



## Socrates, the Spirit, and Self

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**“K**now thyself,” advised the philosopher Socrates. Yet easier said than done. A recent public service ad warning about the dangers of smoking concludes, “The worst lies are the lies you tell yourself, like smoking isn’t that dangerous.” To admit the truth, to come to truth, to live the truth is no small thing.

Have you ever wondered why it takes a lifetime to come to wisdom, why we aren’t born with all the wisdom we need? It would make life so much easier. When Jesus promised us the Spirit, he said, “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of Truth, he will guide you to all truth” (John 16:12–13). To know ourselves and the truth of who we are can be a painful process, coming to terms with what we do not want to hear. So the Spirit brings us to that wisdom gradually, over the course of a lifetime, lest we run from it.

Paul warns against “immorality and impurity and lust,” and each of us at some point in our lives must come to terms with the truth that if we do not channel our sexuality healthfully it will mess up our lives. Paul warns against “hatred, rivalry, fury, dissensions,” and each of us eventually realizes how any of those can ruin relationships and our very lives. Some of us learn such wisdom early in life, some late, yet coming to Truth is a lifelong journey guided by the Spirit. ●

### Reflect

***What truth do you know now that you did not know ten or twenty years ago?***

**The fruit of the Spirit is love,  
joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness,  
gentleness, self-control.**

**GALATIANS 5:22–23**



# Catholic Communities



## 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.



Parish Pastor  
**Rev. William Pifher**  
419-446-9288

## OLM PARISH OFFICE

P.O. Box 429  
Fayette, OH 43521

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Tuesday and Thursday

### PARISH STAFF

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## 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.

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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.

**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, MAY 19, 2024

## Pentecost Sunday

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

### BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be served following Mass today.

### THANK YOU

Thank you, Larry Pennington, for all the beautiful flowers you provided for the lovely ladies here at Our Lady of Mercy for Mother's Day.

### ROSARY

The Rosary will be prayed EVERY Wednesday in May at 7 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE** - May 29, 2024 at 7 p.m. we will have Adoration, Rosary & Healing with Father Bill.

### ALTAR ROSARY DISPLAY

Last year at the Mother Daughter Banquet the Altar Rosary Society collected jewelry for Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners. This jewelry was then sculpted by Anita Van Zile inot a shadow box. This display will be in the lower leve on the South wall for viewing in the month of May.

### DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

On Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will ordain Travis Kahte, Eric Kaufman, and Kevin McGraw to the transitional diaconate. On Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 10:00 am, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will ordain Deacons Jacob Livecchi and Chris Turner to be priesthood. You are invited to join us for the joyous occasions in person at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Additionally, the ordinations will be live-streamed! Watch st toledoparish.or. Please keep all in your prayers.

### ***THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly***

“Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of the God; eve if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery.” – *St. Faustina*

### DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

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Probation Before Perpetual Vows56

When I learned I was to go for probation, my heart beat with joy at the thought of such an immense grace, that of perpetual vows. I went before the Blessed Sacrament; and when I immersed myself in prayer of thanksgiving, I heard these words in my soul: **My child you are My delight, you are the comfort of My Heart. I grant you as many graces as you can hold. As often as you want to make Me happy, speak to the world about My great and unfathomable mercy.**

### ST. PETER NEWS

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

*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

---May 4 – Sept. 28 – Farmers Market, Opera House parking lot 9 am – 1 pm

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.

Our Lady of Mercy  
Graduates

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Maeve Maginn – Daughter of Mike & Traci Maginn  
Fayette High School

Micah Maginn – Son of Mike & Traci Maginn  
Fayette High School

Shane Maginn – Son of Matt & Jenny Maginn  
Fayette High School

Ean McIntosh – Son of Brandi McIntosh  
Fayette High School

*Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything  
in the One who makes me who I am – **Philippians 4:13***



# Saints of the Day

([www.morningoffering.com](http://www.morningoffering.com))

Week of May 19– May 25

**Sunday, May 19 – St. Ivo of Kermartin** - St. Ivo of Kermartin (1253–1303) was born to a noble family in Brittany, France. He studied civil and canon law, philosophy, and theology. He went on to practice law for many years in both the civil and ecclesiastical courts. He graciously defended the poor without charge, and visited them in prison as they awaited trial. He also worked to settle matters out of court to save litigants money and time. For these good works he became known as "Advocate of the Poor." St. Ivo also practiced a life of asceticism; he wore a hairshirt under his clothing, fasted regularly, and became a Franciscan Tertiary. These spiritual disciplines aided him in his practice of virtue in the courtroom: he fought the State in court on behalf of the rights of the Church, and became a diocesan judge who was unable to be tempted by bribes. St. Ivo eventually resigned from practicing law and joined the priesthood. He used the funds from his years practicing law to build a hospital for the poor, and he fed them with the harvests of his land. He became a miracle-worker during his life, feeding hundreds from a single loaf of bread. St. Ivo is the patron saint of judges, attorneys, lawyers, orphans, bailiffs, advocates, and canon lawyers. His feast day is May 19th.

**Monday, May 20 – St. Bernadine of Siena** - St. Bernardine of Siena (1380–1444) was born to a noble family in Siena, Italy. As a young man he witnessed the bubonic plague raging mercilessly through the city, and volunteered to care for the sick in the local hospital. At this time he also spent much time praying and fasting to know God's will for his life. He discerned a call to Holy Orders and the religious life, and joined the Franciscans at the age of 22. He lived in solitude for over a decade before being sent to preach in the streets, which he did with incredible skill, so much so that he became the most renowned preacher of his day. He traveled on foot to strife-torn cities, attacking sin and paganism and encouraging all to a life of faith and virtue. Huge crowds numbering in the tens of thousands would come to hear him preach in the public square. His fame and effectiveness as a preacher caused the pope to compare him to St. Paul the Apostle. Bernardine was especially known for his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and for promulgating devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. It was he who devised the IHS symbol over a blazing sun as a monogram and logo for the Holy Name of Jesus (in Greek) to replace the public display of insignias of rival family tribes which disturbed the peace. This symbol of Christ began appearing in churches and on public buildings, even to this day. He also served as the head of his Franciscan community. When he began there were 300 friars; when he died there were over 4,000. St. Bernardine's feast day is May 20th.

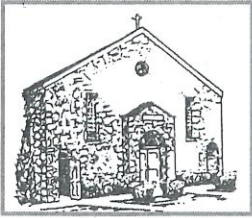
**Tuesday, May 21– St. Eugene of Mazenod** - St. Eugene de Mazenod (1782–1861) was born in southern France to a noble family. When he was eight years of age his family was forced to flee the turmoil of the French Revolution and seek political asylum in Italy. Leaving their possessions behind, the family struggled financially as they relocated from city to city. A sympathetic priest took it upon himself to educate Eugene and stir in him a love for God. The family returned to France when Eugene was twenty. They were distressed to find a dramatically altered society, and their social status no greater than ordinary citizens. The family was also plagued with in-fighting which culminated in divorce, a rarity at the time. While Eugene's father remained in Italy, Eugene's mother fought to regain the family's former possessions. She also attempted to force Eugene to marry a wealthy heiress. St. Eugene, deeply affected by how the Revolution had decimated the Church in France, decided to enter the seminary instead. After his ordination he sought out other zealous priests and together they went as missionaries into the countryside villages, calling themselves the "Missionaries of Provence," which was later approved by the pope as the "Oblates of Mary Immaculate." St. Eugene went on to become the Bishop of Marseilles. He did much work in restoring his diocese by building and repairing churches, doubling the number of priests, and bringing in religious communities. He also worked to weaken the government's monopoly on education, and supported the rights of the Holy See. Eugene de Mazenod is the patron saint of dysfunctional families. His feast day is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Wednesday, May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia** - St. Rita of Cascia (1381-1457) was born in Italy during an era of violent strife between cities and warring family tribes. As a child she repeatedly requested to enter the convent, but instead her parents arranged her marriage to a rich, ill-tempered, and violent man. He became physically abusive, yet she met his cruelty with kindness and patience. During her eighteen years of marriage she bore two sons whom she loved deeply. After many years of persistent prayer she eventually won her husband over to greater civility and kindness. When he was murdered, her sons plotted a bloody vendetta against the culprits. St. Rita labored to guide her children into forgiveness, without success. She earnestly prayed that God would change her son's murderous intentions, or allow them to die rather than commit a mortal sin. God heard St. Rita's prayers, and soon both of her sons became ill and died. St. Rita was then free to join the convent, however, she was rejected due to her family's connection with the local violence. She finally obtained entry only after much prayer, humility, patience, and perseverance. St. Rita's life in the convent was marked by heroic charity and penance as she closely united herself and her life of deep suffering to Christ. While praying before a crucifix, St. Rita mystically received a thorn in her forehead (stigmata) from Jesus' Crown of Thorns. St. Rita is the patron saint of impossible causes, difficult marriages, and abuse victims. Her feast day is May 22nd.

**Thursday, May 23 – St. William of Rochester** – St. William of Rochester (d. 1201), also known as St. William of Perth, was born in Perth, Scotland. He was a wild youth who matured into a devoted man of God. He became a baker, and out of his charity he would always set aside bread to feed the poor. One day, while walking into the church for Mass, he found an abandoned baby boy on the church steps. He adopted the child, raised him, and taught him his trade. Years later St. William made a vow to visit the sacred sites of Our Lord's life on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, along with his adopted son. The two set out on their journey. While traveling through England his son deceived him, slit his throat, and stole the money he had saved for their pilgrimage. William's abandoned body was discovered and mourned over by a mentally deranged woman. She made a crown of flowers and placed it on the head of William's murdered corpse, then afterwards put the garland on her own head. Upon doing this, she was immediately cured of her mental illness. The local monks learned of this miracle and carried William's body to the Rochester cathedral to give him the proper burial of a saint. His shrine later attracted many pilgrims. St. William of Rochester is the patron of adopted children. His feast day is May 23rd.

**Friday, May 24 – St. Simeon Stylites the Younger** - St. Simeon Stylites the Younger (521-596 A.D.) was born in Antioch in ancient Syria (present-day Turkey). Like his namesake and predecessor, Simeon was drawn from a young age to a life of penance and austerity out of his great love for God. His mother was considered a saint. As a young boy he attached himself to a monastery of hermits. Their spiritual director, John, lived night and day at the top of a tall pillar, or "style", within the monastery enclosure. The holy hermits who lived in this manner, separated from the world on top of a pillar, were called "stylites." Simeon the Younger imitated John and lived on a smaller pillar erected near his larger one. Simeon continued to live in this way on three different pillars, each one higher than the next, from boyhood until his death. His final pillar was 12 meters high. During his life he was ordained a deacon and a priest. Disciples gathered around him and would climb a ladder to receive Holy Communion from his hands. He worked many miracles during the course of his life. Hearing of his great sanctity, people came from distant countries for his blessings, cures, prophesies, and spiritual advice. After his death his pillar remained a place of pilgrimage, the ruins of which still exist today. His feast day is May 24.

**Saturday, May 25 – St. Bede** - St. Bede (672-735 A.D.), also known as the Venerable Bede, was born to a wealthy family in England. At the age of seven he was sent to the Benedictine monastery to be educated by the monks. He discerned a vocation to the monastic life, and devoted himself to prayer and to the study of Sacred Scripture and Church history. After being ordained at the age of thirty, he went on to become a prolific writer and teacher. He was considered to be a genius and was widely famous for his theological works and knowledge of ecclesiastical history. He was also well-versed in all the natural sciences known in his day, making him an extraordinary scholar whose influence spread throughout Europe for centuries. During his life he was also considered to be a saint, and his writings were so filled with heavenly wisdom that a Church council ordered them to be read publicly in the churches. Bede was given the name Venerable not long after his death, and centuries later was named a Doctor of the Church. St. Bede's feast day is celebrated on May 25th.



# Our Lady of Mercy Parish



MAY 19, 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. May 19	8:00a.m.	OLM	Jennette Tidwell Joy Short
	10:30a.m.	SP	For the People
Tues. May 21	7:00 p.m.	SP	Sharon Gigax
Wed. May 22	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. May 23	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. May 24	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. May 25	4:30p.m.	SP	Tom Stierwalt
Sun. May 26	8:30a.m.	OLM	Ronald & JoAnn Keil Mike & Joyce Dwyer
	10:30a.m.	SP	For the People

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- May 5 – 31 – Altar Rosary Jewelry Display on exhibit in lower level
- May 22 – Rosary 7 p.m.
- May 23 – Council Meetings  
Finance 5:45 pm  
Pastoral 6:15 pm
- May 29 – Adoration, Rosary, Healing 7 p.m.

## SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for May 12, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (12 envelopes)	\$ 1407.37
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 153.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,747.00</b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 186.63)
Maintenance	\$ 500.00
CPC Jar	\$ 86.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 5.00
Ascension	\$ 58.00
Fayette Local Ministries	\$ 5.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday &amp; Other)</b>	<b>\$ 2,214.37</b>

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

May 26, 2024

<b>Greeters/Gifts</b>	Mike Maginn Family
<b>Reader</b>	Ron Baker
<b>Servers</b>	Maeve & Will Maginn
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry & Anita Van Zile
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Until further notice
<b>Money Counters</b>	Terry Kovar Dennis & Denise Miller Jerry Van Zile

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

**HOLY SPIRIT (GHOST)** – the third person of the Trinity

When you send forth your breath, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **Psalms 104:30**

# Dear Padre,

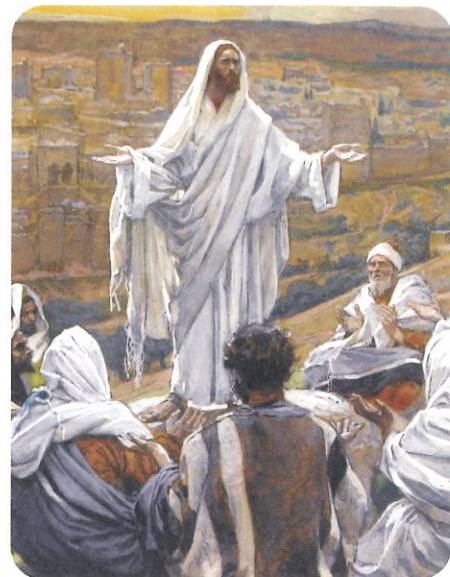
## Is it a sin to use God's name in profanity?

Profanity is obscene, vulgar language that may or may not include God's name. People may thoughtlessly ask God to condemn a person or a thing in their profanity, but if questioned, admit that they did not mean it literally. They say their angry words were not intended to deliberately ask God to harm someone and deliberate intent is one requirement for what constitutes a sin. God who knows our hearts can determine if our misuse of his name is a form of venting, but the Second Commandment warns us that taking the Lord's name in vain does not please him, even if no harm to another is intended. The danger in constantly and carelessly using God's holy name profanely is that over time we can easily become desensitized to the practice, creating an irreverent attitude toward God that is offensive and may lead others into sin.

Recall that when we pray, "Hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer—the prayer Jesus taught his disciples—we ask God to enable us to give him the reverence that is due; it comes first before we ask anything for ourselves—a sure sign of our respect for God.

Because God's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. Despite the erosion of inhibitions against poor word choices in our time, consider this prayerful petition from the last verse of Psalm 19: "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, / the thoughts of my heart before you, / LORD, my rock and my redeemer."

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



THE LORD'S PRAYER (LE PATER NOSTER) BY JAMES TISSOT

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 20 <i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 Jn 19:25–34	May 21 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 4:1–10 Mk 9:30–37	May 22 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 4:13–17 Mk 9:38–40	May 23 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 5:1–6 Mk 9:41–50	May 24 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 5:9–12 Mk 10:1–12	May 25 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 5:13–20 Mk 10:13–16	May 26 <i>Most Holy Trinity</i> Dt 4:32–34, 39–40 Rom 8:14–17 Mt 28:16–20



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*This is how the word of God describes the working of the Spirit: first he rests on each and then brings all of them together in fellowship....In other words, the same Spirit creates diversity and unity, and in this way forms a new, diverse and unified people: the universal Church.*

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 4, 2017