



[Jesus said,] “There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”

MARK 9:39–40



Spirited Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It's not always easy to figure out where God's spirit of truth is revealed or by whom the truth is spoken. After “the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses,” some of that same spirit given to Moses was also bestowed upon the seventy elders. Two other men also received the spirit, although they were not specially designated, much to the consternation of the elders (see Numbers 11:25–26). These two outsiders were somehow included among those who saw themselves as insiders. How is one to know who speaks with the authority of the spirit?

Perhaps we all need to pay attention to the possibility that “outsiders” may be speaking the truth to us. Faith communities are often considered outsiders in the larger society, not worthy of a platform to be heard from; yet, many faith communities raise their voices in

defense of the unborn, the immigrants at our doors, and the lost souls adrift among us. Throughout life, we've been surprised by children who speak truth that is unrecognized by adults. We've been surprised by the voice of women to a patriarchal society, the sexually abused to the larger Church, those who defend victims of violence. But not all outsiders speak with the authority of the spirit. How is one to know? Perhaps the Gospel gives us a clue—those who give others a cup of water to drink, which is to say, those who speak with compassion on behalf of others who are thirsty for justice and life. ●

Reflect

How have you been surprised by someone unexpectedly speaking God's truth and wisdom?

Catholic Communities

Parish Pastor

Rev. William Pifher

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Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.
Fayette, OH 43521

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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Traci Maginn
Barbara Roby

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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.



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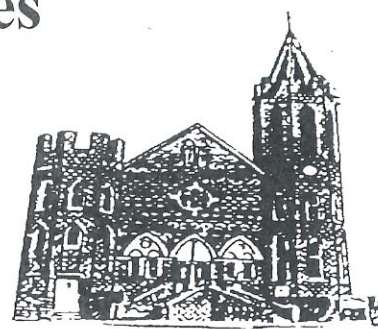
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MASS SCHEDULE

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Saturday 4:30 p.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, email at OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

26TH Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sept. 29, 2024 – after Mass 1st Religious Education Class

Oct. 6 & 20 – class at Home

Oct. 13 & 27 class after Mass

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Altar Rosary will meet October 6, 2024 after Mass in the basement.

OUR LADY OF MERCY FEAST & FESTIVAL

Thank you to all for the success of Our Lady of Mercy Feast Mass & Festival.

BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of Bishop Daniel E. Thomas' 10-year anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, we are building a "spiritual bouquet" to present to him.

WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET?

A spiritual bouquet is a collection of prayers, sacrifices, or devotional acts offered by one person or a group of people for a particular intention or as a gift to another person. It is a way to show support, love, and gratitude through spiritual means. Instead of physical flowers, the "bouquet" consists of spiritual offerings like:

- Prayers: Specific prayers, such as the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- Eucharistic Holy Hours: Spending an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament praying for the intention.
- Masses: Having Masses offered for the person's intentions.
- Fasting: Offering a period of fasting or abstinence.
- Acts of Charity: Engaging in acts of kindness or service.

These spiritual gifts are often presented to the recipient in a card or letter, sometimes beautifully designed to resemble a bouquet of flowers, indicating the types and numbers of spiritual acts being offered.

Visit toledodiocese.org/10years to send in your offerings for the spiritual bouquet. They will be presented to Bishop Thomas on October 22, 2024.

Please note: This will be a surprise for Bishop Thomas! Please do not mention it to him.

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"We should love and feel compassion for those who oppose us, since they harm themselves and do us good, and adorn us with crowns of everlasting glory."

St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 1

586 When I left the Archbishop's house, I heard the following words in my soul:

To confirm your spirit, (52) I speak through My representatives in accordance with what I demand of you, but know that this will not always be so. They will oppose you in many things, and through this My grace will be manifest in you, and it will be evident that this matter is My doing. But as for you, fear nothing; I am always with you. And know this, too, My daughter: all creatures, whether they know it or not, and whether they want to or not, always fulfill My will.

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

---Oct. 16 – Fayette Community dinner 5 -6 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy Altar Rosary is hosting this month

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 or call Our Lady of Mercy office. Call 419-237-2441 or email at olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

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.

FEAST DAY OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

October 2

(from EWTN.com)

What is the Feast day of the Guardian Angels?

The church celebrates in some way every aspect of Divine Work – of creation, redemption, sanctification and glorification. One aspect is the existence of spiritual creatures whom we call angels. The Church celebrates the Feast of the Guardian Angels on October 2. Angels who are mentioned throughout the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, are just as present as humans are. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC328) teaches

“The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings, that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition.”

Guardian angels are special angels assigned to humans, helping us throughout our lives from birth to death.

How do angels help humans?

The angels help us in many ways, such as often protecting us from physical danger. More importantly, however, angels can help us in regard to sin. St. John Bosco said, “When tempted, invoke your angel. He is more eager to help you than you are to be helped! Ignore the devil and do not be afraid of him: he trembles and flees at the sight of your guardian angel.”

Also, angels help us at the end of our lives. St. Alphonsus Liguori said, “The powers of hell will assail the dying Christian; but his angel guardian will come to console him. His patrons, and St. Michael, who has been appointed by God to defend his faithful servants in their last combat with the devils, will come to his aid.”

How can I communicate with my guardian angel?

You can pray to your guardian angel, just as you can pray to any saint. It is important to note that this is not an act of worship, but of the honor due to the ministers of God sent to serve our salvation (Heb. 1:14).

Indeed, Scripture shows that the appeal to God bears fruit in the mediation and help of the angels, whether it was Abraham’s appeal for Sodom, ultimately unfruitful due to human obstinacy in sin, or Tobit’s appeal for healing, which resulted in the sending of St. Raphael to help him and his family. St. Raphael’s meditation of the divine will is shown to be direct, immediate and personal. The intercessory role of Raphael is also shown, when he reveals, I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels who present the prayers of the saints and enter into the presence of the glory of the Lord. (Tobit 12:15)

This important intercessory role is further shown in the New Testament in Rev. 8:3-4. And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the throne; and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God. Following Scripture and Tradition, therefore, popes and saints have encouraged Christians to seek the help of their angels through prayer. As St. Bernard of Clairvaux said, “We should show our affection for the angels, for one day they will be our co-heirs, just as here below they are our guardians and trustees appointed and over us by the Father.”

Pray to your Guardian Angel

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God’s love
commits me here,
ever this day
be at my side,
to light and guard,
rule and guide.

AMEN



Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



“A Revival. A Congress. What’s Next?”

Already for over two years’ time we have been engaged in our *National Eucharistic Revival!* The focus began on the diocesan level, then moved to the parish level, and recently culminated on the national level with the National Eucharistic Congress held this summer in Indianapolis July 17-21 at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium. Now some people are asking “So what’s next?” But before answering that question, allow me a moment to share with you my experience of the National Eucharistic Congress!

Over three hundred pilgrims from the Diocese of Toledo traveled to Indianapolis to participate in the Congress, 150 of us together on three buses, and 150 more on their own! We truly represented the richness of our diocese with laity younger and older, students, senior citizens, married couples, single persons, seminarians, consecrated religious, deacons, priests and this bishop! What a deep joy it was to pray with them, share meals with them, participate in the Congress events with them, kneel next to them in silent Eucharistic adoration, laugh and cry with them during the evening revival sessions, and witness with them the outpouring of Eucharistic faith in such an extraordinary event which will, please God, have a lasting impact on all who attended and indeed on our nation.

And as we “blended into” the over 65 thousand persons gathered, we recognized ourselves as a part of the whole, a representation of Catholics from across the nation, from so many races, languages and ethnic heritages. So many

bishops, priests, seminarians and religious sisters, and even more religious sisters! Most impressively, this was not primarily a group of white-haired folks like me! Thousands

upon thousands of young people, young parents and families with babies and young children in arms and in strollers helped us all to recognize and celebrate the vibrancy of the Church in our nation, a Church alive in Christ, our Eucharistic Lord.



Throughout the days of the Congress, we were immersed in the power of Jesus’ love flowing from the Holy Eucharist and evident in each day’s theme: The Greatest Love Story, Into Gethsemane, This is My Body, and To the Ends of the Earth. There was a palpable sense of the presence of the Lord everywhere you went and

everywhere you turned. There was a great exhibit hall where I couldn’t walk ten steps without joyfully encountering folks I knew from our own diocese and beyond! One of our pilgrims described the Congress as a massive family reunion! Another remarked that the Congress was the Second Vatican Council realized! It was nothing short of edifying to see endless lines of folks waiting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or to enter the exhibits on the Shroud of Turin or Eucharistic Miracles, to visit the Relic Chapel or the Adoration Chapel, to participate in the several service opportunities for the poor, or to wait to enter the nearby local Church designated for 24/7 Adoration! And amid the waiting there was joy, not grumbling, where it was evident people were encountering each other with patience, respect and charity!

As a bishop, it was especially edifying to be in the company of so many brother bishops and priests in love with Christ and His people, to concelebrate Mass with them, and to walk with them in the Saturday afternoon Eucharistic procession through the streets of downtown Indy with the thousands of other pilgrims. Walking side by side with Bishop Robert Barron during the procession, how moved I was when I heard a man cry out from the sidewalk: "Bishop Barron, I'm Catholic because of you!" That public witness of faith had one focus, our Eucharistic Lord Jesus, and one purpose, to proclaim the Jesus who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, in His Church and in His people.



The keynote and countless other speakers who inspired us throughout the Congress were a veritable who's who of Catholics from across our nation, whose talks not only moved those present but are even now moving hearts and minds! (If you haven't seen it yet, don't miss Jonathan who plays Jesus on *The Chosen*, and don't miss the t-shirt he wore!). I know of several families and even parishes who have been hosting "watch parties" to be enriched by the presentations offered at the Congress, and invite you to do the same, as those talks are now available on several social media platforms.

Four encounters particularly struck me. Walking to the opening evening event we were stopped by a cordial evangelical Christian who asked us if we were in town for an event. We shared about the Eucharistic Congress, spent a few minutes in conversation, after which he offered his prayers and support for our time, and I offered our appreciation and prayers, inviting him to "come and see"!! Toward the end of the Congress, on the elevator of the hotel where we stayed, I found myself alone in an encounter with one of the staff who asked if I was at the Congress, and then commented that she had worked in the city for years but had never experienced such a positive, uplifting, enthusiastic, kind group of persons! Our pilgrims related that one of our seminarians was modelling how the Eucharistic Jesus moves us to love, by his stopping to encounter the homeless along the route to the stadium with warmth, humility and genuine concern. And at the last Revival Evening with some 65 thousand others in the Stadium, I experienced the grace of an intimate personal encounter with the Eucharistic Jesus who pierced my heart and called me to deeper love for him

and for those whom I am called to serve.

So "What's next?" The Eucharist Revival is not over (truth be told, it should never be over)! We're already into the third year: *The Year of Going out on Mission*. The Eucharistic Congress introduced what's next with the "Walk with One" initiative. Just as Jesus invited people one by one to follow him, each one of us is invited to follow him more closely, and to

"walk with one" person to a new or renewed experience of God's love. Walking with one is a simple four stage process of accompaniment: 1. Identify someone in a spirit of humility, 2. Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit, 3. Connect in Eucharistic Friendship and 4. Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her. It's that simple! (You can find information on this nationwide initiative here: eucharisticrevival.org/wlk-with-one; and on our diocesan engagement here: toledodiocese.org/revival).

So what's next? We are! After the Congress, one of our pilgrim couples wrote to me: "The Congress (Revival) far exceeded our expectations. Our hearts were set on fire for the living Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and our call to share this good news with others. We find that we have this burning desire to share what we have received with others as we seek to walk with one." There is no doubt that each of us knows someone whom we could accompany: back to Catholic faith and practice, to first time attendance at Sunday Mass, into the Catholic faith, into deeper Catholic faith, into belief in themselves and in Christ who saves, accompanying someone thru doubts, questions, or old wounds to embracing Christ and His Church.

Please join me in prayer and in action that, for the spiritual and pastoral health of our diocese, we may each go out as Eucharistic missionaries, embracing the Vision of this *National Eucharistic Revival*: "A movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist – and sent out on mission 'for the life of the world'."

+ Daniel E. Thomas

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
August 30, 2024

Saints of the Day

(www.morningoffering.com)

Week of Sept. 29 - Oct. 5

Sunday, Sept. 29 - St. Gabriel, St. Michael, & St. Raphael – The Archangels - The Archangels St. Gabriel, St. Michael, and St. Raphael share a feast day on September 29th. These are the only three angels mentioned by name in Sacred Scripture. St. Gabriel means "Power of God." He is the messenger or herald angel most famous for appearing to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Annunciation (Luke 1:11-38). St. Michael means "Who is like God?" He is the warrior angel, the famous foe of Satan, who is the champion of God's people and guardian and protector of the Church (Rev. 12:7-9). St. Raphael means "God has healed." He is a companion and healing angel, most famous for curing a man's blindness and for traveling with Tobiah in the book of Tobit (Tob. 12).

Monday, Sept. 30– St. Jerome - St. Jerome (347 – 420) was born to a wealthy pagan family in Dalmatia. He was sent to Rome for his schooling and there converted to Christianity, being baptized by Pope Liberius. He studied theology and traveled widely to the important intellectual and theological centers across the newly-established Christian Empire. He was ordained a priest at Antioch and lived many years as a hermit in a nearby desert. He became an extraordinary scholar, considered to be the most learned of the Latin Church Fathers. Because of his many significant theological works, most notably the thirty years he spent writing the Latin translation of the Bible (the Latin Vulgate), he is one of the most influential and orthodox theologians in the life of the early Church. In his final years Saint Jerome lived in a monastery that he founded in the Holy Land near Bethlehem, where he worked on writing histories and biographies in addition to drawing deeper into a life of prayer and asceticism. For his important scholarly contributions St. Jerome was named a Doctor of the Church. He is the patron of libraries, archaeologists, students, and translators. St. Jerome's feast day is September 30th.

Tuesday, Oct. 1– St. Therese of Lisieux - St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897) was the last of nine children born to Saints Louis and Zélie Martin in Alençon, France. Her family was devoutly religious, and all five surviving siblings, all daughters, entered the convent. From an early age Therese desired to give herself totally to Jesus. Her happy childhood gave way to trial following the death of her mother when she was four years old. This event changed her personality from merry and bright to withdrawn and sensitive. She also suffered a strange illness that brought her near death. Her sisters prayed for her recovery, and Therese was completely healed after she saw the Virgin Mary statue in her room smile down on her. Just before her 14th birthday, on Christmas Eve, Therese had a mystical experience of the Child Jesus. Her sensitiveness disappeared and her faith was greatly fortified. She attended daily Mass with her father and cultivated her strong desire for the salvation of souls. At the age of 15 she obtained special permission to enter the Carmelite convent in Lisieux where two of her sisters were professed. Recognizing her youth and weakness, and unable to do the great things for God in the world that her heart desired, she determined that she would follow the path of spiritual childhood at the feet of Jesus, as his "Little Flower", and instead focus on small acts of kindness for love of Jesus and interior acts of self-denial, a spirituality called "The Little Way." Therese died of Tuberculosis at the age of 24, and her high degree of holiness was discovered through her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*. Her "Little Way" became profoundly influential around the world, and although she was not a learned scholar, her deep theological life caused Pope St. John Paul II to declare her a Doctor of the Church. She is the patron against sickness, tuberculosis, and loss of parents, as well as of pilots, air crews, florists, missionaries, and the sick. St. Therese of Lisieux's feast day is October 1st.

Wednesday, Oct. 2– The Guardian Angels - October 2nd is the Feast of the Guardian Angels. Although Guardian Angels have been venerated since the early days of the Church, it wasn't until the 17th century that Pope Clement X extended their feast day to the Universal Church. Although not a dogmatic article of the faith, it is a firmly established Catholic belief that each individual human being has their own Guardian Angel assigned to them by God to watch over their soul, help them avoid sin and temptation, and lead them to heaven, taken in part from Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father." The Church thanks God for our heavenly helpers, the Guardian Angels, who minister to us in our need and guide us on the path of salvation.

Thursday, Oct. 3 – St. Theodore Guerin – St. Theodore Guerin (1798–1856), also known as St. Theodora, was born in Etambes, France, towards the end of the French Revolution. She was a pious child who loved prayer and who knew her vocation was to be a nun. However, she was delayed in following this path after the murder of her father when she was 15, which, in addition to the previous death of two of her siblings, sent her mother into a deep depression. St. Theodore took on the household tasks and the care of her mother and her remaining sister. Finally, when she was 25, her mother gave her consent, and Theodore left home to enter the religious life. She joined the Sisters of Providence who served God by educating children and caring for the poor, the sick, and the dying. In 1840 she was asked to lead a band of missionary sisters and establish her order in the

(St. Theodore Guerin – cont.)

United States of America, specifically to serve the pioneers in Indiana. Even though her health was fragile, she crossed the Atlantic and then traveled by steamboat and stagecoach until she reached the wilderness mission of St. Mary of the Woods, which consisted only of a tiny log chapel. She and her five sisters endured the extreme hardships common to life on the frontier. Less than a year after arriving she opened an academy which became the first Catholic women's Liberal Arts college in the United States, still active today, called St. Mary of the Woods College. St. Theodore also established numerous schools, pharmacies, and orphanages throughout the state of Indiana. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II and canonized in 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI. Her feast day is October 3rd.

Friday, Oct. 4 – St. Francis of Assisi - St. Francis (1181-1226) was born in Assisi, Italy, to a wealthy cloth merchant. He was a spoiled child given to pleasure, fine dress, liberal spending, and worldliness. Handsome and courteous, he was a favorite among the nobility. As a chivalrous young knight he took part in a battle between the Italian city-states and became a prisoner of war in Perugia. After his release he became seriously ill, and while reflecting on his wanton life he had a profound conversion experience. He gave up his frivolous life, cut off his family ties, and embraced a life of extreme penance and poverty in such a dramatic manner that it caused many to think he had gone mad. While praying before a crucifix in the church of San Damiano in Assisi he received a call from Christ to rebuild the Church, "which had fallen into ruin." St. Francis followed Christ in a radical manner by patterning his new life after the example of the Apostles in the most literal way possible: he dressed as a poor peasant, worked odd jobs for food, and went through the countryside preaching repentance, love of Jesus, and peace. His joyful, radical way of life attracted followers, and with them he founded the Order of Friars Minor and the Poor Clares. His order was approved by the Holy See in 1210 and grew rapidly. Two years before his death he became the first known saint to receive the stigmata. His holiness was so widely attested that only two years after his death the Church proclaimed him a saint. St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of peace, ecology, the environment, animals, Italy, merchants, and families. His feast day is October 4th.

Saturday, Oct. 5 – St. Maria Faustina Kowalska - St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), baptized with the name Helena, was one of ten children born to a devout, peasant farming family in Poland. She grew up during the tough years leading up to and following the first World War, and received little formal education. She worked as a poor housekeeper before following her religious vocation at the age of 20, entering the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow. There she was given simple, humble jobs which hid her deep interior life. St. Faustina was graced with mystical visions and revelations from Jesus, as well as her Guardian Angel and certain saints. Jesus gave her the mission to proclaim his infinite, powerful, loving mercy to the whole world, especially to hardened sinners and those facing the hour of their death. St. Faustina, as Jesus' "secretary and apostle of Divine Mercy", faithfully recorded these messages in great detail in a nearly 700-page diary. In it she promoted devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ as instructed by Our Lord himself, now famous throughout the Church, and a great consolation for many souls who would otherwise fear to approach God because of their burden of sin. She died at the age of 33 from tuberculosis. Pope St. John Paul II made St. Faustina the first saint of the new millennium. Her feast day is October 5th.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



SEPTEMBER 29, 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. Sept. 29	8:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
	10:30a.m.	SP	For the People
Tues. Oct. 1	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Oct. 2	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. Oct. 3	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Oct. 4	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Oct. 5	4:30p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun. Oct. 6	8:30a.m.	OLM	Marcel Bonin Joy Short
	10:30a.m.	SP	For the People

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Religious Ed. Dates

Sept. 29 – Rel. Ed. Kick Off after Mass

---Oct. 13 & 27– Religious Ed. After Mass

---Oct. 6 & 20 – Religious Ed. at Home

---Oct. 6 – Altar Rosary after Mass in basement

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for September 22, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (9 envelopes)	\$ 2,386.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 77.00
BUDGET	\$ 1,747.00
Over / (Under)	\$ 716.00

OTHER COLLECTION

CPC Jar	\$ 14.00
Silent Festival	\$ 60.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 50.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday & Other)	\$ 2,587.00

SILENT FESTIVAL

Donations (cards) 9/22/2024	\$ 8,435.00
Festival (Auction, donations, etc) 9/22/2024	\$ 615.00
Previous weeks donation cards 9/8 & 9/15&9/22	\$ 936.00
INCOME TO DATE	\$ 9,986.00

EXPENSES (Food)	\$ 411.50
FESTIVAL PROFIT TO DATE	\$ 9,574.50

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

JUDGEMENT – act of judging

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

October 6, 2024

Greeters/Gifts	Marge Crowell Joyce Bonin
Reader	Ron Baker
Servers	Will Maginn
Ushers	Phil & Tami Baker
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Ron Baker Terry Kovar Michelle Miron

So, when a young man quickly told Moses, Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide said. "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!"

Numbers 11:27-29

Dear Padre,

After we die and go to heaven, will our guardian angel still be with us? Will we know the angel in a closer way?

“The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 328). The notion that each person has his or her own guardian angel may be based on Jesus’ warning not to despise “little ones” because “their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Matthew 18:10). Saint Basil wrote, “Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.” How might we interact with these constant companions in heaven? In heaven, we’ll be consumed with the presence of the beatific vision—the immediate knowledge of God, which the angelic spirits and the souls of the just enjoy. In beholding God face to face, we find perfect happiness. “This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called ‘heaven.’ Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness” (CCC 1024). Even though “this mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description” (CCC 1027), to imagine the pure joy of being close to our guardian angel is just a foretaste of what heaven will be! ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6
<i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Jb 1:6–22 Lk 9:46–50	Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23 Lk 9:51–56	Jb 9:1–12, 14–16 Mt 18:1–5, 10	Jb 19:21–27 Lk 10:1–12	Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 Lk 10:13–16	Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 Lk 10:17–24	Gn 2:18–24 Heb 2:9–11 Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We need to be vigilant about closure in the Church.... Because the devil, who is the divider—this is what the word “devil” means, the one who divides—always insinuates suspicions to divide and exclude people.... The Holy Spirit does not want closure; he wants openness, welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.

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