

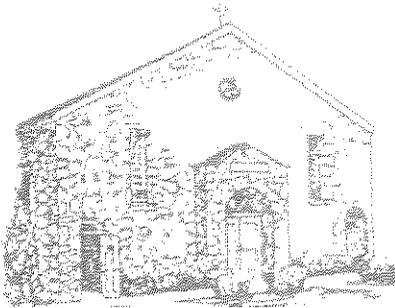
**Catholic Communities**  
Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

**Our Lady of Mercy  
Catholic Church**

**St. Peter  
Catholic Church**

Sunday  
July 27, 2025

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time



409 E. Main St. / P.O. Box 429  
Fayette, OH 43521  
419-237-2441  
Office Hours – Tues. & Thurs.  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
(Reconciliation 30 minutes  
before Mass or by appointment)  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

**PARISH OFFICE STAFF**

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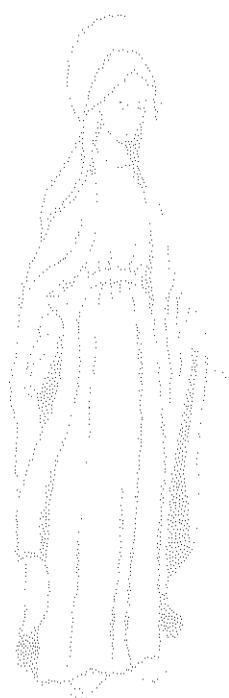
Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel – President  
Pat Eisel  
Ray Hollstein  
Mike Burkholder  
Traci Maginn  
Barbara Roby

## FINANCE COUNCIL

Terry Kovar  
Barb Bruggeman  
Joanna Marry

Council meetings are generally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month  
5:45 p.m. – Finance  
6:15 p.m. – Pastoral



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. - 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information

**OUR LADY OF MERCY**  
**WEBSITE (bulletin online)**  
Stpeterarchbold.com/  
our-lady-of-mercy

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note that the bulletin deadline is **Tuesday by noon**. Please either call, email or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following weeks bulletin.

## Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy

### 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.*

### 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.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Initial arrangements are to be made *six* months prior of your planned wedding date. The Diocesan policy is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament. Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements.

### Anointing of the sick

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for a visit.

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Having questions about the Catholic faith? Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You can learn more by contacting the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 for the process.

### 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. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon or email to [olomfayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:olomfayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com) with the exact verbiage requested. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals

July 27, 2025 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAYS AT 8 A.M.

THANK YOU

To everyone who helped clean on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Our next day to clean will be August 9, 2025, at 9 a.m. **Many hands make work light.** All are welcome.

BULL THISTLE FESTIVAL BREAKFAST

Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting our annual Bull Thistle breakfast on August 2, 2025 8 a.m. – 10 a.m., before the parade. Please join the Altar Rosary in serving our community the FAMOUS Bull Thistle Breakfast Bowl. Please contact any Altar Rosary member if you are interested in helping.

FULTON COUNTY FAIR

Can you believe it is only 5 weeks until the fair!! We need volunteers to help at the Fulton Co. Catholic Fair Booth this year (a wonderful way to evangelize). See the signup sheet on the bulletin board at the entrance. Any questions please see Sherry Renner.

SILENT FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Silent Festival committee meeting on Sunday, August 3, 2025, after Mass. We will be finalizing the festival.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady of Mercy Silent Festival will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025. More information will be in future bulletins.

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

---Saturdays until Sept. 17, 2025  
Fayette Farmers Market 9 am –  
Noon @ Opera House parking lot

---Bull Thistle Festival – August 2,  
2025

---Don Glasgow is turning “100”!  
Celebration Open House will be  
August 3, 2025, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. @  
Fayette Legion, 424 S. Fayette St.  
or mail him a card at

Don Glasgow  
610 W. Main St.  
Fayette, OH 43521

## *THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Sun., July 27	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Rosemary Pontius Ron Lichtenwald
	10:30 a.m.	SP	For the People
Mon., July 28	NO MASS		
Tues., July 29	6:30 p.m.	SP	Amelia Salinas Rod Britenriker
Wed., July 30	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., July 31	9:00 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
Fri., Aug. 1	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat., Aug. 2	4:30 p.m.	SP	Al Holland Gina Damman
Sun., Aug. 3	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Cathy Warner Carolyn Bigger Ronald Ruffer

### PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

Please keep the following person(s) / intention(s) in your prayers this week.

Shirley Taylor

Frank Grime

Life is valued – from conception to natural death

Jimmie Crowell

If you have someone or an intention you would like the Parish to pray for, please contact the office at 419-237-2441 or email [olomprayer@olom2441.onmicorsoft.com](mailto:olomprayer@olom2441.onmicorsoft.com) before noon on Tuesday.

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS – AUGUST 3, 2025

Greeters / Gifts	Ron & Pat Eisel
Proclaimer	Mary Bird
Servers	
Ushers	Ron & Pat Eisel
Minsters of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Phil Baker / Michelle Miron / Cindi Siegel

### SACRAFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for July 20, 2025

Sunday Offertory (12 envelopes)	\$ 601.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 43.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,747.00</u></b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 1,103.00)

### OTHER COLLECTIONS

CPC Jar/Votives	\$ 5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 669.00</b>
(Sunday Offertory & Other)	

## SAINTS OF THE DAY ([www.morningoffering.com](http://www.morningoffering.com))

Week of July 27 – August 2

**Pope St. Celestine I** (d. 432 A.D.) was a Roman deacon who was elected Supreme Pontiff in 422 A.D. He was a contemporary of St. Augustine, and it is said that the two were good friends. He also lived with St. Ambrose in Milan prior to serving in Rome. Pope St. Celestine led the Church for nine years during a troubled time of social upheaval. Within the Church there were multiple dangerous heresies spreading and corrupting the faith of the people, especially Nestorianism and Pelagianism, which he staunchly fought against, and for this he is known as a defender of orthodox doctrine. Outside the Church, barbarian hordes were invading the West, leading to the collapse of the Roman Empire. Pope St. Celestine I worked to restore the churches that were attacked when Alaric the Goth sacked Rome. He also established the papal diplomatic service to send ambassadors, known as nuncios, from the Vatican to other governments around the world. He is also the Holy Father who sent St. Patrick to evangelize Ireland, and who introduced the responsorial psalm into the papal Mass at Rome. His feast day is July 27th.

**St. Nazarius and St. Celsus** (1st c.) were early Christian martyrs, but nothing else is known with certainty about their lives or the time they lived, other than that they were put to death for their Christian faith in Milan, Italy, perhaps during the persecution of the Emperor Nero. What we know about these saints came to us from St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan. In 395 A.D. St. Ambrose discovered the body of St. Nazarius, with severed head, along with a vial of his blood still as fresh as the day it was spilled, in a garden outside the city gates. St. Ambrose carried the body in procession to bury in the city's Basilica of the Apostles. In the same garden he also discovered the body of St. Celsus, and likewise had the body taken to the same basilica. Miracles occurred in the church at the presence of the relics of these two holy martyrs. According to one account, St. Nazarius was the son of St. Perpetua, the child she bore just prior being executed for her faith. Celsus was a youth given to the care of St. Nazarius by the boy's mother, who desired for the saint to teach her son the Christian faith. The two traveled and preached the Gospel together zealously before being tortured and executed in Milan. They share a feast day on July 28th.

**St. Martha** (1st c.) was a pious Jewish woman from Bethany near Jerusalem. She was a close friend of Jesus during his earthly ministry, as was her brother, St. Lazarus, and her sister, St. Mary of Bethany (St. Mary Magdalene – separate feast day on July 22nd).\* The Gospels tell us that “Jesus loved Martha, and her sister Mary and Lazarus.” Martha would serve the Lord faithfully when he was a guest in her home, once busying herself so much with her work that she neglected to spend time enjoying his presence, for which she earned a gentle rebuke from Our Lord. Martha had great faith in Christ, especially evidenced in her belief that he could raise her brother Lazarus from the dead. In the Gospels we read that St. Martha testified that Jesus was the Son of God even before his Passion and Resurrection. According to tradition, after the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, St. Martha gathered a group of women together to live, pray, and do penance in common, one of the early Christian houses of consecrated women. St. Martha is the patron of servers, maids, butlers, servants, single laywomen, homemakers, housewives, and cooks. Together, these siblings share a feast day on July 29th.

**St. Peter Chrysologus** (406-450 A.D.) was born in Imola, Italy. He was an adult convert to Christianity and studied under his bishop, Cornelius, who ordained him a deacon. In his day the city of Ravenna was the center of the Roman Empire, making the Archbishop of Ravenna an important position in the Church. When the Archbishop of Ravenna died, a new archbishop was elected by the clergy and the people of Ravenna. Bishop Cornelius of Imola went to Rome with his deacon, St. Peter Chrysologus, to have the Ravenna appointment confirmed by Pope Sixtus III. When the pope saw St. Peter, he appointed him the new Archbishop of Ravenna instead. St. Peter was an effective shepherd who stamped out paganism, heresy, and ecclesiastical abuses from his diocese, earning the high regard of Emperor Valentinian III who resided in Ravenna. He also organized services to help the poor of the city. St. Peter was renowned for his profound and eloquent sermons, and his skill with taking complex theological truths and putting them in plain language, earning him the name 'Chrysologus' meaning 'the man of golden speech' or 'golden word' as well as the 'Doctor of Homilies.' In 1729, Pope Benedict XIII declared him a Doctor of the Church. His feast day is July 30.

**St. Ignatius of Loyola** (1491-1556) was born at the castle of Loyola in Basque country, Spain, the youngest of thirteen children. In keeping with the young aristocrats of his day, Ignatius sought after military prowess, vainglory, and fame, and became a knight at the age of seventeen. He was known as a fancy dresser, an expert dancer, a womanizer, sensitive to insult, and involved in criminal behavior. During a period of convalescence after being wounded in battle, he read a collection of saint biographies and a Life of Christ. These books profoundly affected him, and he experienced a conversion of heart. He desired to pattern his life after the great saints, and ceremoniously hung up his military garments before an image of the Virgin Mary. After experiencing a vision of the Blessed Mother with the Infant Jesus, he lived for a time as an ascetic in a cave. It was during this time that he formulated his famous Spiritual Exercises, the spiritual centerpiece of the religious order he would later establish. He then went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and studied theology for many years. During his studies he gathered a group of six like-minded men and founded the Society of Jesus, today known as the Jesuits. They went as missionaries all over the world to spread the Gospel, especially focusing on education. Today the Jesuits have over 30,000 members and 500 universities. St. Ignatius of Loyola's feast day is July 31st.

**St. Alphonsus Liguori** (1696–1787) was born near Naples, the eldest of eight children of a noble family. He became a lawyer after receiving doctorates in canon and civil law at the age of 16. For many years he was successful in practicing law, but grew disenchanted with the profession. After losing a case for the first time at the age of 27 after eight years of practicing the law, he discerned a call to enter the seminary and became a priest. Alphonsus spent the early years of his priesthood ministering to homeless and marginalized youth, and through this work eventually founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists, which aimed to preach in city slums. He was known best for his sermons, especially his ability to convert those who were estranged from the faith, and for his great works in moral and spiritual theology. He was a practical and prudent theologian, avoiding the extremes of being too rigid and legalistic on the one hand, and too lax on the other, despite the fact that he struggled with scrupulosity in his personal life. He suffered much from arthritis in his old age, his neck becoming so bent that his chin left an open sore on his chest. His most famous written works were on the Virgin Mary and the Blessed Sacrament. For his work in moral theology he was declared a Doctor of the Church. He is the patron saint of moral theologians, vocations, arthritis sufferers, and those who struggle with scrupulosity. St. Alphonsus Liguori's feast day is August 1st.

**Blessed Jane of Aza** (12th c.), also known as Joanna or Juana of Aza, belonged to the Spanish nobility. At a young age she married a nobleman and together they had five children. She was a pious woman known for her life of prayer and generosity to the poor. When her two eldest sons were given to the priesthood, she went to the nearby church of St. Dominic Silos, a miracle worker and a patron saint of pregnant women, to pray earnestly for another son who would carry on the succession of the family. In a dream the saint appeared to her and said that she would bear a son who would be a shining light to the Church. She also dreamed of a dog that leaped from her womb carrying a torch in its mouth, lighting all the world on fire. She gave birth to a son in answer to her prayers, and in gratitude named him Dominic. She brought her son to the altar of St. Dominic Silos and there offered him to God. At the child's baptism his godmother saw a star shining from his forehead. All of these signs were taken to mean that the child would be great. Jane brought her son up with the utmost care, and as the child grew he evidenced uncommon sanctity and virtue. When Dominic turned age seven Jane generously gave him to be educated as a priest, leaving her family without a male heir. St. Dominic went on to found the famous Order of Preachers, or Dominicans, who became known as the "Hounds of the Lord", a great preaching order against heresy and in defense of the Catholic faith. Her feast day is August 2nd.

**ASK HER – SIMPLE WORDS TO JUMPSTART  
YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MARY**

*By Jane Tufant Harvey*

“Ask Her...to remind you that one of the most incredible things you can do for yourself is to partner with God with the intentional purpose of self-transformation.”

**DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA**  
Notebook 3

1208 May You be blessed, O God, for everything You send me. Nothing under the sun happens without Your will. I cannot penetrate Your secrets with regard to myself, but I perss my lips to the chalice You offer me.

***DAILY READINGS WEBSITES / MATERIALS***

[www.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading](http://www.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading)

[www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings](http://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings)

Word Among Us – located on back table

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

---Aug. 2 – Bull Thistle  
Breakfast hosted by OLOM 8  
a.m. – 10 a.m.

---Aug. 3 – Silent Festival  
Committee meeting

---Aug. 14 – Vigil The  
Assumption of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary – 6:30 p.m. Rosary  
7:00 p.m. Mass – Aug. 15 Mass  
9:00 a.m. St. Peter

---Fulton County Fair –  
Volunteers needed on Tuesday,  
Sept. 2, 2025, 11:30 am – 2 pm  
and all-day Thursday, Sept. 4,  
2025, starting at 10 am.

---Sept. 20 – Our Lady of Mercy  
Festival

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

**ANSWER** – a reply or response in  
act

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart,  
for you have heard the words of my mouth;  
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise:  
I will worship at your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name.

**Psalms 138**

FAYETTE  
BULL THISTLE FESTIVAL

BREAKFAST

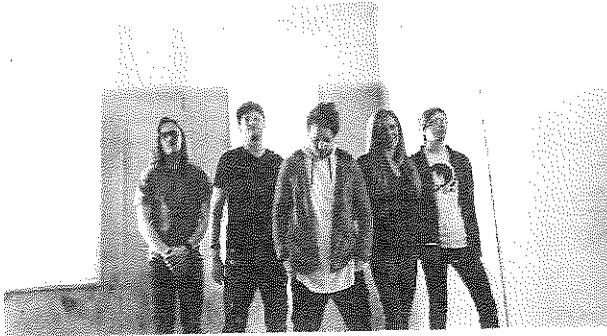
Our Lady of Mercy Church

409 E. Main St., Fayette

August 2, 2025

8 a.m. - 10 a.m.





# 10 TALENTS CONCERT

AUGUST 3, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Royal Bull Thistle Arts Festival  
Community Church Service  
Normal Grove Memorial Park  
Fayette, OH

Brought to you by Fayette Ministerial Association

# August

## Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3 Silent Festival Committee meeting after Mass	4	5	The Chosen – Season 2
10	11	12	The Chosen – Season 2
17	18	19	The Chosen – Season 3
24	25	26	
31			

# 2025

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bull Thistle Breakfast 8 am – 10 am
6 p.m.	7	8	9
13 p.m.	14 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Vigil Rosary 6:30 pm / Mass 7 pm	15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary St. Peter 9 am Mass	16
20 p.m.	21 Counceil Meeting Finance 5:45 p.m. Pastoral 6:15 p.m.	22	23
27	28	29	30 Fulton Co. Fair Mass 7 pm – Rosary 7:30 pm - Mass