



About Being Sent

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A cousin died recently. After the burial, I walked among the gravesites remembering many of those I had once known who were now buried nearby. I came across a tombstone engraved with the epitaph: "In all of life God brings us to where we should be." I noted the statement was not about where we *want* to be or where we think we *need* to be, but about where we *should* be. I agree. Even though we may find ourselves grumbling about how it is that we ended up where we are in life, the gospel suggests that God has sent us to that place.

We may think to ourselves: *this is not the life I chose; this is not the marriage I thought it would be; this is not what I thought raising a family would look like; this is not what retirement is supposed to be.* We may think that little of life is what we chose it to be. Yet somehow, God brings us to where we are, as if we've been sent as the Twelve were sent to overcome evil and bring about healing, even though no one ever asked if it was what we wanted. Wherever we are, it is there that we have been chosen to become holy. The Letter to the Ephesians tells us that God chose us, even before the world began to unfold, chose us to be holy, to be the presence of God in all that comes our way. ●

Reflect

How is God calling you to be holy where you are today?



[The Twelve] drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

MARK 6:13

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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St. Peter

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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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 or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

VERONICA'S VEIL RELIC (ST. VERONICA'S FEAST DAY JULY 12)

Today, Sunday, July 14, 2024, after Mass to 12:00 p.m., Our Lady of Mercy is hosting a display of a relic of Veronica's Veil for veneration. Please consider spending a few minutes with it.



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Finance Council will be meeting Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 5:45 p.m. in the church office. There is NO Pastoral Council meeting for the month of July. Meetings will resume on August 22, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady of Mercy, Altar Rosary Society, Bull Thistle Breakfast, August 3, 2024, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Please join us for breakfast or if you would like lend a helping hand.

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

“the dress of the body should not discredit the good of the soul.”
St. Cyprian of Cathage

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 1

308 1934, Holy Thursday. Jesus said to me, **I desire that you make an offering of yourself for sinners and especially for those souls who have lost hope in God's 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
---July 17 – Community Dinner – 5 – 6 p.m. Methodist Life Center
---Aug. 3 – Fayette Bull Thistle Festival
---**St Richard Craft show in Swanton.** Would you like to share your special talent with a local parish community? If so, this is just the event for you! St. Richard is going to also have a **TEEN ZONE** at our next craft show, Saturday, **September 28**. If you enjoy baking, sewing, pottery, jewelry making or any other crafty work please call/text Amanda for details. 419-438-2346

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.



Diocese
of Toledo

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO NEWS

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

MASS ON ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo celebrates the gift of marriage with the annual Mass on Anniversaries of Marriage. If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2024 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass on Sunday, October 27th, 3:00pm at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo.

Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit: www.toledoanniversarymass.org

PROJECT RACHEL

A one-day healing retreat for woman who are hurting after an experience with abortion will be offered in the Diocese of Toledo on Saturday, November 16, 2024. To register or learn more, contact Kerstin, Project Rachel Coordinator in the Diocese of Toledo, at kpakka@toledodiocese.org or 419-260-5811.

REVEREND DENNIS G. WALSH APPOINTMENT

Pope Francis has named Reverend Dennis G. Walsh, currently pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Delphos, St. John the Baptist in Landeck, and St. Patrick in Spencerville, as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa. We're thrilled by this historic appointment!

RELIGIOUS SISTERS 2024 JUBILEES - CONGRATULATIONS

80TH JUBILEE – 1944

Sister Generose Kubesh, RSM

Sister Ricarda Witt, OSF-S

JUBILEE OF GRACE (70) 1954

Sister Rebecca Aelker, OSF-T

Sister Beth Hemminger, OSU

Sister Regina Smith, OSU

Sister Marilyn Gottenmoeller, RSM

Sister Patricia Schnapp, RSM

Sister Mary Roseria Helmkamp, SND

Sister Norlee (Stella Caeli) McDonnell, OP

DIAMOND JUBILEE (60) 1964

Sister Catherine Laboure Busam, OSF-S

Sister Nora Klewickl, OSF-S

Sister Bernarda Breidenback, OSU

Sister Mary Krista Benda, SND

Sister Mary Francein Herold, SND

Sister Mary Stephan Kreinbrink, SND

Sister Mary Jo Toll, SND

GOLDEN JUBILEE (50) 1974

Sister Judith Mary Frederickj, SND

Sister Linda Marie White, SND

Sister Karen Jean Zielinski, OSF-S

75TH JUBILEE - 1949

Sister Nancy Thompson, RSM

Sister Mary Ann Thue, RSM

Sister Joel Zabro, RSM

Sister Joyce (Rose Dolores) LaVoy, OP

IRON JUBILEE (65) 1959

Sister Mary Bryan Gabel, SND

Sister Mary Ralph Gerdeman, SND

Sister Mary Lucille Kime, SND

Sister Mary Barbara Ostheimer, SND

Sister Mary Jesse Thompson, SND

Sister Mary dePorres Westrick, SND

Sister Mary Peter Kaminski, OSF-S

Sister Margretta Wojcik, OSF-S

Sister Janice Ann Brown, OSU

Sister Elizabeth Maria Garcia, SND

Sister Betty Jeanne Marie Kramer, SND

Sister Mary Sartor, SND

Sister Jacqueline "Jackie" (Lloyd Thomas) Phillips, OP

RUBY JUBILEE (40) 1984

Sister LeReine-Marie Mosely, SND

Saints of the Day

(www.morningoffering.com)

Week of July 14– July 20

Sunday, July 14– St. Kateri Tekakwitha - St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680), also known as the 'Lily of the Mohawks,' was born in present-day New York. Her father was a Mohawk chief, and her mother an Algonquin who had been converted to the Christian faith by Jesuit missionaries. When Kateri was four years old, a smallpox epidemic killed her entire family and left her partially blind, disfigured, and crippled. She was raised by her uncle, who detested the Christians. As she grew up, Kateri longed for the Catholic faith of her mother, and was very drawn to the missionaries evangelizing near her village. At the age of twenty she was baptized with the name Catherine (which was translated as "Kateri") after St. Catherine of Siena. Her uncle opposed her conversion to Christianity, and as a result she was ostracized by her people and treated harshly. When it was clear that her life was in danger, a priest helped her flee to a French Jesuit mission in Montreal, Canada—a journey of over 200 miles alone and on foot. There she lived a solitary life of prayer and penance, rejecting an opportunity for marriage. Her great sanctity, virtue, and love for Christ amazed everyone who knew her. She was also known as a miracle-worker. Kateri died of illness at the age of twenty-four. She was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1980, and canonized in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI as the first Native American saint. Kateri is the patron saint of environmentalists, orphans, exiles, and those who are ridiculed for their piety. Her feast day is July 14.

Monday, July 15 – St. Bonaventure - St. Bonaventure (1221–1274) was born with the name Giovanni in Tuscany, Italy. As a child he became seriously ill and was in danger of death until his mother brought him to St. Francis of Assisi, who was then living in the region as a mendicant friar. It is said that St. Francis healed the child and afterward exclaimed, "O buona ventura (O good fortune)!" when he prophetically perceived how great the child would one day become, and this is how he began to be called Bonaventure. He joined the Franciscan order at the age of 22 and went on to study theology at the University of Paris, where he became famous friends with the Dominican friar St. Thomas Aquinas. The two friends graduated together, each insisting that the other be the first to receive honors. St. Bonaventure is regarded as one of the great philosophers and theologians of the Middle Ages, earning the name "Seraphic Doctor." In addition to his many writings, including a Life of St. Francis of Assisi, he was elected to serve as head of his order, and was appointed a cardinal-bishop by the Holy Father. St. Bonaventure died while assisting at the Second Council of Lyons, which worked for the reunification of the Catholic Church with the Eastern Orthodox churches. His feast day is celebrated on July 15th.

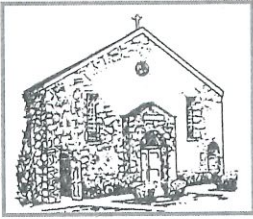
Tuesday, July 16– St. Marie Magdalen Postel - St. Marie Magdalen Postel (1756–1846) was born in a fishing village in Normandy, one of seven children of a middle class family. As a child she became famous for her generosity; she would often give her food and belongings to the needy, acts for which she was often rebuked. She was educated by Benedictine nuns and decided to devote her life to the service of God. She took a private vow of chastity, and at the age of 18 opened her own school for girls. This began her life mission dedicated to the education of children. The school ran for five years until the French Revolution shut it down. During that time of great turmoil she used the school to house fugitive priests. She also encouraged the faithful amidst the terrible persecution, and was granted special permission to keep in her possession the Blessed Sacrament to give to those who were in immediate danger of death. She continued her work in education after the unrest subsided, founding a religious community called 'The Poor Daughters of Mercy' living under the rule of the Third Order of St. Francis. The community was later renamed 'Sisters of the Christian Schools of Mercy' taking the rule of St. John Baptist de la Salle, founder of the Christian Brothers, a religious order dedicated to the education of children. St. Marie Magdalen's school for girls was so effective that it was declared the best-run organization of its kind. St. Marie Magdalen Postel died at the age of 90 after seeing her community grow and spread. Her feast day is July 16th.

Wednesday, July 17 – St. Alexius - St. Alexius (d. 417 A.D.) was a native of Rome, the son of a distinguished Roman senator. His parents arranged a marriage for him, but he had a divine calling to a higher vocation. On the night of his wedding, with permission from his fiancée, he secretly fled to Edessa in Syria to live in poverty and obscurity as a holy ascetic. He disguised himself as a beggar, unrecognized by all, even accepting alms from his own servants who were sent to look for him. St. Alexius lived in this way for seventeen years. A vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the church near his dwelling identified him as a "Man of God." When the fame of his sanctity spread in Edessa, he moved back to Rome so that he could continue his hidden life. He lived as a beggar under the very stairs of his father's palace, his true identity completely unknown to anyone. He lived in this way for another seventeen years. He was befriended by other Christians, shared his alms with the poor, and taught catechism to children. It was only after his death that his identity was revealed through a document that he secretly carried on his person. He was then venerated as a saint, and his father's palace was converted into a church in his honor. St. Alexius' feast day is July 17.

Thursday, July 18 – St. Camillus de Lellis – St. Camillus de Lellis (1550–1614) was a wild, undisciplined youth who became a battle-hardened soldier with a violent temper and a gambling addiction. His bad behavior, combined with a persistent war wound in his leg, left him in poverty. He found work doing odd jobs at a Capuchin friary. Gradually the good influence of the friars inspired him to a better life, and he experienced a true conversion. He sought to join the Franciscans, but was prevented due to his leg wound. He then moved to Rome and worked for a hospital that cared for patients with incurable illnesses. He later became its director as he continued a life of penance and virtue. Seeing that his patients often received poor attention from hospital staff, he devoted his life to providing excellent care for the sick, in whom he saw the face of Christ. He established a religious order of men committed to helping patients who were the most ill, even at the risk of their own well-being, known as the Order of St. Camillus, or the Camillians. For this task he studied for the priesthood and was ordained at the late age of 34. His order gave medical care to anyone in need of treatment. In addition to serving in hospitals, they also served on the battlefield. The Camillians developed into a worldwide relief effort of like-minded medical workers who seek to follow Christ through ministering to the sick. The large red cross on his habit became an international symbol of charitable medical aid. St. Camillus is the patron of the sick, hospitals, nurses, and physicians. His feast day is July 18th.

Friday, July 19– St. Macrina the Younger - St. Macrina the Younger (d. 380 A.D.) was born in Cappadocia to a family of saints. Her mother was St. Emelia, and her father was St. Basil the Elder. Her grandmother was St. Macrina the Elder, after whom she was named. Her holy parents had ten children. Macrina was one of the oldest, and received an excellent religious education from her holy mother. Her parents betrothed her to a pious youth, but he died before the marriage took place. Macrina then consecrated her virginity to God and lived a life of great asceticism. She remained living with her parents, helping to raise her younger siblings, directing the household servants, and supporting the family with her domestic skills. Among her siblings were St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory of Nyssa (who both became Cappadocian Fathers and Doctors of the Church) St. Peter of Sebaste, and St. Theosevia. When their father died, Macrina became the main support for the family. It was Macrina who profoundly influenced the spiritual discipline of her younger brothers. When all her siblings were grown, Macrina convinced her mother to give up their family belongings, set their servants free, and convert their home into a monastery. Many of their servants joined them in this spiritual pursuit; they all lived together as a family, sharing all things in common. When her mother died, Macrina led the religious community. The biography of St. Macrina's life was written by her brother, St. Gregory. Her feast day is July 19th.

Saturday, July 20 – St. Margaret - St. Margaret (289–304 A.D.) was born in Antioch, the daughter of a pagan priest. Her mother died when she was an infant, and she was raised by a Christian nurse who baptized her and gave her a Christian education. St. Margaret grew into a pious and virtuous young woman under her nurse's care, to the delight of her father. When she came of age, Margaret returned to live with her father. She quickly angered him, however, when she refused to take part in offering sacrifices to idols. Furious at her steadfast refusals, he drove her out of his home. Margaret then returned to live with her nurse as a household servant. One day a Roman prefect noticed Margaret's beauty and desired to have her for himself. Margaret declined, citing that she had consecrated her virginity to Jesus Christ, a reply for which she was severely persecuted. She was brought to trial for her Christian faith, scourged, tortured, and thrown into prison by her suitor. In her moment of weakness, the devil appeared to her in the form of a dragon to intimidate her and break her faith. Margaret trusted in God and made the Sign of the Cross, and the dragon fled defeated. At this triumph over her enemy, Margaret's cell was filled with light and her wounds were miraculously healed. Enraged to find her healed, her suitor had new tortures applied to her body, which did her no harm and caused many witnesses to convert to the Christian faith. She was finally killed by beheading. St. Margaret of Antioch was one of the saints who appeared to St. Joan of Arc. She is the patron saint against sterility, of the dying, and of pregnancy, labor, and childbirth. Her feast day is July 20th.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



JULY 14, 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. July 14	8:00a.m.	OLM	Eddie Tidwell Dewey & Ivy Kunkle Family Giovanni Stella
	10:30a.m.	SP	For the People
Tues. July 16	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. July 17	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. July 18	9:00a.m.	OLM	Joy Short
Fri. July 19	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. July 20	4:30p.m.	SP	Doti Young
Sun. July 21	8:30a.m.	OLM	Giovanni Stella, Living & Deceased Sarnac Family, Ron & Melody Lichtenwald Family
	10:30a.m.	SP	John Grieser Gina Damman

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---July 14 – Veronica’s Veil for Veneration – after Mass – Noon
 ---July 18 – Finance Council meeting 5:45 p.m.
 ---Aug. 3 – Bull Thistle Breakfast 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for July 7, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (13 envelopes)	\$ 1,266.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 96.00
BUDGET	\$ 1,747.00
Over / (Under)	(\$ 385.00)
OTHER COLLECTION	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 35.00
Maintenance	\$ 425.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday & Other)	\$ 1,822.00

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	July 21, 2024
Greeters/Gifts	Mike Maginn Family
Reader	Mary Bird
Servers	Will Maginn
Ushers	Phil Baker Jerry Van Zile
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Phil Baker Dennis/Denise Miller Jerry Van Zile

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

MISSION – a sending or being sent for some duty or purpose

Amos answered Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The Lord took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel.” – Amos 7:14-15

Dear Padre,

Does praying to the saints really do any good?

Prayer can connect us, however mysteriously, to those who have gone before us in faith. If prayer can change people, opening them to God's grace and healing, then surely the saints and our deceased loved ones can facilitate similar healing from their communion at God's right hand. Such prayer also calls us, however subtly, to the central mystery that we also shall one day die and be a part of that communion. Thus, even as we seek the intercession of the saints for our earthly cares, such prayer reminds us that the fire of our own lives is being consumed daily, and that each of us will inevitably receive a call to death when it becomes God's will.

When Sr. Thea Bowman (1937–1990)—brilliant, creative, beautiful, and passionately alive—was diagnosed with cancer, she wondered how to pray. “I didn't know if I should pray for healing or death. Then, I found peace in praying for what my folks call ‘God's perfect will.’ As it evolved, my prayer became ‘Lord, let me live until I die.’ By that I mean I want to live, love, and serve fully until death comes. If that prayer is answered, I am able to truly live until I die. How long really doesn't matter.” ●



GERARD POTTEBAUM

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 15 <i>St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Is 1:10–17 Mt 10:34–11:1	July 16 <i>Weekday</i> Is 7:1–9 Mt 11:20–24	July 17 <i>Weekday</i> Is 10:5–7, 13b–16 Mt 11:25–27	July 18 <i>Weekday</i> Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19 Mt 11:28–30	July 19 <i>Weekday</i> Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8 Mt 12:1–8	July 20 <i>Weekday</i> Mi 2:1–5 Mt 12:14–21	July 21 <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 23:1–6 Eph 2:13–18 Mk 6:30–34



GIULIO NAPOLITANO / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus...makes [the disciples] see that the Christian journey is simply about changing hearts. One's own heart first all.... It is about learning to live differently, under a different law, with different rules. It is about turning from the path of selfishness, conflict, division, and superiority, and taking instead the path of life, generosity and love.

HOMILY, ÑU GUAZÚ, ASUNCIÓN (PARAGUAY), JULY 12, 2015