



On Becoming Human

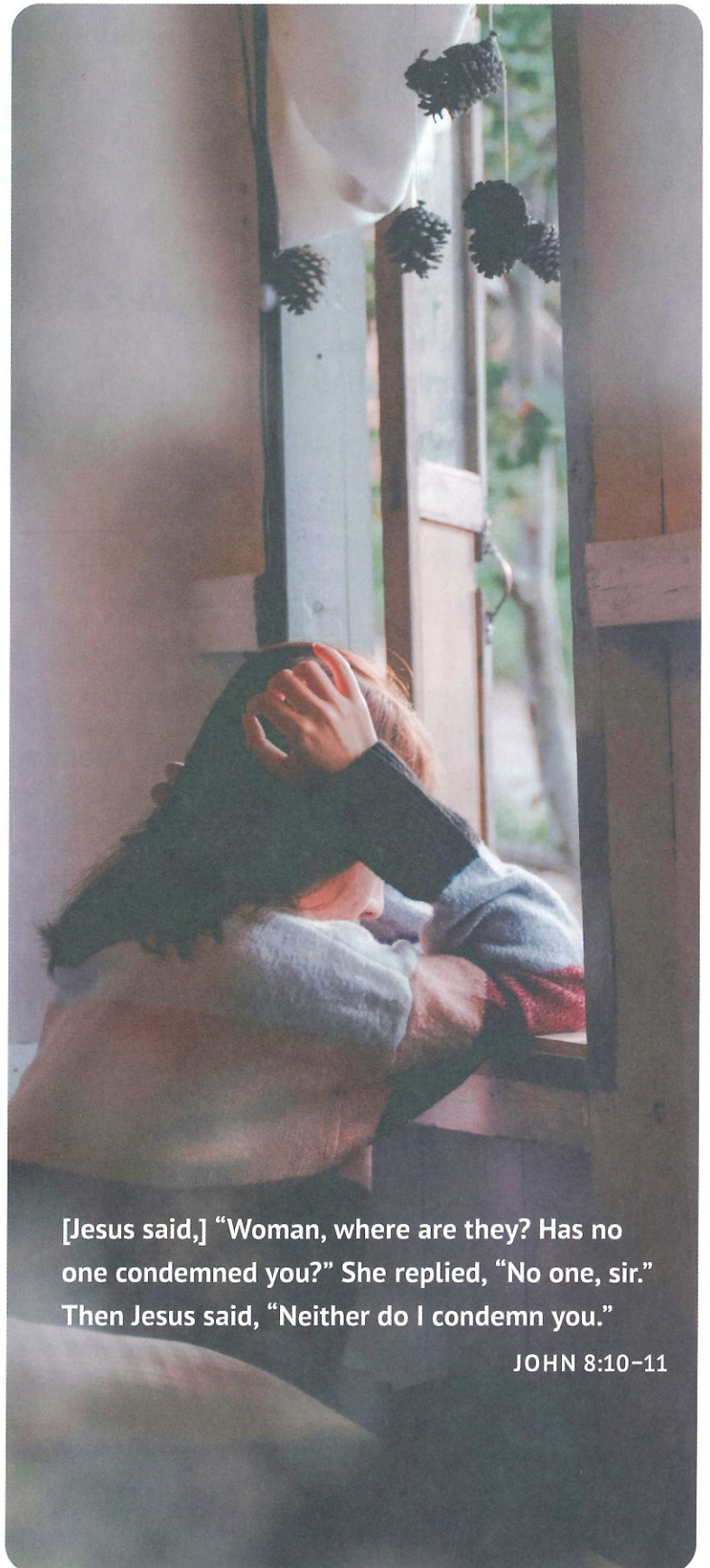
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes human beings seem to be **evolving** into more than what we have been. Gradually, we become capable of experiencing more than what we pick up through our five senses. We listen to our intuition; we pay attention to our sixth sense; we discover a spiritual side to our personalities. More and more, we notice people in need. We find ourselves becoming better listeners as people unburden themselves to us. We may be more aware of some stirring deep within ourselves. All such moments may be seen by people of faith as God bringing us to a new place in life.

Just as Isaiah speaks of God doing something new among the Israelites in distant exile, God continues to guide us to becoming more completely human. By his life, passion, and death, Jesus shows us most clearly what sort of person our God is drawing us to be: compassionate and just, generous and merciful, loving in a wasteland of indifference. So, when we hear the story of Jesus not condemning the woman caught in adultery, we may find ourselves becoming conscious of our own need to stop judging, stop condemning. Most of us have not yet evolved to the point of doing what Jesus would do. Instead, we condemn others while overlooking our own culpability. We are still in the process of learning to follow Jesus, to act as he would act, to love as he would love. It is God at work in us. ●

Reflect

***Am I a condemning or a forgiving person?
Do I accept forgiveness when it is offered?***



[Jesus said,] “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.”

JOHN 8:10–11

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

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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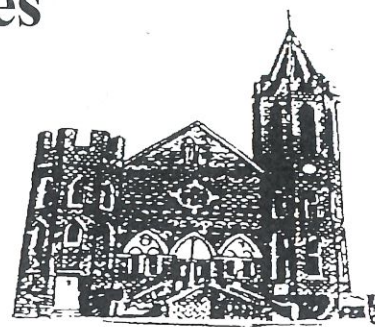
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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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 or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

5th Sunday of Lent

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

BFF'S

There will be a BFF today after Mass today. Come and enjoy Breakfast, Fellowship & Friends.

ADULT LENTEN STUDY

Today after Mass will be the last Adult Lenten Study class.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

After Mass – Apr. 13, & Apr. 27
At Home – Apr. 6, & Apr. 20

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

The Holy Week & Liturgical Ministry schedule is on the back of this page.

APRIL FAYETTE COMMUNITY MEAL

Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting the April Fayette Community Meal on April 16, 2025, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. If you would like to help, please contact Sherry Renner 419-388-5695.

THE CHOSEN

Our Lady of Mercy will be viewing The Chosen – Season 1 (8 episodes) during the Easter season. We will begin Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 7 p.m. (episodes are approximately 1 hour) in the church basement. We will conclude Season 1 on June 11, 2025.

SILENT FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Our Lady of Mercy is setting up a Festival Planning Committee for the Silent festival, (this years date is Saturday, Septmber 20, 2025). Anyone interested being on the committee, please plan to attend a meeting on April 27, 2025 after Mass in the back of the church.

ACA UPDATE

Our Lady of Mercy Goal - \$4,190.00 paid to date \$1,510.00 (34.79%)

DAILY QUOTES FROM MOTHER ANGELICA PERPETUAL CALENDAR

“In Our Lord’s time there were an enormous amount of good people, but they did not accept Him, because He was not **comfortable!** He did not easily fit into their way of life. Jesus is giving you such an opportunity to be holy, holier than all the saints that have ever been, because the world is in such need of shining lives, beacons to see by .”

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 2

1052 O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant in love and the light of Your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord. Lord, give us holy priests; You yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil’s traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m.

FISH FRY-DAYS

Archbold Knights of Columbus Fish Fry-Days begin January 24 thru April 18

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

---April 6, 2025 – Fayette Opera House -12:30 p.m., Sunday Dinner & Gospel Concert
---April 16, 2025 – Community dinner 5 – 6 p.m.-Methodist Community Center
---April 26, 2025 – Fayette Opera House-7 p.m. Down Home at the Opera House

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.

OUR LADY OF MERCY HOLY WEEK & LITURGIAL SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025 - 7:00 p.m. – at St. Peter's

Good Friday, April 18, 2025 – 12:15 p.m. – St. Peter's
3:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Mercy

Good Friday Walk for Life - Noon – Our Lady of Mercy

Easter Vigil, April 19, 2025 – 8:30 p.m. – St. Peter's

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025 (St. Peter)

Lector – Angie Beauregard

Good Friday, April 18, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.

Lector's – Pat Eisel &

Server – Will Maginn

Usher's – Ron & Pat Eisel



Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



AI: A Catholic Perspective

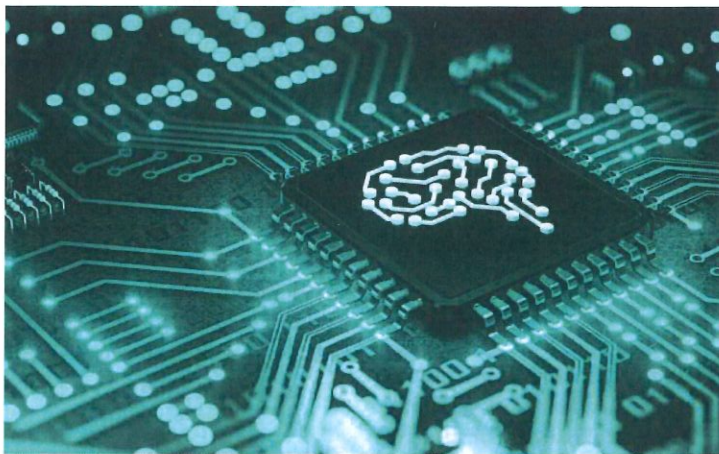
“Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and so make a name for ourselves...”

(Genesis 11:4) The fact that people used bricks and mortar to build the Tower of Babel was not the problem. The problem, rather, was the intention behind the construction of a tower. In a similar way, we have a new tool at our fingertips – artificial intelligence technologies – that we must

engage. Artificial intelligence is impacting us all – teachers and students in schools, parents in homes, working professionals in their careers, and more. It is vital for us to learn about this new technology and carefully discern our approach to implementing it, ensuring that our intentions remain focused on building the Kingdom of God.

What is artificial intelligence?

Artificial intelligence refers to the field of study related to machine replication of aspects of human behavior, including simulating problem-solving capacities or generating content. One of the most commonly available types of artificial intelligence technologies is generative artificial intelligence. Broadly speaking, generative artificial intelligence tools produce responses to human inputs based on predictive algorithms – sets of rules that machines use to interpret data and produce results – equipped with and trained on large datasets. These tools are often highly interactive and responsive. The capabilities of these technologies are truly breathtaking, and development – both in the technology itself and how we interface with it – continues at a rapid pace.



Pope Francis has called artificial intelligence “an exciting and fearsome tool.”¹ On the one hand, these tools can allow users more efficiently to complete tasks in minimal time, advance human understanding in vital areas like medical research, and enhance access to publicly available sources. On the other hand, there are significant concerns about this technology, including

what safeguards are necessary to protect sensitive data, what a hyper-focus on efficiency might do to the human person, and how excessive use of these tools might impact human development. As a result, our approach to this technology must be intentional and respectful of human dignity.

Our approach to this technology should be informed by our worldview as Catholics. In addition to the Holy Father’s comments, the Church has issued formal teaching in *Antiqua et nova*² and has been involved in dialogue, seeking to guide builders of these technologies through summits like the “Rome Call for AI Ethics”³ and inform policy and best practice development about artificial intelligence through forums like the recently-held meeting on “Risks and Opportunities of AI for Children.”⁴

Our approach must also be informed by history. For our entire history, we have interacted with our surroundings using various forms of “technologies,” ranging from simple tools like knives to much more complex tools like cell phones. Our Holy Father has even described us as living in a

¹ [AI: An Exciting and Fearsome Tool](#)

² [Antiqua et nova](#)

³ [Rome Call for AI Ethics](#)

⁴ [Risks and Opportunities of AI for Children](#)

“techno-human condition,” suggesting that we “have always maintained a relationship with the environment mediated by the tools [we] gradually produced.”⁵ Under this view, it is mostly incumbent on the user of the tool to use the tool to bring about good. As Pope Francis notes, though, there are features that make artificial intelligence technologies even more complex and potentially unique, so we must carefully consider a principled approach.

How should Catholics approach artificial intelligence?

Simply put, we should use artificial intelligence technologies only as tools to support human flourishing and should avoid using them to replace those activities and capacities that are distinctly human in nature.

This basic principle suggests that any conversation about artificial intelligence ultimately will return to this question: What does it mean to be human?

We are in an age in which anthropological questions abound, and this new technology again brings this question to the forefront. Our discernment as a Church must be rooted in Christ’s witness because ultimately, it is Christ in His humanity who teaches us what it means to be human. Allow me to highlight three God-given capacities that are foundationally human.

1. *Free Will*

One of the foundational characteristics of humankind is free will. If we find that we are relying on forms of artificial intelligence, which are nonhuman, to make moral or ethical decisions for us instead of forming our own consciences to then make the decision ourselves, we have significantly erred. It is quite possible that the use of external tools may be part of a decision-making process, but we must be clear not to cede our use of free will to an algorithm.

2. *Intellect*

God has blessed each human person with the gift of intellect. It can seem that our intellectual capacities are minimal compared to these machines, which can immediately produce results with high levels of accuracy. The purpose of our intellect, though, is not merely production. It is imperative to remember that artificial intelligence technologies have features that give them “sophisticated abilities to perform tasks, but not the ability to think.”⁶ God gave us an intellectual capacity that we might pursue a relationship with Him and build the Kingdom here on earth. While actions like reasoning, judging, and discerning may be aided by using artificial intelligence technologies, we must ensure that any use of technology supports these capacities and their ultimate purpose.

3. *Love*

The capacity for love of each other and of God lies at the core of our being. The supplementing of human-to-human

relationships with human-to-machine relationships is a dangerous step, often with disastrous outcomes. A “relationship” with an artificial intelligence “companion” (a personalized tool designed for either professional or personal use) is merely a mimicry of the reality and richness of human relationship. We must even be cautious about excessively relying on external technologies to mediate our relationships with God. Digital technologies may help us to discover prayers, find ancient texts, or set reminders to pray, but we ought to be wary of any attempts to replace something truly human in nature – the longing for God – with any technology.

Thus, we should begin by evaluating the impact of a technology on each of these three capacities, ensuring that it does not impede our ability 1) to use free will, 2) to develop and apply our intellect, or 3) to love. Beyond that, we must use any technology strictly as a tool to support human flourishing and consider the impact that our use may have on ourselves, each other, and our society more broadly.

Conclusion

Because of the anthropological issues at the core of our discernment, the Church must continue to be active in the broader, public conversation about the proper role of artificial intelligence in our lives. As Pope Francis has said, “[it] is now safe to assume that its use will increasingly influence the way we live, our social relationships and even the way we conceive of our identity as human beings.”⁷

This calls for us to be active in respectful dialogue and careful discernment. In the Diocese of Toledo, the Pastoral Center staff has begun to explore artificial intelligence, and particular departments are working with their colleagues throughout the diocese thoughtfully to engage the topic. For example, the Department of Catholic Education has worked with Catholic school leaders throughout this year to consider the impact of artificial intelligence on teachers, students, and families and to design policies and learning experiences accordingly. This dialogue and discernment must continue throughout the Diocese of Toledo.

As we navigate together the evolving digital landscape, we commit ourselves not to use this new technology to build a tower to advance our own names but to advance the Kingdom of God.



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
March 25, 2025

⁵ [AI: An Exciting and Fearsome Tool](#)

⁶ *Antiqua et nova*

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Fayette Community

Walk for Life 2025

28th Annual

Good Friday · April 18th

12:00 P.M.

BEGIN at Ben & Abby Kunkle's Home

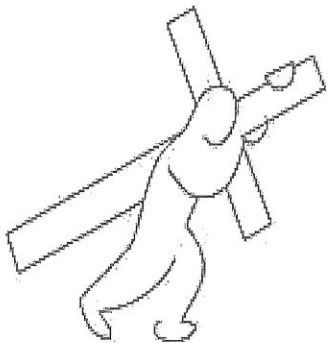
23954 Co. Rd. T, Fayette, OH (at Co. Rd. 24)

WALK or DRIVE with us! ~3.5 miles

East on Co. Rd. T - South on Co. Rd. 23 - West on Co. Rd. S -
South on N. Fayette St.

END at Our Lady of Mercy Church Parking Lot

409 E. Main St., Fayette (Approximately 2:15)



May we walk in
His footsteps
To meet Him
face to face

- We walk as a sign of our respect for life and to celebrate the life God has given each of us.
- Participants that drive will help keep our procession safe!
- Dress for the weather and join us in fellowship as we take our turns carrying a cross during this memorable experience.
- For more information, please contact Angie Beauregard (419)450-5276 angbeauregard@hotmail.com

Saints of the Day (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of April 6 – April 12

Sunday, Apr. 6 – St. Julian of Mont Cornillon - St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon, also known as Juliana of Liege (1193-1258) was born near Liege, Belgium. She was orphaned at the age of five and placed in the convent of Mt. Cornillon near Liege. She made rapid progress in virtue and grew in love for the Passion of Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of thirteen she became a nun and devoted herself to caring for the sick in the convent hospital. She eventually became the superioress of her community. Taught in repeated visions that Our Lord wanted a liturgical feast in honor of the Holy Eucharist to be established, she worked diligently to have the feast of Corpus Christi instituted for the Universal Church, a task for which she endured much opposition. She was forced to flee her convent after its general superior excited the populace against her and her visions. She was later vindicated by the bishop and returned to her rightful place, only to be forced to flee a final time, ending her life in seclusion. The feast of Corpus Christi was finally instituted six years after her death by Pope Urban IV, who also commissioned Saint Thomas Aquinas to prepare the magnificent texts for the feast's Office and Mass. Her feast day is April 6.

Monday, Apr. 7 - St. John Baptist de las Salle - St. John Baptist de la Salle (1651-1719) was born in Rheims, France, to a noble family. He was pious and smart, and his parents took great care over his moral and intellectual training. He entered seminary and was ordained at the age of twenty-seven. In St. John Baptist's era, only the noble and wealthy classes had access to a good education. His work among the poor led him to establish a home and school for rough and illiterate orphaned boys. The institution was successful and soon a second was established. St. John Baptist then dedicated his life to the cause of education, giving his wealth to the poor and resigning his respectable position as canon at Rheims. He recruited and trained men to teach in free schools he founded for the poor, which grew into a brotherhood of young men who were attracted to a life of service in teaching and catechesis. This became the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, or Christian Brothers. They took vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, but not Holy Orders. The Christian Brothers expanded, and in many parts of France parish priests sent young men to be trained by St. John Baptist to serve as schoolmasters in their villages. Although he was initially opposed in his innovative work, both inside and outside the Church, St. John Baptist's foundations and methods soon became the standard for education in France and spread internationally. St. John Baptist de la Salle is the patron of schoolteachers. His feast day is April 7th.

Tuesday, Apr. 8– St. Julia Billiard - St. Julie Billiard (1751-1816) was born in Cuvilly, France, to a large and prosperous farming family. By the age of seven she knew her catechism by heart, and would gather her playmates together and teach it to them. Her spiritual progress was so remarkable that her parish priest allowed her to make an early first communion at the age of nine, at which time she took a vow of chastity. As a teenager she already had the reputation of being a living saint. When financial ruin struck her family she worked in the fields alongside the reapers. At the age of twenty-two she became paralyzed and remained a bed-ridden invalid for the next twenty-two years. However this did not prevent her from having an active life. She received Holy Communion daily, made altar laces and linens, catechized the village children from her bedside, and spent many hours in contemplative prayer. When the French Revolution erupted she gave aid to priests in her home, and soon after was smuggled to safety while hidden in a hay cart. She took refuge in the home of a countess, and due to her sanctity soon had a company of young, noble ladies gathered around her bed to whom she taught the ways of the interior life. From this St. Julie founded and led the Institute of the Sisters of Notre Dame dedicated to the Christian education of girls and the training of catechists. After making her vows in 1804, she was cured of her paralysis. For the next twelve years she made over a hundred journeys as she founded fifteen convents of her order. St. Julie Billiard's feast day is April 8th.

Wednesday, Apr. 9– Blessed Katarzyna Celestyna - Bl. Katarzyna Celestyna (Catherine Celestine) Faron (1913-1944) was born in Zabrzez, Poland. At the age of five she was orphaned and raised by pious, childless relatives. Desiring the religious life, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in 1930. She served in the community as a kindergarten teacher and catechist. After the breakout of World War II she became the leader of her religious house, ran an orphanage, and helped the poor. She was eventually arrested by the Gestapo, charged with conspiracy against the Nazis, and sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp on the feast of Epiphany in 1943, where she was assigned to manual labor digging ditches. She praised God in all her suffering and resigned herself to following His will. Due to the poor conditions she developed typhoid fever and tuberculosis. Because she completed the nine First Fridays devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, she trusted that she wouldn't die without Holy Communion, as Our Lord promised. On December 8, 1943, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, she received Holy Communion as viaticum

(Blesse Katarzyna Celestyna – cont.)

which was secretly brought to the camp by a prisoner priest. While on her deathbed she prayed intensely for various intentions on a rosary made of bread. According to witnesses she offered her sufferings for the conversion of a priest who had fallen away from the Church, who did eventually return to the true Faith. Bl. Katarzyn finally died from her illness on Easter morning. She is one of the 108 beatified Polish Catholic Martyrs killed during World War II by Nazi Germany. Her feast day is April 9th.

Thursday, Apr. 10 – St. Bademus – St. Bademus (d. 376 A.D.) was a wealthy and noble citizen of Bethlapeta in Persia. Desiring to give himself completely to God, he gave away his wealth and founded a monastery where he led a life of prayer and austerity. His sanctity was known to all, and he trained his monks to progress in devotion, virtue, and love of God. One day he and seven of his monks were abducted during the Christian persecution by King Sapor of Persia. He was chained in a dungeon for four months and whipped daily for his faith. He suffered his tortures for Christ and triumphed over them with patience and joy. One day a Christian prince named Nersan was also put into the dungeon, and, seeing the torments he would endure, apostatized from the faith in order to be released. To prove his conversion, the king ordered Nersan to slay St. Bademus on the spot. Bademus, after declaring his willingness to die for Christ, also warned Nersan of the account he would have to give to God for his actions. Nersan, timid and fearful, then killed Bademus with several awkward and misplaced blows. The pagans who were present admired the abbot's holy and resigned death, while abhorring the king's cruelty. St. Bademus' feast day is April 10th.

Friday, Apr. 11– St. Gemma Galgani - St. Gemma Galgani (1878-1903) was born in Italy, the fifth of eight children born to a prosperous pharmacist. When she was young, Gemma's mother and three of her siblings died of tuberculous. When she was 18 her father died as well, leaving Gemma to help care for her younger siblings. She rejected two marriage proposals and became a housekeeper while trying to enter the religious life as a Passionist. She was rejected due to her poor health, and later became a Tertiary member of the order. Gemma developed spinal meningitis but was miraculously healed, which she attributed to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the intercession of St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Throughout her life she united herself with the Passion of Christ and experienced great suffering as a result, but not without receiving many remarkable graces as well. She experienced many mystical visions and was often visited by her guardian angel, Jesus, and the Virgin Mary. For this she was known as a great mystic, and, according to her spiritual director, developed the stigmata at age 21. After a selfless life of love given to God for the conversion of sinners, she died on the Vigil of Easter at the age of 25. She is the patron saint of pharmacists, loss of parents, back illnesses, temptations, and those seeking purity of heart. Her feast day is April 11th.

Saturday, Apr. 12 – St. Teresa of Jesus - St. Teresa of Jesus (1900 – 1920), also known as St. Teresa of the Andes, was born in Chile to an upper class family. She was a pious child with a profound spirituality and a deep devotion to Jesus and Mary. Yet she was also stubborn and self-centered, defects which she diligently set herself to overcome in preparation for her First Holy Communion at the age of 10. Inspired by reading the autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux, and confirmed by prayer, at the age of 14 she decided to become a Carmelite nun. Five years later her desire was realized. In May of 1919, at the age of 19, she entered the Carmelite monastery of Los Andes where she lived a life of prayer and sacrifice. She also took to writing letters through which she shared her remarkable spiritual life with the outside world. It was revealed to her in prayer that she would die young, which she accepted with happiness and confidence. A few months after her entry she contracted typhoid fever, from which she died in April of 1920 during Holy Week. Before her death she was permitted to profess her vows. She was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 1993, the first Chilean and the first Discalced Carmelite nun outside of Europe to be declared a saint. Her feast day is April 12.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

APRIL 6, 2025



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. Apr. 6	8:30a.m.	OLM	Rosemary Pontius Andrew Lichtenwald
	10:30a.m.	SP	Cathy Warner Carolyn Bigger
Tues. Apr. 8	6:30 p.m.	SP	Stations of the Cross
	6:45 p.m.	SP	Rosary
	7:10 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Apr. 9	6:45 a.m.	SP	Rosary
	7:10 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. Apr. 10	9:00 a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Apr. 11	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Apr. 12	4:30 pm	SP	Loman Radabaugh
Sun. Apr. 13	8:30a.m.	OLM	Marcel Bonin Shane Kunkle
	10:30a.m.	SP	Rod Britenriker Al Holland

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Religious Ed. Dates
- Apr. 6 & Apr. 20 – at home
- Apr. 13 & Apr. 27 – after Mass
- Apr. 6 - Adult Lenten Study after Mass
- Apr. 6 - BFF after Mass
- Apr. 17 – Holy Thursday at **St. Peter** 7 p.m.
- Apr. 18 – Good Friday Walk for Life @ noon
- Apr. 18 – Good Friday Mass
St. Peter – 12:15 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy – 3:00 p.m.
- Apr. 19 – Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m. @ **St. Peter**

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for March 30, 2025

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (12 envelopes)	\$ 606.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 292.00
BUDGET	\$ 1,747.00
Over / (Under)	(\$ 849.00)
OTHER COLLECTION	
CPC Jar	\$ 25.00
Easter	\$ 50.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 10.00
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 55.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday & Other)	\$ 1,098.00

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

**April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday**

Greeters/Gifts	Ron & Pat Eisel
Proclaimer	Angie Beauregard Mary Bird
Servers	Kennedy Kunkle Will Maginn
Ushers	Ron & Pat Eisel
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Phil Baker Eli Eberly Cindy Siegel

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

JUDGE – to form a judgement or opinion of or upon; decide upon critically; estimate

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

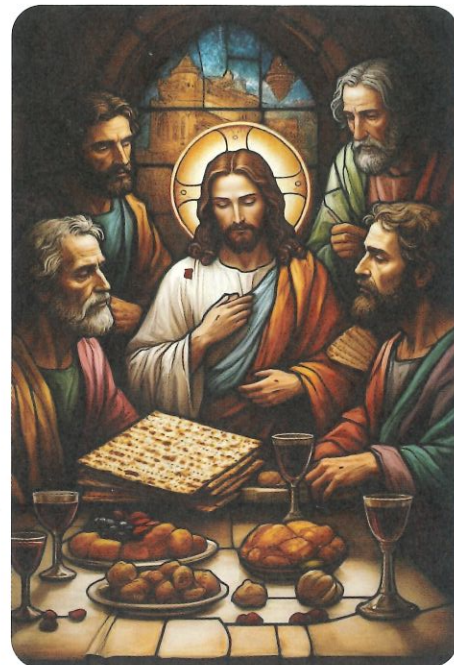
John 8:7

Dear Padre,

A friend of mine told me he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. What does that word mean?

The word *triduum* is a Latin word meaning “three days.” In this context, it refers to the paschal Triduum: the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when we celebrate Christianity’s most sacred events—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The official beginning of the paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command (*mandatum*) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper ends in stillness as the tabernacle is emptied, and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence. Good Friday is a day of somber quiet as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross. Holy Saturday is characterized by a spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new Light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. These are the Christian high holy days. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We can always run the risk of...having [Jesus’] name on our lips but denying him by the way that we live.... How, then, can we prove whether or not we are true disciples of the Master? We do so by the way we regard our neighbor and the way we regard ourselves.



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Monday

April 7
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62
Jn 8:12–20

Tuesday

April 8
Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

April 9
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95
Jn 8:31–42

Thursday

April 10
Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday

April 11
Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

April 12
Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

April 13
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Lk 19:28–40
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Lk 22:14–23:56 or 23:1–49