. Twice he was banished from the island while appealing to Rome for assistance, and twice he returned to Canterbury to carry on his duties until his death. His abilities as an extraordinary theologian, negotiator, and statesman greatly supported the cause of the Church. As archbishop he continued his monastic lifestyle and intellectual pursuits. He composed several philosophical and theological treatises, as well as a series of beautiful prayers and meditations, which led him to be proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Clement XI in 1720. His feast day is celebrated on April 21st.

**Monday, Apr. 22–Pope St. Soter** - Pope St. Soter (c. 174-175 A.D.) was born in Fondi, Italy. Nothing is known of his early life. He served as the 12th bishop of Rome from c.167 to 175 A.D. He was praised for his fatherly tenderness in comforting, both with words and generous alms, those who suffered for their Catholic faith, especially remote Christian churches living in poverty. He is said to have written an encyclical against Montanism – a heresy which maintained that a Christian who sinned gravely could never be redeemed. Pope St. Soter also declared that marriage was only a valid sacrament when blessed by a priest. The manner of Pope St. Soter's death is uncertain; one tradition holds that he was martyred on April 22, 175 A.D., under the Christian persecution of Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius. He was buried in Rome on the Appian Way in the catacombs of St. Callixtus. His feast day is April 22nd.

**Tuesday, Apr. 23– St. George** - St. George (d. 303 A.D.) was born in Palestine to noble Christian parents. Like his father, he enlisted as a soldier in the Roman army serving under Emperor Diocletian. He was renowned for his bravery and outstanding military prowess, and was a favorite of the Emperor. Many fantastical legends are ascribed to him, however, none are known to be true with any certainty. The most famous legend is St. George and the Dragon, where St. George, after making the Sign of the Cross, saved a king's daughter from being devoured by a man-eating dragon. St. George killed the elusive dragon, and by this feat persuaded many souls to accept baptism. He also admonished the king, in gratitude for his princess being saved by Christ's power, to support the cause of the Church. What is known with certainty is that St. George, after confessing and refusing to renounce his faith in Christ, was martyred in Palestine during the Christian persecution of Diocletian. He became a highly venerated saint in antiquity, and many early churches were dedicated in his honor. St. George is the patron of many causes and countries, including soldiers, knights, chivalry, horsemen, farmers, Canada, England, and Germany, to name a few. His feast day is April 23.

**Wednesday, Apr. 24– St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen** - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1577-1622) was born with the name Mark Rey in what is today Germany. He studied and taught law and became known for his charity, austerities, and great devotion to God. He gained a reputation for being "the poor man's lawyer" because of his concern for the helpless. He eventually left his profession to become a Capuchin Franciscan friar and priest, taking the religious name "Fidelis," meaning "faithful." His work as a friar was fraught with danger. He lived during the Counter-Reformation, a time of great religious, cultural, and political upheaval in Western Europe. He zealously defended the teaching of the Catholic Church against the Protestant heretics. He wrote many pamphlets against Calvinism and Zwinglianism, and even traveled to Switzerland to preach against the Calvinists both in the pulpits and the public square. His untiring efforts to bring souls back to the Church was so successful that he became a threat to the heretic preachers. One day his preaching provoked a mob that confronted him and demanded he renounce his



**(St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen – cont.)**

Catholic faith upon pain of death. He replied, "I came to extirpate heresy, not to embrace it," after which he was bludgeoned to death. Many miracles led to his canonization in the following century. St. Fidelis' feast day is April 24.

**Thursday, Apr. 25– St. Mark the Evangelist** – St. Mark the Evangelist (1st c.) was born to Jewish parents living in Libya in North Africa, later settling in Cana of Galilee not far from Jerusalem. Mark became one of the 70 disciples of Jesus and the author of the Gospel that bears his name. According to tradition, St. Peter the Apostle was married to a relative of St. Mark's father, and after Mark's father died, Peter looked after him like his own son. Being a close disciple of St. Peter, the first Bishop of Rome, Mark's Gospel is addressed to Gentile converts to the Christian faith living in Rome. Most of what we know about his life and missionary activity is recorded in the New Testament. He traveled to Egypt and founded the Church there, and was martyred c. 68 A.D. by being dragged through the streets of Alexandria until his body was torn to pieces. St. Mark is the patron of lawyers and prisoners. His feast day is April 25.

**Friday, Apr. 26– St. Cletus and St. Marcellinus** – St. Cletus (1st c.) and St. Marcellinus (3rd c.) were both Romans, popes, and martyrs who ruled the Holy See during the terrible persecution of Christians at the hands of the Roman Empire. St. Cletus was a convert and disciple of St. Peter the Apostle who became the third Bishop of Rome from 76 to 89 A.D., under the reigns of Roman Emperors Vespasian and Titus. His name appears in the Roman Canon of the Mass. St. Marcellinus was the twenty-ninth Bishop of Rome from 296 to 304 A.D. during the infamous persecution of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, on the eve of the legalization of Christianity across the Empire. Statues of these two popes of the early Church sit on opposite corners of the portico ceiling of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. They share a feast day on April 26th.

**Saturday, Apr. 27 – St. Zita** – St. Zita (d. 1271) was born into poverty in Tuscany, Italy. Her mother taught her to develop a strong prayer life, which, combined with her happy disposition, enabled her to seek God's will in all her life circumstances. At the age of twelve she became a servant for a noble Italian family. The family she served lived near a church, and Zita would rise early to attend daily Mass before beginning her duties. She saw her work as being in the service of God, which she executed with care and diligence. Because of her goodness she suffered harsh treatment and even physical abuse at the hands of both her employers and the other servants. From her patient endurance of such mistreatment, Zita's humility and virtue became evident to all. She was eventually respected and promoted to a leadership role of managing the entire household and its servants. Throughout her life she exemplified hard work, gentleness, and a life of prayer, despite being overworked. She died at the age of 60 serving the same family, and after her death many miracles occurred through her intercession. The family contributed to the cause for her canonization. St. Zita is an incorruptible, and her relics are kept in the Basilica of St. Frediano where she attended Mass. She is the patron saint of maids, domestic servants, butlers, waiters, rape victims, lost keys, and people ridiculed for their piety. St. Zita's feast day is April 27th.





# Our Lady of Mercy Parish

APRIL 21, 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. April 21	8:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
	10:30a.m.	SP	Sharon Gigax
Tues. April 23	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. April 24	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. April 25	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. April 26	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. April 27	4:30p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun. April 28	8:30a.m.	OLM	Giovanni Stella Dewey & Ivy Kunkle Family
	10:30a.m.	SP	Gina Damman

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Apr. 21– Youth Breakfast after Mass
- Apr. 24– Rel. Ed. – Elem.
- Apr. 28 – First Communion
- May 1, 8, 15, 22 – Rosary 7 p.m.
- May 5 – May Crowning during Mass
- May 5 – Altar Rosary meeting
- May 5 – 31 – Altar Rosary Jewelry Display on exhibit in lower level
- May 19 – Baccalaureate Mass
- May 29 – Adoration, Rosary, Healing of the sick

## SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for April 14, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (14 envelopes)	\$ 906.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 288.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,747.00</b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 553.00)
<b>OTHER COLLECTIONS</b>	
Maintenance	\$ 620.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 50.00
Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Ascension	\$ 5.00
Votive Candles	\$ 3.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday &amp; Other)</b>	<b>\$ 1,892.00</b>

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

April 28, 2024

<b>Greeters/Gifts</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Communicants Jaelynn Asbury Bryson Kessler
<b>Reader</b>	Anita Van Zile
<b>Servers</b>	Will Maginn Kruetz Lichtenwald
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron & Pat Eisel
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Until further notice
<b>Money Counters</b>	Barb Bruggeman Terry Kovar

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

IMITATE– to follow or endeavor to follow in action or manner

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2



# Dear Padre,

***My son was raised Catholic and still claims he is Catholic, but he and his wife go to a Protestant church. How should I deal with my frustration?***

Many parents and grandparents today share your frustration. They raised their children Catholic, maybe even sent them to Catholic schools, but the children have grown up and chosen not to continue to be faithful Catholics. A recent survey showed that nine out of ten people say they believe in God, but often they are not committed to a single religion or house of worship. About

half of the people questioned attend religious services less than once a month, or never. The loyalty to one Church that was evident in our own lives, or in our parents' and grandparents' lives, is lacking in today's people under age fifty-five.

What can one do about this situation? Certainly pray for your children and continue to give a good example through your own loyalty to the Catholic Church and attendance at Sunday Mass. Invite your son and his wife to attend with you when they visit. As your children age, they may become more interested in your family's history and traditions, and the religion of their childhood may again appear attractive. Try to be patient and continue to pray that your children will return to the Church of their roots. ●



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***The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org***

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 11:1-18	Acts 11:19-26	Acts 12:24-	1 Pt 5:5b-14	Acts 13:26-33	Acts 13:44-52	Acts 9:26-31
Jn 10:1-10	Jn 10:22-30	13:5a	Mk 16:15-20	Jn 14:1-6	Jn 14:7-14	1 Jn 3:18-24
		Jn 12:44-50				Jn 15:1-8



## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone.... He is everyone's shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God....The Father entrusts everyone to Jesus the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for everyone. Brothers and sisters, Jesus defends, knows and loves all of us.***

**REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 25, 2021**

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