



## The Path to Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

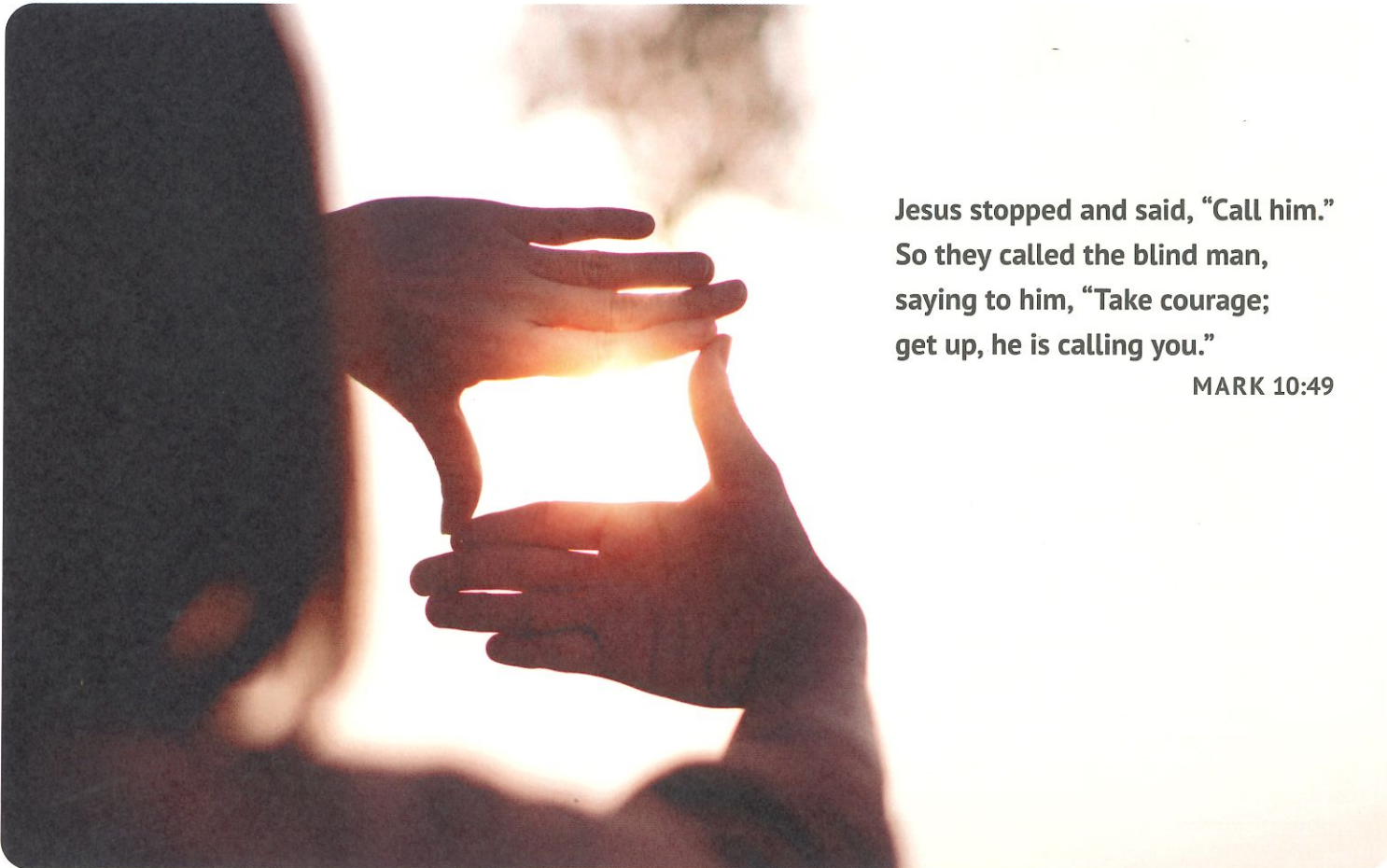
**T**he story of blind Bartimaeus is an illustration of how we come to be people of faith. Like Bartimaeus, we may find ourselves helpless and on the side of life's road as we watch the world go by. And like him, we too then turn to God for help. Just as Jesus called Bartimaeus, we may sense that God is calling us to trust and surrender to his vision of life for us. Throwing aside the cloak that he would use to gather alms by the roadside, Bartimaeus comes to Jesus. That simple action displays his willingness to leave his old way of life behind in order to follow Jesus.

This is how we come to faith—we are given a glimpse of life from God's perspective and must trust

enough to cooperate with whatever God may bring our way. Such pivotal moments in life may come with the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, or the loss of a job, when we need to trust that there is more to life in what lies ahead. Or it may come in those times when we need to learn how to cope with a lifelong illness, a failed dream, or growing old. It's all about how we come to faith—by trusting that God will bring us to new life, even though we may be blind to the ways he will bring it about. ●

### Reflect

*Have you ever experienced a hard ending that turned into a good beginning?*



**Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."  
So they called the blind man,  
saying to him, "Take courage;  
get up, he is calling you."**

**MARK 10:49**

# Catholic Communities

Parish Pastor

Rev. William Pifher

419-446-9288



## Our Lady of Mercy

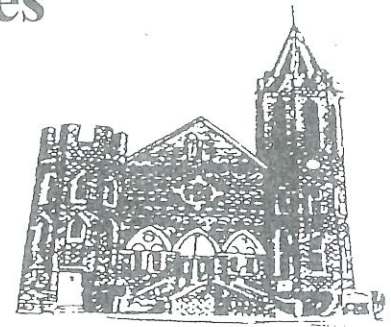
409 E. Main St.  
Fayette, OH 43521

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

<b>PASTORAL COUNCIL</b>	<b>FINANCE COUNCIL</b>
Ron Eisel	Barb Bruggeman
Pat Eisel	Terry Kovar
Ray Hollstein	Joanna Marry
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.



## St. Peter

614 N. Defiance St.  
Archbold, OH 43502

### MASS SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.

### Parish Secretary

Kim Garrow 419-446-2150  
email-stpeter@rtccexpress.net

### Religious Ed

Deb Herring  
Parish Council President  
Stephen Bernath

## OLM PARISH OFFICE

P.O. Box 429  
Fayette, OH 43521

**Phone:** 419-237-2441

**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday

## PARISH STAFF

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**Website (bulletin online)**

[stpeterarchbold.com/our-lady-of-mercy](http://stpeterarchbold.com/our-lady-of-mercy)

## 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](mailto:OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com) or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin.



# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

## 30<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

### BFF (Breakfast, Friends & Fellowship)

BFF after Mass on November 3, 2024. Come and enjoy fellowship and food!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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.

### ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS MASS SCHEDULE

All Saints – 9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Mercy – 7:00 p.m. St. Peter

All Souls – St. Peter - 9:30 a.m. Cemetery 10:00 a.m. 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.

### 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 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.

### 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](http://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

"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls." - St. Rose of Lima

### DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 1

788 As I was conversing with the hidden God, He gave me to see and understand that I should not be reflecting so much and building up fear of the difficulties which I might encounter. **Know that I am with you; I bring about the difficulties, and I overcome them; in one instant, I can change a hostile disposition to one which is favorable to his cause.** The Lord explained many things to me in today's dialogue, although I am not putting everything in writing.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# TIME

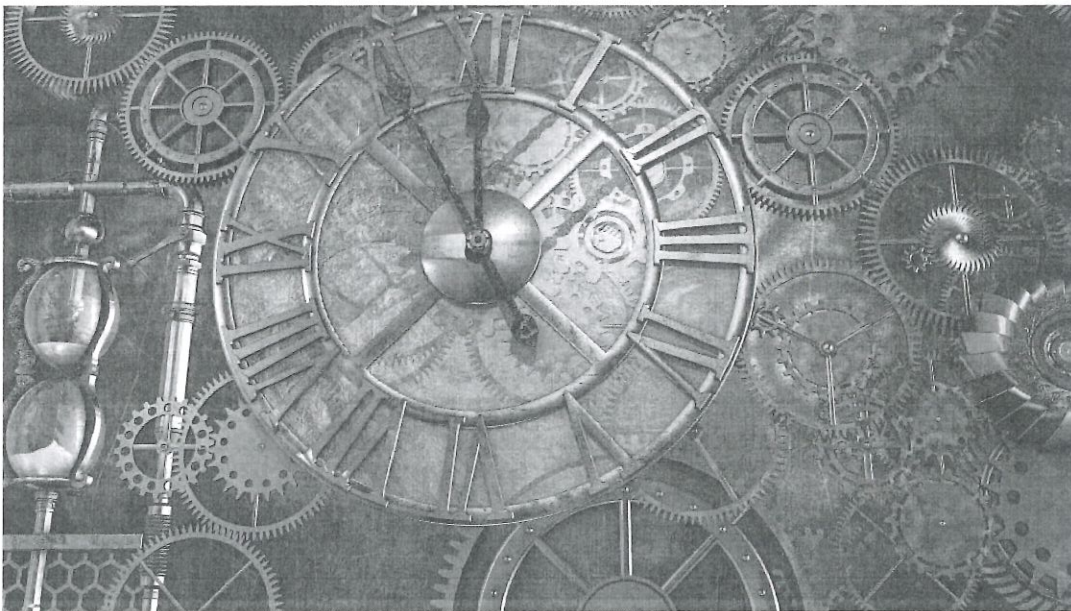
Have you ever wondered where the time has gone? Where have the days gone? Or what have you accomplished in the time that is gone?

God gives us **ALL** - 24 hours, or 1,440 minutes, or 86,400 seconds to accomplish what He has planned for our lives each day. The awesome thing is He gives this to us over and over and over again, until our time has come to an end. **Proverbs 16:9 In his mind a man plans his course, but the Lord directs his steps.**

It is **OUR** choice to do with the time God has given to each of us every day. So, the next time we ask ourselves where the time went reflect on how you spent those 86,400 seconds of the day. **Proverbs 27:1 Boast not of tomorrow, for you know not what any day may bring forth.**

In one year, we use 365 days, 8,760 hours, 93,600 minutes and 31,536,000 seconds. Now times the above numbers by your current age. That's A LOT of time.

**Psalm 90:12 Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart**



\*\*\* Daylight savings time ends next weekend, and why they call it "savings time" is a mystery as it has never added any more to time to the day.



# Saints of the Day

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

Week of Oct. 27 – Nov. 2

**Sunday, Oct. 27 - Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza** - Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza (1201-1270), also known as Bartholomew of Braganca or Breganza, was born to a noble family in Vicenza, Italy. While studying in Padua he entered the newly established Dominican Order as one of their first friars, receiving the habit from St. Dominic himself. Bartholomew quickly advanced to positions of prominence within the Order, becoming prior and then overseeing several convents. He was sent to preach against the heretics in Lombardy, and was so successful that in 1235 the Holy Father made him Master of the Sacred Palace (an office known as "The Pope's Theologian") a position which was first held by St. Dominic. In this role he also founded a military order of knights for the purpose of maintaining civil order and peace throughout Italy called the Order of the Knights of the Mother of God (or the Knights of St. Mary). He was later made bishop of Cyprus, and also served as papal legate and confessor to St. Louis King of France, who was then leading a crusade in the Holy Land. From this friendship Bartholomew received the gift of a relic of the True Cross and a thorn from the Crown of Thorns. When Bartholomew returned to his native Vicenza as the city's bishop he built a church to house the precious relics called the Church of the Holy Crown. Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza was an effective mediator between the factions and feuds of his day, even converting the leader of a heretical party back to the Catholic faith. His feast day is October 27th.

**Monday, Oct. 28 – St. Simon & St. Jude Thaddeus** - St. Jude Thaddeus (1st c.) was a blood relative of Jesus Christ and one of his Twelve Apostles. He was known for his preaching, healing, exorcisms, and his appearance was said to have closely matched that of Jesus'. He is the patron of impossible causes, desperate situations, and hospitals. He also wrote the book of the Bible that bears his name. St. Simon the Zealot (1st c.) was also one of Jesus' Twelve Apostles, but one of the most obscure. He earned his name for being zealous for the honor of Jesus, showing a holy indignation towards those who claimed Christ with their lips while dishonoring him with their manner of life. After the Ascension of Jesus, towards the end of his life, it is believed that St. Simon joined St. Jude to preach the Gospel in Persia, where they were both martyred in 65 A.D. St. Simon the Zealot and St. Jude Thaddeus share a feast day on October 28th.

**Tuesday, Oct. 29–St. Narcissus** - St. Narcissus (c. 99 – c. 216 A.D.) was a holy and esteemed priest of Greek origin who became the 30th bishop of Jerusalem in the year 180 A.D., about a century after the city's destruction by the Romans. He was known as a miracle-worker, as well as for governing his diocese with vigor and discipline despite being in his 80th year when he was made bishop. Of his many miracles, the one for which he is most famous was turning water into oil on Holy Saturday, as recorded by the historian Eusebius: when the deacons had no oil to burn in the altar lamps for the Easter liturgy, St. Narcissus had them use water instead. After he prayed over the water and it was put into the lamps, it was miraculously converted into oil. In 195 A.D. St. Narcissus was part of a council of bishops who settled the date for the observance of Easter, deciding on Sunday and not the ancient Jewish Passover. Despite his reputation as a holy bishop, St. Narcissus drew opposition. Three enemies accused him of a serious crime and prayed that he might be cursed by God in punishment. This took a toll on the saint, and, forgiving his persecutors, he retired from public life and lived as a hermit for many years. His enemies meanwhile were struck by the calamities that they wished upon him. When St. Narcissus eventually returned to Jerusalem he was exuberantly welcomed by the faithful. He served the people of Jerusalem in many ways until his death at over 116 years old. His feast day is October 29th.

**Wednesday, Oct. 30 – St. Alphonsus Rodriguez** - St. Alphonsus Rodriguez (1532–1617) was born in Segovia, Spain, the son of a wool merchant. He was prepared for his First Holy Communion by St. Peter Faber, one of the first Jesuits. When his father died, Alphonsus had to leave school at the age of 14 to take over the family business, which eventually failed. He married and had three children, and was left a widower at the age of 31 when his wife died in childbirth. In subsequent years he also lost his mother and all three of his children. Alphonsus developed a life of prayer, intense piety, and rigorous penances, with a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother under her title of the Immaculate Conception. His desire for the religious life increased and he attempted to join the Jesuits as a late vocation, but his lack of education made him a poor candidate. To amend his deficiency he went back to school, while begging alms to support himself and enduring ridicule from his much younger classmates. After a long delay he was finally admitted to the Jesuits when he was nearly 40 years old, but only as a lay brother. He was given the humble job of a porter (doorkeeper), a job which he served with dedication for 46 years. Many people within the religious community, as well as many visitors, recognized his holiness and sought his advice and spiritual council. St. Peter Claver was one of his disciples, and St. Alphonsus is credited for directing him in his mission to African slaves. St. Alphonsus was known for his rigorous obedience and discipline, and for suffering from scrupulosity, temptations, and attacks from the devil. He took his final vows with the Jesuits at the age of 54. He continued to serve and even preach sermons into his 80's. He



**(St. Alphonsus Rodriguez – cont.)**

is credited with popularizing the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, copies of which he stockpiled and distributed. His feast day is October 30th.

**Thursday, Oct. 31 – St. Wolfgang** – St. Wolfgang (934-994 A.D.), also known as the Great Almoner, was a Benedictine monk, reformer, and Bishop of Regensburg, Bavaria. He was born into the noble class and had an excellent education. As bishop he worked to reform the monasteries and convents in his diocese. He is remembered for his teaching abilities, his oratory skills, and his charity towards the poor. He was also integral in the missionary efforts to evangelize the Magyars in what is today modern Hungary. Towards the end of his life he withdrew to a solitary spot to build a church and hermitage at what is now called St. Wolfgang's Lake in Austria. Before settling he prayed and threw his axe into the wilderness, and built his cell on the spot where it landed. A town grew around the saint's hermitage which still exists today. According to legend, St. Wolfgang tricked the devil into helping him build the church, promising him the first soul that came through the church doors. The devil agreed, and after the construction was completed, a wolf was the first to cross its threshold, thus tricking the devil. St. Wolfgang's life was foundational to Bavarian and Austrian civilization. Many miracles occurred at his tomb, especially those related to stomach ailments. St. Wolfgang is the patron saint of carpenters, stroke victims, and the paralyzed. His feast day is October 31st.

**Friday, Nov. 1 – St. Deborah** - St. Deborah (11th c. B.C.) was a godly widow and saint of the Old Testament. She was a courageous prophetess and champion of the Israelites. All Israel came to her to judge their disputes, and God prophesied to Israel through her. She was Israel's only female judge. Her role as the military leader who defended the Israelites is commemorated in the Bible's "Song of Deborah." It was her military counter-attack against Sisera at Mount Tabor that successfully delivered Israel's enemies into their hands. As prophetess, she foretold that Israel would have peace for 40 years following this victory. St. Ambrose and St. Jerome observed that St. Deborah is a good role model for the encouragement of courageous, godly women. Her feast day is November 1st.

**Saturday, Nov. 2 – Blessed John Bodey** - Blessed John Bodey (1549-1583) was born in Wells, England, the son of a wealthy merchant and former mayor. He studied at Oxford and became an Oxford Fellow in 1568 at the age of 19. Later he, along with seven others, was deprived of his fellowship for being a Roman Catholic by the Anglican Bishop of Winchester. Bodey, a married layman and schoolmaster, was arrested in 1580 for continuing to practice the Catholic religion and rejecting England's newly-established heretical Church of England. He was kept in iron shackles for three years, which he called his "school of patience." In 1583 he was tried for treason, both for being a faithful Roman Catholic and for repudiating King Henry VIII's claim of supremacy of the Church in England over against the Holy Father. Bodey wrote that his iron chains were earning him glory in heaven, even kissing the chain halter around his neck. He was executed under Queen Elizabeth on November 2, 1583 by being hanged, drawn, and quartered at Andover. He died with the name of Jesus on his lips. His mother rejoiced that her son persevered to the end and won the crown of martyrdom; she gave a feast in honor of him being numbered among the saints in heaven. John Bodey was beatified in 1929 and is one of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales. His feast day is November 2nd.



# Our Lady of Mercy Parish



OCTOBER 27, 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. 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
Tues. Oct. 29	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Oct. 30	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. Oct. 31	9:00a.m.	OLM	Giovanni Stella
Fri. Nov. 1	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
	7:00p.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Nov. 2	9:30a.m.	SP	At Cemetery
	10:00 am	SP	For the People (Mass)
	4:30 pm	SP	All Deceased Parishioners
Sun. Nov. 3	8:30a.m.	OLM	Ronald & Joann Keil Ron & Melody Lichtenwald family
	10:30a.m.	SP	Gina Dammon

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Religious Ed. Dates
- Oct. 27, Nov. 10 & 24 – Religious Ed. After Mass
- Nov. 3 & 17 – Religious Ed. at Home
- Wednesdays in October 7 p.m. – Rosary prayed
- Nov. 1 All Saints Day – 9 a.m. Mass at OLOM and 7 p.m. at St. Peter
- Nov. 3 BFF breakfast after Mass
- Nov. 14 – Council Meetings

## SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for October 20, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (15 envelopes)	\$ 1,251.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 177.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,428.00</b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 177.00)

### OTHER COLLECTION

Perpetuate the Gift	\$ 40.00
Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Postage Help	\$ 10.00
All Saints	\$ 5.00
All Souls	\$ 5.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday &amp; Other)</b>	<b>\$ 1,528.00</b>

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	November 3, 2024
Greeters/Gifts	Mary Bird Shelly Gruman
Reader	Shelly Gruman
Servers	Will Maginn
Ushers	Phil & Tami Baker
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Phil Baker Terry Kovar Dennis Miller

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

**PITY** – sympathetic or kindly sorrow excited by the suffering or misfortune of another, often leading one to give relief or aid or to show mercy

Jesus said to him in reply, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied to him, “Master, I want to see.” Jesus told him, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. **Mark 10:50-52**



# Dear Padre,

*I am an eighty-year-old with painful knee replacements. Am I allowed to remain seated during Mass? Also, at what age am I free to watch a televised Mass at home instead of going to Mass?*

Your health condition permits you to remain seated while others in the congregation kneel or stand. Of primary importance is your valued presence, and your full, active participation with fellow members of your Catholic faith community. At Mass, “the faithful form a holy people...so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him...” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 95).

However, if someone is incapable of attending Mass, then the obligation is abrogated, regardless of age. The Church allows a televised Mass primarily for people who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, and prisons. “The televised Mass is never a substitute for the Church’s pastoral care for the sick in the form of visits by parish ministers who share the Scriptures and bring Communion, nor is it ever a substitute for the Sunday Mass celebrated within a parish faith community each week” (*Guidelines for Televising the Liturgy*, USCCB, 2014). If you are unable to be present at Mass, you have an opportunity to identify with a worshipping community, hear the word of God, be moved to expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and unite with Christ in spiritual communion. ●



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**Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31	November 1	November 2	November 3
<i>Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>	<i>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Eph 2:19–22 Lk 6:12–16	Eph 5:21–33 Lk 13:18–21	Eph 6:1–9 Lk 13:22–30	Eph 6:10–20 Lk 13:31–35	Rv 7:2–4, 9–14 1 Jn 3:1–3 Mt 5:1–12a	Wis 3:1–9 Rom 6:3–9 Jn 6:37–40	Dt 6:2–6 Heb 7:23–28 Mk 12:28b–34

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus hears [Bartimaeus’] plea. When he goes to him... he takes time to listen. This is the first step in helping the journey of faith: listening. It is the apostolate of the ear.... For Jesus, the cry of those pleading for help is not a nuisance but a challenge. How important it is for us to listen to life!*

**HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 28, 2018**



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