A large background image of a sunset over a mountain range. The sky is filled with orange, red, and blue clouds. A red cross is superimposed on the right side of the image, with the sun appearing to shine through it.

[Jesus answered Pilate,]  
“For this I was born and for  
this I came into the world,  
to testify to the truth.  
Everyone who belongs to  
the truth listens to my voice.”

JOHN 18:37

## His Life as Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e are bombarded by many statements professing to be true. Advertisers seek our endorsement, political parties seek our allegiance, and friends seek our agreement. Each purports to offer truth. In the Gospel this week, Pilate asks Jesus whether he is a king. Jesus replies, “You say I am a king. For this...I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice” (John 18:37). What is Jesus’ truth?

We tend to go through life taking stands on various issues: how to raise children, what kind of exercise is best, which political approach to endorse, and countless others. Once we decide, we often make that stance one of life’s truths and proclaim all others

false. Jesus, on the other hand, offers his life as truth, much bigger than our petty truths. His truth stretches us beyond what we already are, more than life issues that change daily. His life’s truth declares that meaning is found only by living for others, that loving someone can heal their pain, that wisdom is found in the struggle, that less is more. Jesus’ ultimate truth is doing his Father’s will. The fact that it is difficult or that we tend not to live it very well makes it no less the truth. ●

### Reflect

***How does your life witness to the truth  
Jesus’ life reveals?***



# 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  
Joanna Marry

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

P.O. Box 429  
Fayette, OH 43521

**Phone:** 419-237-2441

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

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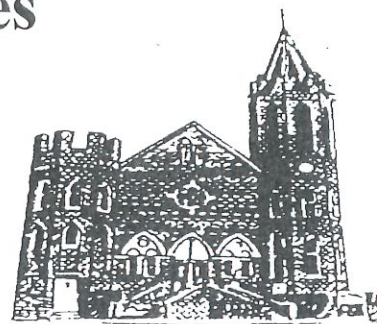
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## St. Peter

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

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Deb Herring

**Parish Council President**

Stephen Bernath

### 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, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

### BFF (Breakfast, Friends & Fellowship)

Our next BFF will be on December 1, 2024 after Mass with donuts and beverages. Come and enjoy fellowship and food!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Nov. 24 class after Mass

Dec. 8 & 15 – class after Mass (Sacrament of Reconciliation on Dec. 8)

Dec. 1, 22 & 29 class at Home – Dec. 8 & 15 class after Mass

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIEST – DECEMBER 2, 2024

Kindly remember in prayer all our Priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on Monday, December 2 for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through our prayers, and the intercession of Our Lady, may the Lord grant them spiritual grace, renewed fidelity, and joy in ministry.

### OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open Monday, November 25, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday, November 26, 9 a.m. – noon and Wednesday November 27, 9 a.m. – noon Please have any announcements for the bulletin in by Monday, November 25, by 11 a.m.

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING – MASS AT ST. PETER'S 8:30 a.m. ROSARY 9:00 a.m. MASS

Happy Thanksgiving to all and your families. May God's Blessings be with you and wonderful memories are made this Thanksgiving.



### THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

“Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?” - St. Gerard Majella

### DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

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+ O inexhaustible spring of Divine Mercy, pour yourself out upon us! Your goodness knows no limits. Confirm, O Lord, the power of Your mercy over the abyss of my misery, for You have no limit to Your mercies. Wonderful and matchless is Your mercy, astonishing the human and angelic mind.

### 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

---Nov. 26 – Community Meal 5 pm – 6pm – Fayette Methodist Life Center (Tuesday evening)

---Nov. 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Methodist Church 6 p.m.

---Opera House – A Trans-Siberian Tribute – Dec. 6, 2024 – 7 p.m. – Tickets \$20 each

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.



## Christmas 2024

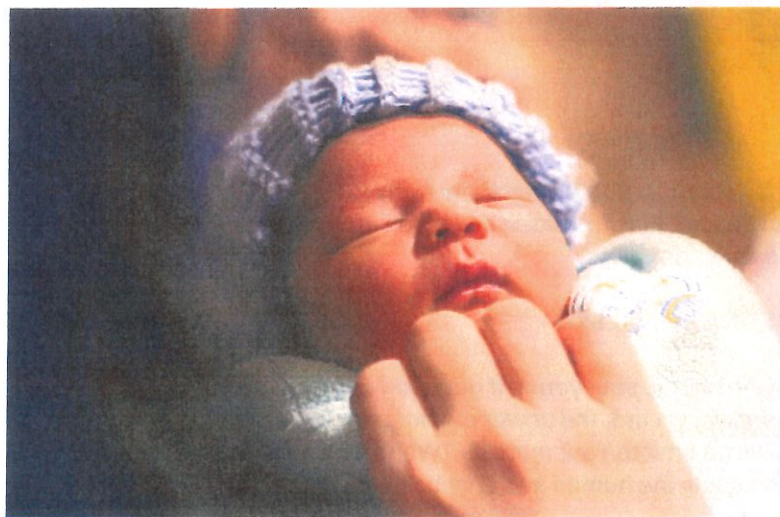


The Wauseon office of the CPC Women's Health Resource is in need of baby wipes (any brand) and baby ointment, such as Desitin. As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ this Christmas season, we are

inviting Our Lady of Mercy parishioners to help our CCD students in donating these items. A box will be placed in the back of the church for this collection. We will be collecting these items from now through Christmas.

The four CPC locations in Bryan, Napoleon, Defiance, and Wauseon, rely on donations in their ministry of working with individuals, helping them in making life affirming decisions regarding their pregnancies. This is done through counseling, education, medical support, etc.

The mothers and babies thank you!!!





# Saints of the Day

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

Week of Nov. 24 – Nov. 30

**Sunday, Nov. 24 – St. Columbanus** - St. Columbanus (543 – 615 A.D.) was born in West Leinster, Ireland. He was a noble, well-educated, and handsome man who was pursued by many women. He sought the advice of a pious religious woman who advised him to flee from his temptations for the sake of his soul, which he did, leaving the world to become a monk against the wishes of his family. He embraced the monastic life and excelled in virtue before being called by God to be a preacher in foreign lands. At the age of 40 he left his monastery with a band of twelve fellow monks on an apostolic mission to spread the Gospel throughout Europe. The holiness and zeal of Columbanus and his companions combatted the laxity of the clergy and the negative influence of the barbarian invaders. Columbanus preferred the solitude of nature and would often live withdrawn from others in a nearby cave, which attracted followers to imitate his lifestyle. He founded and served as abbot of several monasteries known for their strictness, writing a monastic rule governing their life which emphasized obedience, silence, poverty, humility, and chastity. The Rule of St. Columbanus was approved by the Council of Mâcon in 627 A.D., but was later superseded by the Rule of St. Benedict. His feast day is celebrated on November 24th.

**Monday, Nov. 25 – St. Catherine of Alexandria** - St. Catherine of Alexandria (4th c.) was born to a noble pagan family in Alexandria, Egypt, and her father was governor of the city. She was an intelligent child who devoted herself to study, and converted to the Christian faith after the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to her in a vision. Many of her fellow Christians were put to death under the reign of Roman Emperor Maxentius. Catherine, at the age of 18, rebuked the emperor to his face for this injustice, giving a skillful defense of the Christian faith. In response, Maxentius brought fifty of his best philosophers to debate with her and refute her claims. St. Catherine not only won the argument by confounding her opponents, but she caused many of them to convert to the Christian faith. The emperor offered Catherine a royal marriage if she would renounce her faith, but she refused. She was imprisoned, and while in captivity, through her newfound fame, converted the emperor's wife and two hundred of his soldiers. When this was discovered, Maxentius had them all put to death. Catherine was to be tortured and killed by being torn apart on a spiked wheel, but the wheel fell to pieces when it touched her. She was finally martyred by beheading. St. Catherine is the patroness of philosophers, preachers, lawyers, apologists, scholars, and librarians, to name a few. Her feast day is celebrated on November 25th.

**Tuesday, Nov. 26 – St. John Berchmans** - St. John Berchmans (1599-1621) was born in Flanders, Belgium, the eldest of five children of a shoemaker. He was a virtuous and well-liked child who would often rise early to serve at two or three Masses a day before he reached the age of seven. On Friday evenings he had a custom of making the Stations of the Cross outdoors while barefoot. When he was nine years old his mother suffered from a long and terrible illness, and John faithfully attended her bedside until she died. As a pious young person devoted to the things of God, he enrolled in a Jesuit college where he was known for being an energetic and outgoing student with great academic potential and leadership qualities. He also joined the Society of the Blessed Virgin and prayed her Office daily. He discerned a vocation to the religious life and began priestly formation as a Jesuit. His way of holiness was to perform his ordinary duties with extraordinary fidelity and perfection even in the smallest details, believing that, "If I do not become a saint when I am young, I shall never become one." He died tragically of a fever at the age of twenty-two while studying for the seminary in Rome. Many miracles were attributed to him after his death. St. John Berchmans is the patron saint of altar servers and young people. His feast day is November 26th.

**Wednesday, Nov. 27 – Our Lady Miraculous Medal** - On November 27, 1830, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in Paris, France and gave her a vision of an image, with instructions to strike the image, front and back, onto a medal. With this medal Our Lady promised that, "All those who wear it will receive great graces; these graces will be abundant for those who wear it with faith." The medal bears an image of Our Lady standing on the world, the serpent crushed under her feet, with arms extended and graces pouring forth from her hands. On the reverse is a cross surmounted by the letter 'M', and beneath it the side-by-side symbols of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, all encircled by twelve stars. The medal symbolizes Mary's perfect spiritual union with Jesus' redemptive mission, and, consequently, her intercessory role in salvation history as the mediatrix of God's graces to mankind through her Son. The medal spread widely and became a source of many graces and miracles for its wearers, earning the name "Miraculous Medal." It is traditionally worn around the neck and has become a treasured sacramental of the Catholic Church. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal's feast day is November 27th.



**Thursday, Nov. 28 – St. Catherine Laboure** – St. Catherine Labouré (1806 – 1876) was born in Burgundy, France, the ninth of seventeen children of a pious and prosperous farming family. Her mother died when she was nine years old. After her mother's funeral, Catherine kissed a statue of the Virgin Mary in her home, saying, "Now you will be my mother." Catherine was devout and simple, and did not learn to read or write. She cared for her family for many years and, drawn to the religious life, entered the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris at the age of twenty-two. In the year 1830, on the eve of the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, Catherine experienced her first apparition of the Blessed Mother. Mary entrusted to Catherine the mission of spreading devotion to her Miraculous Medal, the design of which she revealed to the saint in a vision. The Blessed Virgin appeared to Catherine two more times, and eventually the Miraculous Medal was mass-produced, widely promoted, and approved by the Church as a sacramental for public devotion. Catherine preferred anonymity and remained unknown as the visionary to whom Our Lady appeared, even to the sisters of her own convent. She continued to live a quiet life in service to the sick. After her death many miracles were ascribed to her relics. St. Catherine Labouré is one of the Church's incorruptible saints: her body is reposed in a glass casket in the chapel where she received the vision of Our Lady. Her feast day is November 28th.

**Friday, Nov. 29 – Blessed Denis of the Nativity** - Blessed Denis of the Nativity (1600-1638) was born as Pierre Berthelotin in France and became a sailor at the age of twelve. He had a successful career as pilot-in-chief and cartographer in service to the Kings of France and Portugal, even being knighted for bravery. He later chose the religious life and became a Carmelite friar, taking the name Dionysius (Denis) of the Nativity. He was sent by his superiors on a diplomatic and missionary mission to the Sultan of Aceh (Sumatra). Once there, all the members of his party were seized at the instigation of the Dutch authorities. They were tortured by their Islamic captors and were told to renounce their Catholic faith and become Muslims. They refused and were martyred. St Denis was martyred last, as he desired, in order to be able to strengthen the others. He was killed by a scimitar blow that split his head in two. His last words were: "Jesus, Mary."

**Saturday, Nov. 30 – St. Andrew** - St. Andrew (1st c.) was the first of the twelve Apostles to follow Jesus, after being a disciple of St. John the Baptist, the Precursor of Christ. St. Andrew was a fisherman by trade and the younger brother of St. Peter. Andrew recognized Jesus as the prophesied Messiah and left his fishing trade behind to follow Jesus, convincing his brother Simon Peter to do the same. After Jesus' ascension into heaven, Andrew preached the Gospel throughout the world as commanded by Christ. He ministered and preached in Asia Minor before finally being martyred by crucifixion in the city of Patras in Achaea, Greece. He was tied to an X-shaped cross by request, not deeming himself worthy to die on the same kind of cross as his Savior. Andrew suffered for two days before dying, while continuing to preach Christ from his cross. St. Andrew's feast day is November 30th.



# Our Lady of Mercy Parish



NOVEMBER 24, 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. 24	8:30a.m.	OLM	Chuck Wurth
	10:30a.m.	SP	Frank O & Mary Smith Gina Dammon
Tues. Nov. 26	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Nov. 27	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. Nov. 28	8:30 a.m.	SP	Rosary
	9:00 a.m.		For the People
Fri. Nov. 29		SP	NO MASS
			NO MASS
Sat. Nov. 30	4:30 pm	SP	For the People
Sun. Dec. 1	8:30a.m.	OLM	Ron & Melody Lichtenwald family
	10:30a.m.	SP	For the People

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Religious Ed. Dates
- Nov. 24 – Religious Ed. After Mass
- Dec. 1 & Dec. 22 – at Home
- Dec. 8 & 15 – Rel. Ed. After Mass
- Dec. 8 – Penance Service after Mass starting at 9:30 a.m. (Religious Ed. Students first)
- Dec. 9 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Masses
  - 9 a.m – Our Lady of Mercy
  - 7 p.m. – St. Peter

## SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for November 17, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (14 envelopes)	\$ 566.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 276.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,747.00</b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 905.00)

### OTHER COLLECTION

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 50.00
Maintenance	\$ 350.00
Fayette Local Ministries	\$ 50.00
Misc.	\$ 100.00
Hall Rental	\$ 125.00
CPC Jar	\$ 3.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday &amp; Other)</b>	<b>\$ 1,520.00</b>

### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	December 1, 2024
<b>Greeters/Gifts</b>	Mary Bird Shelly Gruman
<b>Reader</b>	Shelly Gruman
<b>Servers</b>	Will Maginn
<b>Ushers</b>	Pat & Ron Eisel
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Until further notice
<b>Money Counters</b>	Phil Baker Barb Bruggeman Barbara Roby

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

GLORY – adoring praise or thanksgiving

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has mad us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. **Revelation 1:5-6**



# Dear Padre,

*When receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, I feel the need to respond, "Thank you, Jesus. Amen." Is this OK or should I just stick to "Amen"?*

"Amen" is an appropriate response, in and of itself. An emphatic, heartfelt "Amen" is an affirmation of faith meant to capture our feelings of profound gratitude and awe in the presence of God. It's also a statement of belief, roughly translated as "truly," "most assuredly," or "so be it" to what has been said.

For example, when we conclude the Creed with "Amen," it repeats and confirms the first words "I believe." "To believe is to say 'Amen' to God's words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the 'Amen' of infinite love and perfect faithfulness" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1064). "Jesus Christ is...the definitive 'Amen' of the Father's love for us. He takes up and completes our 'Amen' to the Father.... That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God" (CCC 1065).

Sharing in the one bread and the one cup is a time of unity with God and with God's people. Each individual communicant's "Amen" is also meant to be an expression of our unity together in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Responding with something other than "Amen" may serve to disrupt that unity and draw attention to yourself. So, yes, stick with a sincere, mindful "Amen!" ●

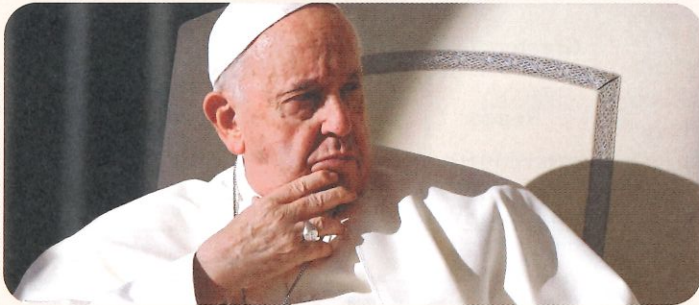
*Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org*



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



RICCARDO DE LUCA / UPDATE

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The best proof that Christ is our king is detachment from what pollutes life, makes it ambiguous, opaque, sad.... When we live under the lordship of Jesus, we do not become corrupt, we do not become false, inclined to cover up the truth. We do not live double lives. Remember this well: all of us are sinners, yes; corrupt, never.*

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

#### Monday

November 25

Weekday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5

Lk 21:1-4

#### Tuesday

November 26

Weekday

Rv 14:14-19

Lk 21:5-11

#### Wednesday

November 27

Weekday

Rv 15:1-4

Lk 21:12-19

#### Thursday

November 28

Weekday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;

19:1-3, 9a

Lk 21:20-28

*Thanksgiving Day (US)*

Sir 50:22-24

1 Cor 1:3-9

Lk 17:11-19

#### Friday

November 29

Weekday

Rv 20:1-4, 11-

21:2

Lk 21:29-33

#### Saturday

November 30

*St. Andrew, Apostle*

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

#### Sunday

December 1

*First Sunday of Advent*

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36