

[Jesus said,] “Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”

MARK 10:43–44

Like a Sponge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If I hit you and you hit me back, I may very well hit you again, this time harder. If you decide to hit me back harder as well, I may pull out my knife from fear and for self-defense. That may cause you to pull out your knife, thereby moving me to arm myself with a gun, which then compels you to do likewise. And thus, the evil escalates. If, however, when I hit you the first time, you do not retaliate by hitting me, the evil ends. It is absorbed by you, and life is better because of your decision.

It was Daniel Berrigan who noted that the role of the Christian is to absorb evil. When we absorb someone else’s evil, when it ends with us, we literally save that person from embodying more evil. In effect, we ransom that person by our own suffering. “For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). In other words, we can be most like Jesus when we feel we are being used or abused, yet do not retaliate in kind.

In all such instances, it is not a matter of allowing someone to pummel and eviscerate our bodies and spirits. It is not about being defenseless. It is not a matter of refusing to resist. It is about resisting in a way that will not create greater violence and evil. It is the way of Christ. ●

Reflect

Is it possible to respond to evil without escalating it among individuals or among nations?

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

FINANCE COUNCIL

Barb Bruggeman
Terry Kovar
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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.



OLM PARISH OFFICE

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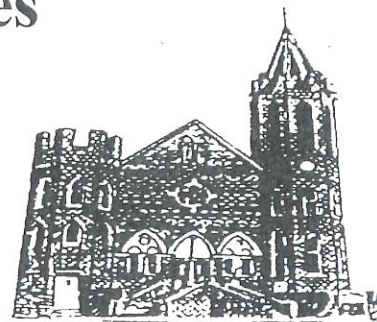
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, email at

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

29TH Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (Yellow envelope on back tables)

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society of Propagation of the Faith supports the work and service of the mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's mission. Thank you for your generosity.

BFF (Breakfast, Friends & Fellowship)

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Oct. 20 – class at Home - Oct. 27 class after Mass
Nov. 3 & 17 class at Home – Nov. 10 & 24 class after Mass

ROSARY

The Rosary will be prayed every Wednesday in the month of October at 7 p.m. here at Our Lady of Mercy.

WINTERIZING THE GARDEN

Thank you to all who helped.

MONEY COUNTERS

There will be a meeting of all money counters in the church office today after Mass.

DIRECTORY & PRAYER CHAIN FORMS (DEADLINE NOV. 10, 2024)

Please fill out the form (extra in back on table) and return either by putting in collection basket or drop off at the office on Tuesday or Thursday's. Deadline is Nov. 10, 2024 to update your information for the directory that will be available January 2025.

HURRICANE HELENE – from CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

Hurricane Helene Relief Collection Announcement:

Our prayers go out to those who perished, their families, and untold numbers of people who were injured and suffered devastation wrought by Hurricane Helene, a storm that took lives, livelihoods, destroyed homes and entire communities across six states. As in past disasters, Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Charities agencies in impacted areas for this disaster relief effort. You may donate on our secure website: www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org, noting Hurricane Helene Relief as your donation designation. Checks made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a notation designating Hurricane Helene Relief, can be mailed to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you for compassionately supporting those in need!

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"Love never says: I have done enough!" - St. Marie Eugenie de Jesus

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 1

719 (150) Today, I heard these words: **Know, my child that for your sake I grant blessings to his whole vicinity. But you ought to thank Me on their behalf, as they do not thank Me for the kindness I extend to them. For the sake of your gratitude, I will continue to bless them.**

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. 22 – Fayette Schools – All you can eat Pancake & Sausage supper – 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. - \$8 adults – 10 & under \$5 – 2 & under FREE
---Opera House – Oct. 26 7 p.m. – Down Home . \$15 General admission - \$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.

October Month of the Holy Rosary

DEVOTION OF THE MONTH

The Catholic Church designates October as the Month of the Holy Rosary. During this month the faithful venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary especially under her title of Our Lady of the Rosary, and make special effort to honor the Holy Rosary with group recitations and rosary processions. St. Dominic de Guzman, the founder of the Order of Preachers, is the saint to whom Our Lady famously appeared and gave the prayers of the Holy Rosary to assist him as a spiritual weapon in combating heresy and leading souls back to the one, true Catholic faith.

Daily Prayers

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.
The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain,
but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy
Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FATHER

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. *Our Father. Hail Mary.*

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Saints of the Day

(www.morningoffering.com)

Week of Oct. 20 – Oct. 26

Sunday, Oct. 20 – St. Paul of the Cross - St. Paul of the Cross (1694–1775) was born near Turin, Italy, the second of sixteen children—only six of whom survived infancy. His devout parents ensured his strong religious upbringing. In his childhood Paul went to daily Mass, spent much time before the Blessed Sacrament, and attended to his studies. He taught catechism in the local churches before experiencing a deep religious conversion at the age of 19 through the writings of St. Francis de Sales. After a brief stint as a soldier and declining an offer for a good marriage, at the age of 26 he learned through prayer that God was calling him to found a new religious order which came to be known as the Congregation of the Passion, or the Passionists. He was instructed in a vision as to what the new habit of his order should look like: a black tunic bearing a heart surmounted by a white cross, with the words "Passion of Jesus Christ" written inside the heart. To the religious vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience he added a fourth: to spread devotion to Christ's Passion among the faithful. His mission was to ignite a love for Jesus in the hearts of the faithful at a time when many saw Him only as a great moral teacher. St. Paul of the Cross was one of the most powerful preachers of his day, as well as a mystic, and he was known to bring even the most hardened sinners to tears. He also took special care of the sick, poor, and suffering. His feast day is October 20th.

Monday, Oct. 21– St. Ursula & her 11,000 Companions - St. Ursula (4th c.) was a pious Christian princess from Britain, perhaps Wales. According to the 13th century Golden Legend she set sail and embarked on a pilgrimage to Rome with a large court of handmaids prior to settling in what is today western France, where she was to be joined in marriage to a local governor. Along her pilgrimage route she attracted many followers who were influenced by her holy example. On the return journey St. Ursula and her traveling maidens fell into the hands of the Huns, violent nomads from the East, who had invaded large swaths of Europe. St. Ursula and her company of virgins and other followers, which numbered 11,000, were tortured in an effort to have them renounce their faith. Steadfastly refusing, they were massacred in Cologne, Germany and buried together in a mass grave over which was built the Basilica of St. Ursula. Due to the varying accounts of her martyrdom and the difficulty of separating fact from legend, her feast day was suppressed in modern times. St. Ursula is the patroness of the Ursulines, a female religious order founded in 1535 by St. Angela Merici for the education of young girls. St. Ursula is also the patron of students, teachers, Catholic education, and of a holy death. Her feast day is October 21st.

Tuesday, Oct. 22– Pope St. John Paul II - Pope St. John Paul II (1920–2005) was born in Poland and was a vibrant, athletic, and intelligent child. His deeply religious father played an important role in his spiritual formation after his mother's death when he was 8 years old. He studied literature, poetry, and theater before his studies were interrupted by the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939. He answered the call to the priesthood, and after entering a clandestine seminary was ordained in 1946. He completed his doctoral studies in Rome and returned to Poland where he ministered in a special way to young people. He was ordained a bishop in 1958 and attended the Second Vatican Council in 1962. He is well known for his leadership in encouraging a spiritual and cultural resistance to the Communist occupation of Poland. He was elected Supreme Pontiff in 1978, the first non-Italian pope in over 450 years, and had the second-longest pontificate in history. He was a remarkable theologian and philosopher and a guardian of orthodoxy. During his time as Holy Father he gave a multitude of important contributions to the Church including his teaching on the Theology of the Body, his emphasis on the Universal Call to Holiness, and his strong devotion to the Virgin Mary. He is also known as the "Pope of the Family." During his pontificate he beatified 1338 people and canonized 482 saints. He also visited 129 countries, making him one of the most well-traveled world leaders in history. He was canonized by Pope Francis in 2014. His feast day is October 22nd.

Wednesday, Oct. 23 – St. John of Capistrano - St. John of Capistrano (1385–1456) was born in Capistrano, Italy. After the death of his father, his mother sent him to study law in Perugia where he rose to prominence. He achieved great success as a lawyer and was appointed governor of Perugia. He was an upright leader who refused bribes and corruption. While attempting to negotiate a peace treaty he was imprisoned, which gave him opportunity to assess the direction of his life and the state of his soul. After having a vision of St. Francis of Assisi, John left the world and entered religious life as a Franciscan friar. He was taught theology by St. Bernardine of Siena, and together the two worked to reform the Franciscan order. St. John traveled throughout Italy preaching for the salvation of souls, combating the heresies of his day, and winning many souls away from schism and heresy. Merchants would suspend their business as great crowds gathered to hear him preach in the public squares. He was also known as a healer, and many of the sick were brought to him to be cured. St. John was frequently used as an ambassador by the Holy See which allowed him to preach across the Holy Roman Empire, earning him the name "Apostle of Europe." He also preached a crusade against the Muslim Turks for the emancipation of Hungary. He was present at the Battle of Belgrade and led the charge of the Christian army under a banner monogrammed with the Holy Name of Jesus, to which he had a great devotion, urging the crusaders to invoke the name of Jesus for success in battle. The victory of the

(St. John of Capistrano – cont.)

Christian army was attributed to his efforts. St. John of Capistrano is the patron of judges, military chaplains, lawyers, and jurists. His feast day is October 23rd.

Thursday, Oct. 24 – St. Anthony Mary Claret – St. Anthony Mary Claret (1807–1870) was born in Spain, the fifth of eleven children, the same year Napoleon invaded the country. He took up his father's trade of weaving before entering the priesthood. He served as a parish priest with a missionary's zeal for the salvation of souls. He often preached multiple sermons in a single day, traveled to preach parish missions and retreats for the clergy, and heard confessions for hours on end. His labors were rewarded by many people returning to a fervent practice of the Catholic faith, especially as a result of his meek and gentle manner. He was made Archbishop of Santiago and sent to Cuba from 1849–1857. His great reforms of the neglected diocese, both ecclesiastically and socially, were so sweeping and effective that his life was threatened. He was recalled back to Spain as confessor to the queen, where his tireless and fruitful priestly work continued. To increase his apostolic efforts he founded the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, known today as the Claretians. He also founded a major Catholic publisher in Spain, and wrote or published hundreds of books. He was so opposed in his efforts that he was severely persecuted and eventually exiled to Paris, along with the Spanish queen, by revolutionary enemies of religion. He took part in the First Vatican Council, his wisdom and sanctity being evident to all, before suffering a stroke and dying in exile in France. During his life St. Anthony Marie Claret had the gift of prophesy and reading of consciences, in addition to performing many miracles. A resplendent light was also observed to shine from his face as he offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. His feast day is October 24th.

Friday, Oct. 25 – Sts. Crispin & Crispinian– Sts. Crispin and Crispinian (d. 286 A.D.) were brothers, believed to be twins, from a noble Roman family. They were Christians and went as missionaries into Gaul (present-day France). Taking the Apostle St. Paul as their example, they earned their living through a trade, dividing their time between ministry and work. Their craft was shoe-making, and because they asked little pay for their shoes they were loved and esteemed by all. Crispin and Crispinian used their work as an opportunity to share the Christian faith with the pagans they encountered, and many were converted through their witness. During the persecution of the Roman Emperor Diocletian they were denounced as Christians and brought before the co-emperor, Maximianus Herculius. The emperor tried to persuade them to abandon their faith with promises and threats, but to no effect. The brothers were then given over to the governor who was notorious for his cruelty. They were stretched on the rack, their flesh was cut, and awls were driven under their fingernails. They were then thrown into a river with a millstone tied to their necks, but they both miraculously survived and swam back to shore. They were caught and finally beheaded. Crispin and Crispinian are the patron saints of shoemakers, saddlers, and tanners. Their feast, known as St. Crispin's Day, is October 25th.

Saturday, Oct. 26 – Pope St. Evaritus - Pope St. Evaristus (1st century) was the fifth Pope of the Holy Roman Catholic Church and was elected to succeed Pope St. Clement I. During this time the Roman empire was ruled by Trajan. Not many details have been recorded about the life of Pope St. Evaristus, however he is known to have ordained deacons to help serve the faithful in Rome. He is thought to have suffered martyrdom and is buried near St. Peter in the Vatican. His feast day is October 26th.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



OCTOBER 20, 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. Oct. 20	8:00a.m.	OLM	Ronald & Joanne Keil
	10:30a.m.	SP	Frank O & Mary Smith Gina Damman
Tues. Oct. 22	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Oct. 23	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. Oct. 24	9:00a.m.	OLM	Joy Short
Fri. Oct. 25	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Oct. 26	4:30p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun. Oct. 27	8:30a.m.	OLM	Ron&Melody Lichtenwald family Dewey&Ivy Kunkle family Frances Uzdella Conklin family
	10:30a.m.	SP	Frank O & Mary Smith Gina Damman

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Religious Ed. Dates
- Oct. 27, Nov. 10 & 24 – Religious Ed. After Mass
- Oct. 20, Nov. 3 & 17 – Religious Ed. at Home
- Wednesdays in October 7 p.m. – Rosary prayed
- Oct. 20 BFF breakfast after Mass
- Nov. 1 All Saints Day – 9 a.m. Mass at OLOM and 7 p.m. at St. Peter

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for October 13, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (13 envelopes)	\$ 1,061.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 180.00
BUDGET	\$ 1,747.00
Over / (Under)	(\$ 506.00)

OTHER COLLECTION

CPC Jar	\$ 6.00
Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Propagate the Faith (Retired Religious)	\$ 20.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday & Other)	\$ 1,367.00

SILENT FESTIVAL TOTAL \$ 10,054.50

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	October 27, 2024
Greeters/Gifts	Mike Maginn family
Reader	Pat Eisel
Servers	Will Maginn
Ushers	Ron & Pat Eisel
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Phil Baker Terry Kovar Jerry Van Zile

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

MERCY – an act of forbearance, compassion, or favor, esp. of God toward his creatures.

GRACE – the free, unmerited favor and love of God.

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. **Hebrews 4: 16**

Dear Padre,

I read about bishops with different titles: coadjutor, auxiliary, ordinary. What is the difference between all of these bishops?

All bishops in the Church are ordained in the same way. Bishops are the only people who can ordain other people in the Church. Bishops also have authority regarding Church matters. A bishop who is the *ordinary* of a diocese is the head of that diocese. He has the authority to guide and direct matters in the diocese. Like all other bishops, he has the responsibility to teach and preach in the name of the Church.

A bishop who is an *auxiliary* is assigned to help the ordinary of the diocese. His responsibilities are given to him by the ordinary. In most circumstances, the auxiliary will help in the administration of the diocese and celebrate the sacraments within the diocese.

A *coadjutor* bishop is assigned to aid the ordinary of the diocese. He usually has the right to succeed the ordinary once he retires or dies in office. In some circumstances, coadjutor bishops may be given authority that is normally reserved to the ordinary.

The differences between these bishops are the tasks they perform and the authority they have within a diocese. However, as bishops, they all receive the same ordination. ●



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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
October 21	October 22	October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Thirtieth Sunday
Eph 2:1-10	Eph 2:12-22	Eph 3:2-12	Eph 3:14-21	Eph 4:1-6	Eph 4:7-16	in Ordinary Time
Lk 12:13-21	Lk 12:35-38	Lk 12:39-48	Lk 12:49-53	Lk 12:54-59	Lk 13:1-9	Jer 31:7-9
						Heb 5:1-6
						Mk 10:46-52

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus asks us to immerse ourselves. And how should we immerse ourselves? Compassionately in the lives of those we meet.... Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew the grace of baptism in us, that immersion in Jesus, in his way of being, to be more like servants, to be servants like he has been with us.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 17, 2021



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