

Catholic Communities

Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church



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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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St. Peter Catholic Church



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9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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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Sunday
November 23, 2025
Solemnity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ
King of the Universe



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 3rd 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

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 with the exact verbiage requested. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals

November 23, 2025 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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

BFF'S

BIG BFF will be on November 30, 2025 after Mass.

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.

FAITH FORMATION (Religious Education)

Class after Mass today.

FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS

The Faith Formation classes will be saving their coins in baby bottles for the Community Pregnancy Center, November 23rd thru January 11, 2026. They would like to invite Our Lady of Mercy parishioners to join them. If you didn't get your baby bottle at the door this morning, please pick up one on the back tables.

THANKSGIVING

May God Bless you all this Thanksgiving.
Thanksgiving Mass will be at St. Peter, Rosary at 8:30 a.m. and Mass at 9 :00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open this week on Monday, November 24 & Wednesday, November 26 , 9 a.m -3 p.m.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

St. Caspar – Wauseon, Dec. 3, 2025 6 p.m.
Holy Trinity – Assumption, Dec. 17 6:30 p.m.

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.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

If you are interested in ringing the Salvation Army bell for the holidays, please contact Fayette Christian (Nov. 28 & 29) or Fayette Methodist Church (Dec. 5 or Dec. 6). Dec. 12 & 13 and Dec. 19 and 20 please contact the Van Zile's.

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.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

A dinner will be served on December 13, 2025 in celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe after 4:30 p.m. Mass.

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. 23	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Rosemary Pontious Giovanni Stella
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Jimmie Crowell Gina Damman
Mon., Nov. 24	NO MASS		
Tues., Nov. 25	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Nov. 26	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Nov. 27	8:30 a.m.	Rosary	
	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
NO MASS AT OUR LADY OF MERCY			
Fri., Nov. 28	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Communion Svc			
Sat., Nov. 29	4:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun., Nov. 30	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Al Holland Betty Zimmerman

PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

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

Shirley Taylor
Denise Miller

For a Thanksgiving full of gratitude

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 before noon on Tuesday.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS – NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Greeters / Gifts	Mike Maginn Family
Proclaimer	Mary Bird
Servers	Myla Burkholder / Will Maginn
Ushers	Phil & Tami Baker
Money Counters	Phil Baker/Barb Bruggeman/Barbara Roby

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for November 16, 2025

Sunday Offertory (14 envelopes)	\$ 1,167.98
Loose Offerings	\$ 123.00
BUDGET	<u>\$ 1,747.00</u>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 702.02)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
CPC Jar & Votives	\$ 111.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	<u>\$ 1,451.98</u>
(Sunday Offertory & Other)	

SAINTS OF THE DAY (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of November 23 – November 29

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.

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.

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.

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.

On November 27, 1830, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Labouré 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.

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.

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."

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

By Jane Tufant Harvey

“Ask Her...if she’d help you see how life’s challenges stretch you, teach you, and push you to be a better version of yourself.”

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 4

1260 (20) Today I heard these words: **My daughter, be always like a little child towards those who represent Me, otherwise you will not benefit from the graces I bestow on you through them.**

MESSAGES OF MEDJUGORJE

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

On the 25th of day of each month the Queen of Peace gives a message to the visionary, Marija Pavlovic, for the whole world.

July 26, 1984 – “Dear children! Today also I wish to call you to persistent prayer and penance. Especially, let the young people of this parish be more active in their prayers. Thank you for having responded to my call.x.”

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.

July 2, 1981 – “Jakov: Dear Gospa, leave us a sign. The Virgin seemed to consent with a not: “Goodbye, my dear angels.”

July 4, 1981 – “The visionaries believe the apparations had ended, but Our Lady appeared to each one of them separately, where he or she was. No message was preserved.”

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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

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

---December 17 – 25 Our Lady
of Mercy Christmas Novena

---December 24 – Christmas
Eve Mass 7:00 p.m.

---December 25 – Christmas
Day Mass 9:00 a.m.

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

REJOICE– to make glad; take
delight

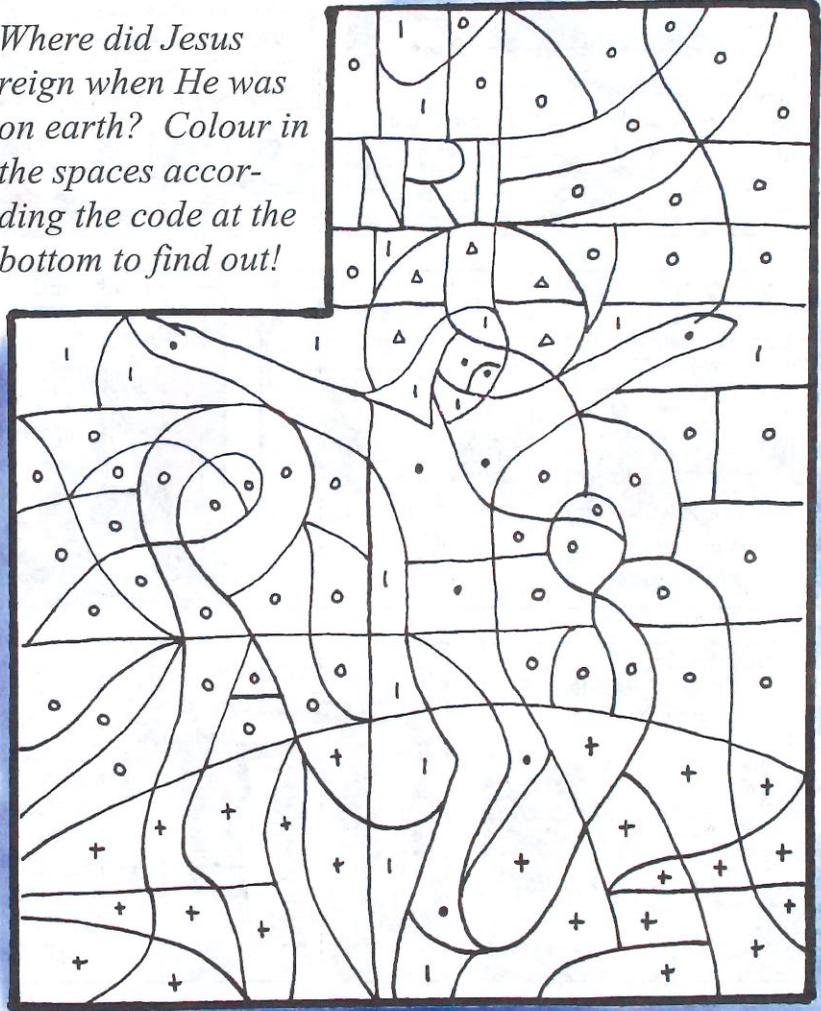
Brothers and sisters: Let us give thanks to the
Father, who has made you fit to share in the
inheritance of the holy ones in light.

Colossian 1:12

The Kids' Bulletin

November 23rd, 2025
Feast of Christ the King

Where did Jesus reign when He was on earth? Colour in the spaces according to the code at the bottom to find out!

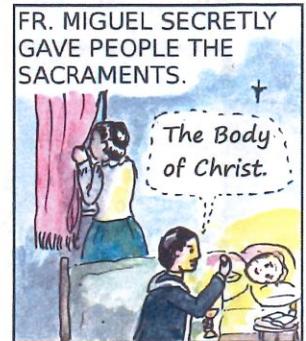
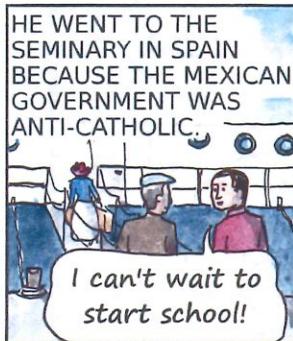
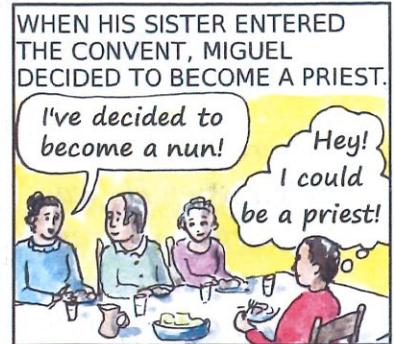
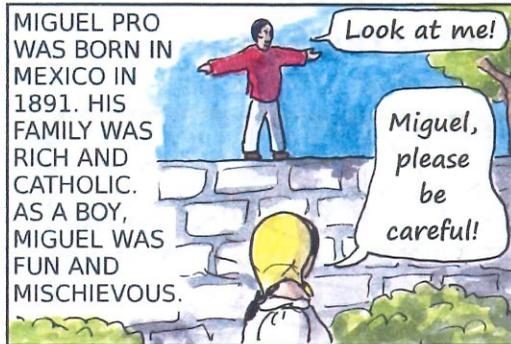


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Luke 23:35-43

Blessed Miguel Pro

November 23



BLESSED MIGUEL FORGAVE THE PEOPLE WHO KILLED HIM. WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO BE SHOT HE SHOUTED, "VIVA CRISTO REY!" WHICH MEANS 'LONG LIVE CHRIST THE KING!' HE GIVES US A GREAT EXAMPLE OF USING OUR TALENTS FOR GOD AND FIGHTING TO THE END, EVEN UNDER PERSECUTION.



Christ the King Word-Find

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Y F I J U D G E A C
J E S U S O O U V E
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M R Y T K I I I N R
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*See if you can
find all the
words from the
list at the
bottom.
Then put the
leftover letters
in the spaces to
find a little
prayer you can
say any time.*



BEGINNING
CHRIST
CHURCH
CREATOR
DOMINION
EARTH
FEAR
GOD

HEAVEN
HIGH
JESUS
JUDGE
JUSTICE
KINGDOM
LORD

LOVE
PEACE
POOR
REDEEMER
RULE
THRONE
WORLD

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_____!

Christ is the King!

Today is the feast of Christ the King. When Jesus was on earth, many of His followers thought that He was going to be a normal sort of king, with a kingdom and soldiers and everything. Is that what Jesus did?

Before He died, Jesus said that His kingdom was not in this world. Do you know where Jesus' kingdom is?

Did you know that the Kingdom of Heaven is not just in Heaven? It's in the soul of every person who follows Jesus. Do you try to be like Jesus? Is He your king?

Here is a little prayer you can say to Jesus any time you think of Him, maybe every time you see a picture of Him:

*Jesus, you are my King and my God and I love you.
Help me to be your good servant!*

Make sure you do something special today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King!



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Answer to Word-find puzzle: Jesus, you are my king!