



[The scribe said to Jesus,] “To love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

MARK 12:33

Liking Versus Loving

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“I never met a man I didn’t like.” Will Rogers said that. I can believe he said it, but I have a more difficult time believing he meant it. I don’t think he lied. I just find it hard to believe there could be a person who never disliked anyone.

Loving is something different, although there are many people who talk as if liking and loving are interchangeable. They love ice cream or country music, and they like their friends. One can love, that is, behave in a loving manner, without positive feelings. You couldn’t say that about liking, but about loving you can. Some folks say one of the reasons you should love others and do good for people is because of the good feeling you get when you help someone. The problem

with this is that when you no longer get a good feeling, you stop doing the good things. But as disciples of Jesus, love we must. It’s different than liking.

It seems to me the most difficult people to love today are the anonymous souls, the people we don’t know—the immigrant coming to our land, the person of another religion who prays differently, or those living a lifestyle foreign to us. Jesus didn’t have a problem with loving people like them. ●

Reflect

Who has loved you and who do you find most difficult to love?

Catholic Communities

Parish Pastor

Rev. William Pifher

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Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

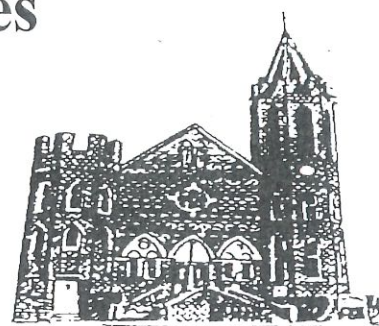
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Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.



St. Peter

614 N. Defiance St.
Archbold, OH 43502

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, email at

OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

31ST Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

BFF (Breakfast, Friends & Fellowship)

BFF after Mass today. Come and enjoy fellowship and food!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Nov. 3 & 17 class at Home – Nov. 10 & 24 class after Mass

ELECTION DAY

Please don't forget to VOTE on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

LECTORS

Lector's please pick up your Lector Workbook on the back table.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Anyone interested in getting a group together (minimum 5 people) to sing before Mass on Christmas Eve? Please see Barb Bruggeman if interested.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

Winter is just around the corner. We are in need here at Our Lady of Mercy a person to make sure the walkways are cleared of snow on Sunday's before Mass begins. If interested please see Father Bill.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocations Awareness week begins today !!

*"There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood,
just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist."*

In response to the priest shortage in the Diocese of Toledo, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas is asking the faithful to **pray** and **fast** for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

One Hail Mary each day

Families are encouraged to add this Hail Mary to their prayer before meals, regular daily prayers or family rosary, as a way of encouraging their children to seek God's call for their life.

Fasting or penance each Friday

The fasting or penance might be foregoing a meal, abstaining from meat, avoiding snacks between meals, or some other small sacrifice

Learn more at toledopriesthood.org.



THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

“He did not say: You will not be troubled – You will not be tempted – You will not be distressed. But He said” You will not be overcome.” - St. Julian of Norwich

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 1

799 Suddenly, I saw the Lord Jesus, who said to me, **Be at peace, My child.**

See, you are not alone. My Heart watches over you. Jesus filled me with strength concerning a certain person. I feel strength within my soul.

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

---Opera House – Nov. 10, 12:30p.m.–
Dinner & Silent Movie - Dinner & Movie \$25 – Movie ONLY - \$15
General Admission - \$12 Seniors - \$10 Students

---Opera House – Nov. 23, 7 p.m. –
Colin Dexter as Elvis – General Admission \$15 - \$12 Seniors - \$10 students

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. Email 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.

November

Our Lady of Mercy

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Rel. Ed @ Home BFF offer Mass 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Rel. Ed. after Mass 10	11	12	13	14 Council meetings Finance 5:45 pm Pastoral 6:15 pm	15	16
Rel. Ed. @ Home BFF offer Mass 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Rel. Ed. after Mass 24	25	26	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving	29	30

Saints of the Day

(www.morningoffering.com)

Week of Nov. 3 – Nov. 9

Sunday, Nov. 3 - St. Martin de Porres - St. Martin de Porres (1569-1639) was born in Lima, Peru. He was the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a freed slave woman from Panama, of either African or Native American descent. His parents never married. For the first eight years of his life his father did not acknowledge him, and abandoned the family after Martin's sister was born. St. Martin de Porres was raised in poverty with the societal stigma of being mix-raced. As a young man he served as an assistant to a barber-surgeon where he learned medicine and the care of the sick. When he was 15 he joined the Dominican friars as a helper, eventually becoming a Lay Brother which at the time was forbidden for the children of slaves by Peruvian law. He took on the work of nursing the sick in the Dominican infirmary as well as the sick among the townspeople, even giving a sick man his own bed. He was also made almoner, and begged money to assist his work with the poor and sick. He founded an orphanage, tended to slaves brought from Africa, and dispensed alms to the needy. His prayers and penances were so great that he soon demonstrated miraculous powers. In addition to healing the sick, his other miracles were bi-location, levitation, hidden knowledge, and the ability to communicate with animals. Word of his sanctity spread and people from all walks of life came to him for spiritual direction. St. Martin de Porres is the patron saint of social justice, bi-racial people, African-Americans, hairdressers, barbers, public education, public health, and the poor. His feast day is November 3rd.

Monday, Nov. 4 – St. Charles Borromeo - St. Charles Borromeo (1538–1584) was born into an ancient and wealthy family in Lombardy, Italy. When his uncle became Pope Pius IV, Charles was brought to Rome to take over several important assignments connected with the Vatican. He was ordained to Holy Orders at the age of 25 and was later made Archbishop of Milan, a position of high influence in the Church, and Cardinal. He initiated large-scale reform of his enormous and dilapidated diocese, which had not seen a resident bishop in 80 years. Clergy were ignorant and disobedient, religious were negligent and scandalous, and the laity had drifted from Church teaching. He rectified abuses and maintained the integrity of the Church's internal structure, all for which he encountered strong opposition and threats against his life. He also established hospitals, seminaries, orphanages, and the first Sunday School classes. He was a key player in the Council of Trent and kept it going when it was in danger of breaking up. He was a prominent defender of Church teaching in the Counter-Reformation and helped produce an official catechism. His counsel was widely sought, especially by the Catholic kings and queens of Europe and the popes under whom he served, and his virtue was evident to all. Throughout his life he held his rank and authority with humility, living austerely and constantly striving for sanctity. When plague and famine hit Milan in 1576, Charles stayed in the city to care for those in need and borrowed large sums of money to feed tens of thousands of people each day. Exhausted from his reforming labors, he died at the age of 46. St. Charles Borromeo is the patron of catechists, catechumens, seminarians, spiritual directors, and bishops. His feast day is November 4th.

Tuesday, Nov. 5–St. Elizabeth of the Visitation - St. Elizabeth of the Visitation (1st c.) was the wife of Zachary (Zechariah), a temple priest, and the cousin and close companion of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the one whom Our Lady visited in haste after the Annunciation. The Angel Gabriel had told Mary that Elizabeth was expecting a miraculous child in her old age. Upon hearing Mary's voice, who was then carrying the Son of God in her womb, Elizabeth's unborn child leaped in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. It was with Elizabeth that Mary first shared the joy of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. St. Elizabeth gave birth to St. John the Baptist, the prophet who prepared the way for Jesus' ministry. St. Elizabeth is described in the Gospel of Luke as "righteous in the eyes of God, observing all the commandments of the Lord blamelessly." St. Elizabeth shares a feast day with her husband, Zachary, on November 5th.

Wednesday, Nov. 6 – St. Leonard of Noblac - St. Leonard of Noblac (d. 559 A.D.) also known as St. Leonard of Limoges, was a French nobleman in the court of Clovis I, King of France. He was converted to the Christian faith, along with the King, by St. Remigius, Bishop of Rheims. After his conversion he abandoned his worldly pursuits, left the royal court, and followed St. Remigius as a disciple. He obtained special permission from the king to release any prisoners whom he deemed worthy of pardon. He declined an offer of a bishopric and entered the monastery at Orleans to live a life of prayer and penance. Desiring greater solitude and penance than what the monastery allowed, he withdrew into a forest to live as a hermit. He built a small cell and lived on herbs and fruits. He soon attracted followers who joined him in his ascetic life. In thanksgiving for his prayers that the Queen of France would safely deliver her child, St. Leonard was given a large tract of royal land in Noblac. There the saint built an abbey where he served as abbot until his death. A village grew around the abbey that still exists today, named Saint-Léonard-de-Noblat. Numerous shrines are dedicated to St. Leonard across Europe, and thousands of miracles are credited to his intercession. He is the patron saint of prisoners and women in labor. His feast day is November 6th.

Thursday, Nov. 7 – St. Feast of All Saints of the Order of Preachers – November 7th is the Feast of All Saints of the Order of Preachers, also known as the Dominicans. Founded by a Spaniard, St. Dominic de Guzman, in France in the early 13th century, the order has 14 canonized saints and 215 beatified among its mendicant friars, cloistered nuns, active sisters, lay members, and fraternities. The special charism of the Dominican order is to study and preach for the salvation of souls. Over the centuries, the unnamed Dominican martyrs are counted in the tens of thousands, including many among the Martyrs of Nagasaki and the Martyrs of Vietnam. Some of the most famous Dominican saints include St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Rose of Lima, St. Martin de Porres, Pope St. Pius V, St. Vincent Ferrer, St. Hyacinth, St. Louis de Montfort, St. Albert the Great, St. Louis Bertrand, St. Catherine de Ricci, St. Margaret of Hungary, St. Peter Martyr, and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Friday, Nov. 8 – St. Elizabeth of the Trinity– St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906) was born on July 18, 1880 in Cher, France. Her father died when she was only 7 years old her family moved to Dijon France. Very close to her house was a Carmelite monastery and she greatly desired to enter the religious life. At 17 years old she visited the monastery, and while there, the mother superior gave her a newly published letter about Therese of Lisieux, who had just recently passed away. As a result, Elizabeth was greatly inspired in her contemplative life. She continued working with the sick and teaching catechism to the youth until she was allowed to enter the monastery at the age of 21. She lived a life of prayer and sacrifice, suffering greatly from sickness. She died on November 9, 1906 and was canonized by Pope Francis on October 16, 2016.

Saturday, Nov. 9 – St. Benignus - St. Benignus of Armagh (d. 467 A.D.) was the son of a pagan Irish chieftain in what is now County Meath in Ireland. He was baptized by St. Patrick and became his loyal follower in the saint's ministry across Ireland. In 450 A.D. Benignus became coadjutor with St. Patrick in the Diocese of Armagh, and also became the first rector of the Catholic school there. St. Benignus was a talented singer and worked to form choral groups wherever they traveled for their missionary work; for this he was called "Patrick's Psalmist." He also assisted with the compilation of the Senchus Mor, the Irish Code of Law, and sat on a number of commissions, councils, and synods that helped further establish the Catholic faith across Ireland. His feast day is November 9th.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

NOVEMBER 3, 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. Nov. 3	8:30a.m.	OLM	Ronald & Joann Keil Ron & Melody Lichtenwald family
	10:30a.m	SP	Gina Damman
Tues. Nov. 5	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Nov. 6	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. Nov. 7	9:00a.m.	OLM	Joy Short
Fri. Nov. 8	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Nov. 9	4:30 pm	SP	All Deceased Parishioners
Sun. Nov. 10	8:30a.m.	OLM	Marcel Bonin, Joy Short Giovanni Stella
	10:30a.m	SP	Frank O & Mary Smith

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Religious Ed. Dates
 - Nov. 10 & 24 – Religious Ed. After Mass
- Nov. 3 & 17 – Religious Ed. at Home
- Nov. 3 BFF breakfast after Mass
- Nov. 14 – Council Meetings
 - Finance 5:45 p.m.
 - Parish 6:15 p.m.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for October 27, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (11 envelopes)	\$ 511.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 75.00
BUDGET	\$ 1,747.00
Over / (Under)	(\$ 1,161.00)

OTHER COLLECTION

CPC Jar	\$ 1.15
TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday & Other)	\$ 587.15

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

November 10, 2024

	November 10, 2024
Greeters/Gifts	Ron & Pat Eisel
Reader	Pat Eisel
Servers	Kennedy Kunkle
Ushers	Ron & Pat Eisel
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Phil Baker Joanna Marry Michelle Miron

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

LOVE – the benevolent affection of God for His creatures, or the reverent affection due from them to God

*Hear, O Israel!
The Lord our God is Lord alone!
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

Mark 12:31

Dear Padre,

Do saints ever smile? That question comes to me every year on the feast of All Saints (November 1) as I look at the pictures and statues in church. The faces are so somber and serious. What are the saints really like?

Artists through the centuries may have portrayed sanctity in very subdued tones. The saints, however, and their biographers tell a different story. The holy men and women who make up the communion of saints are an incredibly fascinating array of diverse personalities. The feast of All Saints celebrates our universal call to holiness. Our challenge is to imitate the characteristics these unique individuals have in common.

Saint Irenaeus (125–202) said that the glory of God is the human fully alive which reflects Jesus' own words, "I came so that they may have life; and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Saints enjoy life! The nearsighted St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696–1787), founder of the Redemptorists, sat in the back row of the Naples theater with his glasses off so he could enjoy the music he loved without the distraction of the half-naked chorus line. Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582), caught devouring partridge in the convent kitchen, said, "When I pray, I pray; when I eat partridge, I eat partridge!" Saint Joan of Arc (1412–1431) loved horses, and St. Charles Borromeo (1538–1584) loved chess. Indeed, saints do smile. They even laugh. ●



Sculpture of a smiling Pope St. John Paul II outside the Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Trnava, Slovakia.

ADAM JAN FIGEL / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Monday

November 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Phil 2:1–4
Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday

November 5
Weekday
Phil 2:5–11
Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday

November 6
Weekday
Phil 2:12–18
Lk 14:25–33

Thursday

November 7
Weekday
Phil 3:3–8a
Lk 15:1–10

Friday

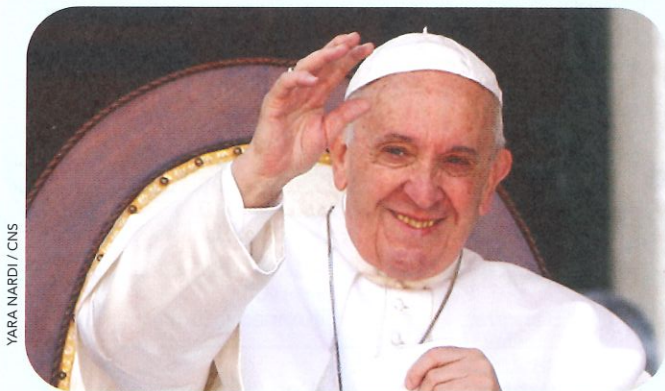
November 8
Weekday
Phil 3:17–4:1
Lk 16:1–8

Saturday

November 9
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12
1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17
Jn 2:13–22

Sunday

November 10
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:10–16
Heb 9:24–28
Mk 12:38–44 or 12:41–44



YARA NARDI / CNS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is necessary that...the "great commandment," [love God and our neighbor] resound in us, that it be assimilated, that it become the voice of our conscience. This way, it does not remain a dead letter, in the drawer of the heart, because the Holy Spirit makes the seed of that Word germinate in us.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 31, 2021