

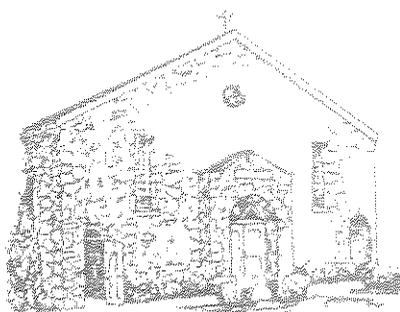
# Catholic Communities

Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

## Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

## St. Peter Catholic Church

Sunday  
November 16, 2025  
33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of 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.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

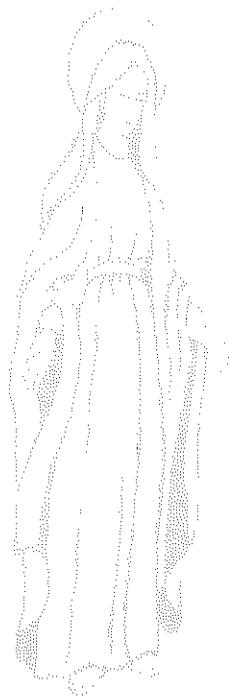
Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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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

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ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAYS AT 7:55 A.M.

**BFF'S**

Thank you to the Eli Eberly family for providing the BFF's Donuts & Beverages today. All are invited after Mass in the basement.

If your family would like to provide donuts and/or beverages for Feb. 8, Mar. 8, or May 3 please sign up on the form on the cry room door.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / ROSARY FOR FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

There will be an Adoration & Rosary on November 20, 2025, 7:00 p.m. here at Our Lady of Mercy for the Faithful Departed.

**FAITH FORMATION (Religious Education)**

Next class November 23<sup>rd</sup> after Mass.

**FISH PANTRY (ARCHBOLD)**

November is St. Peter's month to supply the FISH Pantry in Archbold. They are in need of the following (please put in tote in back of church):

Mandarin oranges	Canned potatoes
Vegetable Oil	Canned peaches
Canned corn	Crackers

Items are always welcome as well as monetary donations.

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

For Catholic men ages 18 to 35, who are open to considering a call to the priesthood or religious life. November 21 – 23, 2025. See bulletin board for flyer on more information and registration.

**ADVENT**

Advent starts in a short 2 weeks. There are a few gently used Nativity sets in the office. Please see Sherry Renner if you are interested in one.

**EXCITING NEWS – NEW MISSALS**

Starting November 30, 2025 we will be using Liturgy of the Word missals instead of the We Celebrate. Liturgy of the Word is a year long missal.

**ST. PETER NEWS**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

**NOVEMBER 27, 2025**

Thanksgiving Day

Rosary 8:30 a.m.

Mass 9:00 a.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. 25 – Community Thanksgiving Meal 5 – 6 p.m. Methodist Family Life Center

--- Nov. 25 – Fayette Ecumenical Thanksgiving service 6 p.m. – Fayette Methodist Family Life Center

---Nov. 29 – Fayette Opera House – Tim Ohlers 7 p.m.

## *THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Sun., Nov. 16	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Jeannette Tidwell Rosemary Pontious
"	10:30 a.m.	SP	Betty Zimmerman Frank O & Mary Smith
Mon., Nov. 17	NO MASS		
Tues., Nov. 18	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Nov. 19	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Nov. 20	9:00 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
Fri., Nov. 21	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat., Nov. 22	4:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun., Nov. 23	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Rosemary Pontious Giovanni Stella Jimmie Crowell
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Gina Damman

### PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

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

Shirley Taylor  
Denise Miller

For all who are suffering from  
stress, anxiety & mental health

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 – NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Greeters / Gifts	Joyce Bonin & Marge Crowell
Proclaimer	Angie Beauregard
Servers	Kennedy Kunkle
Ushers	Phil & Tami Baker
Money Counters	Phil Baker/Eli Eberly/Cindi Siegel

### SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for November 9, 2025

Sunday Offertory (13 envelopes)	\$ 855.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 262.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,747.00</u></b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 630.00)

### OTHER COLLECTIONS

CPC Jar & Votives	\$ 121.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
All Souls	\$ 10.00
Fayette Local Ministries	\$ 100.00
Postage Help	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 125.00
Military Services, USA	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,608.00</u></b>
(Sunday Offertory & Other)	

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

Week of November 16 – November 22

**St. Gertrude the Great** (1256-1302), also known as Gertrude of Helfta, was born on the feast of Epiphany in Thuringia (modern Germany). She was sent to be educated at the Benedictine monastery in Helfta at the age of four or five, possibly as an orphan or as a child dedicated to God by her parents. She proved to be an extremely bright and determined student who became engrossed in her secular studies, but was negligent of her prayer life. She remained in the monastery and made her profession as a nun. At the age of 26 she entered a time of spiritual crisis, after which she began to receive visions of Christ who chastised her for not leaving room for God in her academic pursuits. This caused Gertrude to abandon her secular studies in total devotion to Sacred Scripture and the works of the Church Fathers. These theological studies, along with continued visions and messages from Jesus, became the basis of her work as one of the great writers and mystics of the 13th century. St. Gertrude had a lasting impact on the Church in an age where academic and religious literature was dominated by men, and she is the only female saint to earn the title "The Great." She was one of the early saints who, along with her companion in the monastery, St. Mechtilde of Hackeborn, spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Teresa of Avila chose St. Gertrude the Great, the patron saint of nuns, as her model and guide. Her feast day is November 16th.

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary** (1207–1231) was born in Hungary, the daughter of King Andrew II of Hungary and his wife Gertrude. As a child she was sent to Thuringia (now Germany) to be brought up with Prince Ludwig of Thuringia, whom she was to marry at the age of 14 in order to solidify a political alliance between the two nations. Their marriage was a very happy one, and they had three children together. Although Elizabeth was a princess surrounded by a magnificent court, she lived a humble life serving the sick and poor outside her castle walls. No amount of disapproval from those who considered this behavior beneath her royal status could dissuade her from her faithfulness to this task. One day, on her way to feed the poor, her husband stopped her and asked to see what she concealed beneath her mantle. The food she carried was miraculously replaced by roses, signifying God's approval of her charity. When her husband, after six years of marriage, tragically died on his way to join the crusade in Jerusalem, Elizabeth was grief-stricken. She vowed to never remarry, and eventually left her life of nobility to join the Secular Franciscans as a penitent. She continued her charitable works to an even greater degree, and helped Thuringia recover from a famine by giving them a huge gift of grain. It was this act, along with her habit of distributing bread to the poor, that made her the patron saint of bakers. She is also the patron of hospitals, the homeless, widows, charities, and nursing homes. St. Elizabeth of Hungary's feast day is November 17th.

**St. Rose Philippine Duchesne** (1769–1852) was born in Grenoble, France, to a wealthy and prominent family. At the age of 18 she joined the Visitation nuns against the wishes of her family, taking her religious name after St. Rose of Lima and St. Philip Neri. During the anti-religious fervor of French Revolution, the "Reign of Terror," her convent was shut down. She then took up the work of providing care for the sick, hiding priests from the revolutionaries, and educating homeless children. When the tensions of the revolution subsided, she rented out her old convent in an attempt to revive her religious order, but the spirit was gone. She and the few remaining nuns of her convent then joined the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Since childhood St. Rose Philippine had had a strong desire to do missionary work in the New World, especially among the Native Americans. This was realized in 1818 when she and four nuns traveled across the Atlantic, a journey of eleven weeks, and another seven weeks up the Mississippi river to serve in one of the remotest outposts in the region in St. Charles, Missouri. St. Rose Philippine was a hardy pioneer woman ministering in the Midwest during its difficult frontier days. She opened several schools and served the Potawatomi Indians who gave her the name "Quah-kah-ka-num-ad," meaning, "Woman-who-prays-always." Her feast day is November 18th.

**St. Barlaam of Antioch** (d. 304 A.D.) was an elderly, uneducated peasant laborer from a village near Antioch. He was arrested for his Christian faith under the persecution of Roman Emperor Diocletian. He was detained for a long time in a dungeon before being brought before his judge. At his trial he was severely scourged, his bones dislocated on the rack, and tortured in other ways in an attempt to force him to renounce his faith in Christ and sacrifice to idols. Instead of crying out, there was joy in his countenance. His meekness, answers, and resolute will confounded his persecutors. The judge, determined to not be humiliated by a peasant, then devised a plan that would force Barlaam to offer sacrifice to the gods despite his constancy. He had an altar with a fire prepared, and had Barlaam's right hand held over the fire and filled with incense and hot coals. This would force Barlaam's burning hand to recoil, causing the incense to fall before the pagan altar, which the judge could then proclaim as a public act of sacrifice to the idols. Instead, Barlaam endured the pain in perfect stillness. He held his hand steady until it burned off completely.irate, the judge ordered his immediate death. St. Barlaam's feast day is November 19th.

**Blessed Maria Fortunata Viti** (1827–1922) was born in Italy, the eldest daughter of nine children. Her father had a gambling and alcohol addiction, and her mother died when she was 14 years old. Maria then cared for her younger siblings and worked as a housekeeper to earn money for the family as her father sunk deeper into his addiction. Maria rejected an offer for marriage, deciding instead to become a Benedictine nun at the age of 24. Sr. Maria Fortunata, illiterate her entire life, spent more than seventy years in the monastery as a housekeeper attending to the washing, sewing, and other simple tasks, which was her path to holiness. She was admired for her great simplicity of heart, and her confessor testified that she was often accosted by the devil with threats, physical attacks, and vile insults in attempts to break her virtue. She had great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and made frequent visits to the chapel tabernacle as she carried out her daily tasks. She died at the age of 95, and after her death miracles were reported at her grave. She is a patron saint against poverty, temptations, loss of parents, and mental illness. Her feast day is November 20th.

**Bl. Maria Franciszka Siedliska** (1842-1902) was born to a noble and wealthy family in Warsaw, Poland. When a Capuchin friar prepared her for her First Holy Communion, she began to desire the religious life and made a private act of consecration to God. Her father was greatly opposed and said he would rather see her dead than lost to the cloister. Her vocation was not deterred, and she went to Rome to obtain the Pope's blessing for founding an active apostolic Order modeled on the hidden virtues of the Holy Family. The Congregation of Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth was formed in 1875, and she took the name Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd. In 1885 the Nazareth Sisters arrived in New York, eventually settling near Chicago where they made their first foundation in the U.S.A. She was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1989. Her feast day is November 21.

**St. Cecilia** (3rd c.) is one of the most venerated of the virgin martyrs of Rome. Her name is in the Roman Canon of the Mass. According to tradition she made a private vow of chastity to Jesus, yet her parents promised her in marriage to a suitor. On her wedding night, St. Cecilia told her husband that she had not only made a vow to remain a virgin, but that an angel guarded her purity. Her husband agreed to honor her vow and follow Christ if he could also see her guardian angel. She instructed him to first be baptized, and afterwards he was able to see her angel. Cecilia's brother-in-law also converted, and both men were eventually martyred for their faith; but not without first converting their jailer. St. Cecilia was later arrested and also sentenced to death. An executioner struck three blows but was not successful in severing her head from her body; instead, she survived for three days preaching to those who visited her in prison until her last breath. They lovingly soaked up the blood from her wounds with clothes and sponges. Her relics, along with those of her husband, his brother, and the converted jailor, were placed in the church of St. Cecilia in Rome. Because she sang hymns to Jesus in her heart on her wedding day, St. Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians. Her feast day is celebrated on November 22nd.

**St. Clement of Rome** (d. 100 A.D.), also known as Pope St. Clement I, is considered the first Apostolic Father of the Church. He is mentioned by name in the Bible by the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:3. St. Clement is also said to be one of the band of seventy followers of Jesus' ministry as described in the Gospels. Clement was a disciple of St. Peter and was ordained by him, and became the fourth Bishop of Rome. Of his life and death little is known, but he has left one definite writing: a letter to the Church in Corinth, Greece. The Basilica of St. Clement is one of the earliest parish churches of Rome and was built on the site of his home. Pope St. Clement I is the patron saint of mariners, sailors, marble-workers, stone-cutters, and sick children. His feast day is celebrated on November 23rd.

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

*By Jane Tufant Harvey*

“Ask Her...on the days you're feeling unsure of yourself, if she'd help you embrace this truth: You are worthy of love and affection...you're never too much...you're always enough...you are cherished and loved above all things by the Creatōr of all things.”

**DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA**

Notebook 4

1245 My Jesus, delight of my heart, when my soul is filled with Your divinity, I accept sweetness and bitterness with the same equanimity. One and the other will pass away. All that I keep in my soul is the love of God. For this I strive; all else is secondary.

**MESSAGES OF MEDJUGORJE**

*Up-to-date messages may be obtained at <http://www.medjugorje.org>*

*On the 26<sup>th</sup> of day of each month the Queen of Peace gives a message to the visionary, Marija Pavlovic, for the whole world.*

July 19, 1984 – “Dear children! These days you have been experiencing how Satan is working. I am always with you, and don't you be afraid of temptations because God is always watching over us. Also I have given myself to you and sympathize with you even in the smallest temptation. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

*The Hidden Phase – June 30, 1981 – December 31, 1981*

*During this period, Our Lady appeared to the visionaries in hidden places, away from the police patrols that were trying to track them down.*

June 30 1981 - Apparition at Cerno. Mirjana: Are you angry that we were not on the hill? “That doesn't matter.” Would you be angry if we would not return any longer to the hill, but we would wait in the church? “Always at the same time. Go in peace of God.” On that day, Mirjana thought that she understood that the Gospa would return for three more days, until Friday. But it was only her interpretation.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

---Faith Formation after Mass  
Nov. 23, Dec. 7 (Penance  
Svc), Dec. 14 & Dec. 28

--- Nov. 16 – BFF Donuts &  
beverages after Mass

---Nov. 20 – Council meetings  
Finance 5:45 p.m.  
Pastoral 6:15 p.m.

---Nov. 20 – Thanksgiving  
Adoration & Rosary 7 p.m.

---Nov. 30 – BFF after Mass  
“BIG” breakfast

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

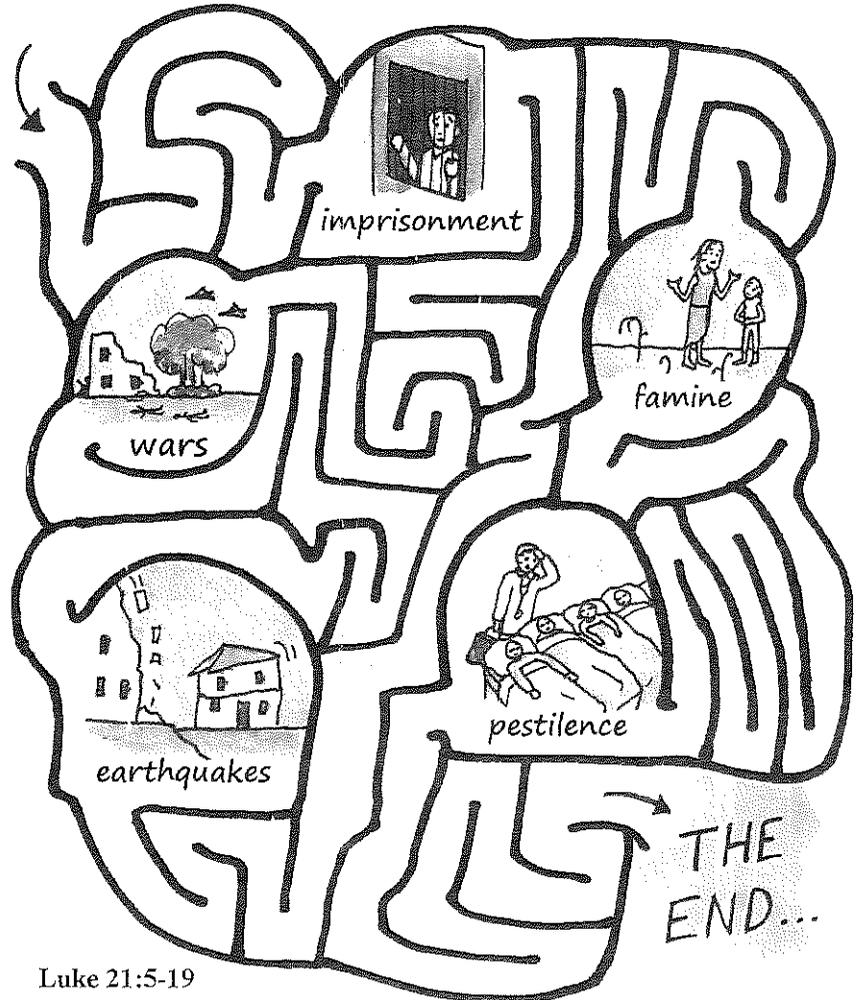
**PERSEVERANCE** – continuance in  
a state of grace to the end, leading to  
eternal salvation

“You will be hated by all because of my name, but  
not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your  
perseverance you will secure your lives.”

**Luke 21:17-19**

# The Kids' Bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 16th, 2025



Luke 21:5-19

*In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the people  
some of the things that were going to happen  
before the end of the world.  
You'll find them as you go through the maze!*

# Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

## November 18

ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE WAS BORN TO A RICH FAMILY IN FRANCE IN 1769. SHE LEARNED FROM HER MOTHER TO LOVE THE POOR.



AT AGE 19 SHE RAN AWAY AND BECAME A NUN. AT FIRST HER FAMILY WAS AGAINST IT.

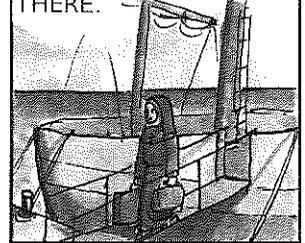


DURING THE FRENCH REVOLUTION SHE WAS FORCED TO LEAVE THE CONVENT.

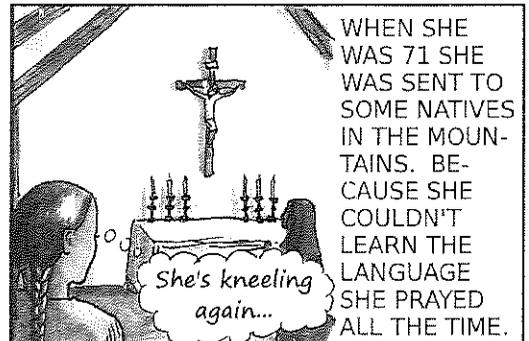


WHEN IT WAS OVER SHE JOINED THE SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART.

AT AGE 49 SR. ROSE WAS SENT TO AMERICA TO FOUND CONVENTS THERE.



ROSE WORKED HARD BUT TWICE ALMOST DIED FROM DISEASES.



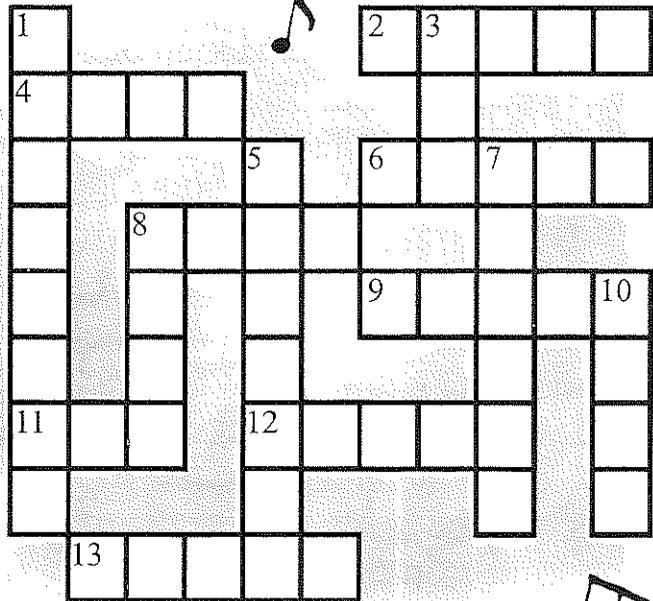
WHEN SHE WAS 71 SHE WAS SENT TO SOME NATIVES IN THE MOUNTAINS. BECAUSE SHE COULDN'T LEARN THE LANGUAGE SHE PRAYED ALL THE TIME.

SAINT ROSE WAS VERY CHARITABLE. SHE HELPED PRIESTS HIDE DURING THE FRENCH REVOLUTION, AND STARTED FREE SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS IN AMERICA. WHEN SHE COULDN'T DO ANY MORE TO HELP THE CHILDREN SHE PRAYED FOR THEM. THE NATIVES CALLED HER "WOMAN-WHO-PRAYS-ALWAYS." SHE DIED AT AGE 83.

# Psalm 98 Cross-Word

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm, and then fit them into the puzzle.

LYRE  
THOSE  
THE  
DWELL  
WHO  
MELODY  
LORD  
COMES  
SOUND  
FILLS  
PRAISES  
ROAR  
TRUMPETS  
SING



Sing \_\_\_\_\_ 5D to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the \_\_\_\_\_ 8D and the sound of \_\_\_\_\_ 7D!  
With \_\_\_\_\_ 1D and the \_\_\_\_\_ 12A of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the \_\_\_\_\_ 8A!

Let the sea \_\_\_\_\_ 4A, and all that \_\_\_\_\_ 9A it;  
the world and \_\_\_\_\_ 13A \_\_\_\_\_ 3D \_\_\_\_\_ 2A in it!  
Let the floods clap their hands;

let the hills \_\_\_\_\_ 10D for joy together before the Lord,  
for he \_\_\_\_\_ 6A to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ 11A peoples with equity.

A=Across  
D=Down

# God is With Us to the End

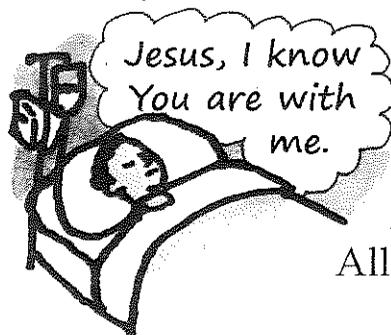


Jesus tells the people in today's Gospel reading some of the things that will happen before the end of the world. He says that some people will be arrested and have to speak about Him in front of the leaders and rulers of the people, but He will protect them.

Jesus doesn't want us to worry about what is going to happen at the end of the world, but He wants us to be ready for it when it comes. He also wants us to be ready for the end of our lives, because we don't know when that's going to happen either.



Do you find it kind of scary thinking about the



end of the world or dying?

Well, you don't need to be afraid about it! Jesus will give us all the strength we need for whatever happens.

All we have to do is trust in Him!

Answers to Cross-Word Puzzle:  
Across: 2.dwell 4.roar 6.comes 8.Lord 9.fills 11.the 12.sound 13.those  
Down: 1.trumpets 3.who 5.praise 7.melody 8.lyre 10.sing