

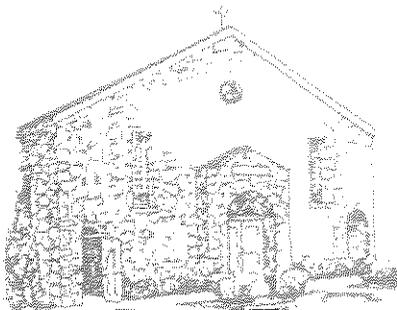
Catholic Communities

Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

St. Peter Catholic Church

Sunday
November 9, 2025
The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica



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.
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Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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

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

BFF'S

BFF's Donuts & Beverages November 16th 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)

Next class today after Mass.

VETERAN'S DAY

November 11th – Thank You to all who have served to protect the United States, God Bless you.

FAYETTE COMMUNITY MEAL / ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The Fayette November Community Meal will be on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, starting a 5 p.m. This will be the Community Thanksgiving meal and service. The ecumenical will be held at 6 p.m. in the Methodist Family Life Center immediately following dinner.

ADVENT

Advent starts in a short 3 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

November 12, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 27, 2025

Thanksgiving Day

Rosary 8:30 a.m.

Mass 9:00 a.m.

Did you know that Deacon Larry

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---Nov. 15 – Fayette Opera House –
Sarah McQuaid 7 p.m.

---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. 9	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Marcel Bonin Rosemary Pontious Frank Grime
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Al Holland, Gina Dammon
Mon., Nov. 10	NO MASS		
Tues., Nov. 11	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Nov. 12	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Nov. 13	9:00 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
Fri., Nov. 14	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat., Nov. 15	4:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun., Nov. 16	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Jeannette Tidwell Rosemary Pontious
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Betty Zimmerman Frank O & Mary Smith

PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

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

Shirley Taylor
Denise Miller

All Veterans – THANK YOU for your Service

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 16, 2025

Greeters / Gifts	Mary Bird & Shelly Gruman
Proclaimer	Shelly Gruman
Servers	Myla Burkholder
Ushers	Angie Beauregard & Terry Kovar
Money Counters	Phil Baker/Terry Kovar/Cindi Siegel

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for November 2, 2025

Sunday Offertory (18 envelopes)	\$ 1,355.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 40.00
BUDGET	\$ <u>1,747.00</u>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 352.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS

CPC Jar & Votives	\$ 1.00
All Saints	\$ 52.00
All Souls	\$ 52.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 35.00
Postage Help	\$ 3.00
Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Military Services, USA	\$ <u>2.00</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 1,545.00
(Sunday Offertory & Other)	

SAINTS OF THE DAY (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of November 9 – November 15

St. Benignus of Armagh (d. 467 A.D.) was the son of a pagan Irish chieftain in what is now County Meath in Ireland. He was baptized by St. Patrick and became his loyal follower in the saint's ministry across Ireland. In 450 A.D. Benignus became coadjutor with St. Patrick in the Diocese of Armagh, and also became the first rector of the Catholic school there. St. Benignus was a talented singer and worked to form choral groups wherever they traveled for their missionary work; for this he was called "Patrick's Psalmist." He also assisted with the compilation of the *Senchus Mor*, the Irish Code of Law, and sat on a number of commissions, councils, and synods that helped further establish the Catholic faith across Ireland. His feast day is November 9th.

Pope St. Leo the Great (c. 400–461 A.D.) was born in Tuscany to an aristocratic family. After serving as deacon under two popes he became the Roman Pontiff from 440 to 461 A.D. He was one of the greatest Holy Fathers the Church has known; he was the first pope, and one of only two, to bear the title "Great." He guided the Church through the turbulence of the collapse of the Roman empire, waves of barbarian invasions, widespread disintegration of morality, and many dangerous heresies including Pelagianism and Manichaeism. His feats include persuading the Emperor Valentinian to recognize the primacy of the Bishop of Rome; preventing a doctrinal split in the Eastern churches; persuading Attila the Hun to turn back and forsake his invasion of Italy; and convincing the Vandals under their leader Genseric not to pillage the city of Rome or harm its inhabitants. He championed the Church and the Catholic faith in an uncertain era by maintaining unity, defending orthodox doctrine with clarity, and preaching vigorously against false teaching. By his strong influence he changed the course of European history; he was known not only as a leader of the Church but also as the protector of all of Rome. Pronounced a Doctor of the Church in 1754, many of his writings survive today. St. Leo the Great's feast day is November 10th.

St. Martin of Tours (c. 316-397 A.D.) was born into a pagan family in what is now Hungary. He was raised in Italy where his father, a senior officer in the Roman army, was stationed. At the age of ten Martin joined the Church as a catechumen soon after Christianity was legalized across the Roman Empire. Taking after his father, he joined the cavalry at the age of fifteen and was stationed in Gaul. At one point during his time of service he encountered a poor beggar who lacked adequate clothing on a cold winter day. St. Martin took his sword and cut his heavy woolen officer cloak in half, and gave the other half to the beggar. Following this act of charity, St. Martin had a vision in which he saw Jesus wearing the portion of his cloak he gave to the beggar, while telling the angels that it was Martin who had clothed him. After this vision Martin sought baptism, at the age of eighteen, and proclaimed himself a soldier for Christ. He left the military and adopted the penitential life of a hermit, attracting followers which eventually resulted in the founding of a monastery. St. Martin gained a reputation for holiness and performing miracles so that, when the bishop of Tours died, the people demanded that Martin take his place. As bishop he continued his austere life, took great care to train holy priests, destroyed pagan worship sites, and worked to spread Christianity throughout his diocese. St. Martin of Tours is the patron saint of cavalry, soldiers, innkeepers, horses and riders, beggars, and those in need. His feast day is November 11th.

St. Josaphat (1580-1623) was born to a devout religious family of Ruthenian ancestry in what is now Ukraine, and was baptized in the Eastern Orthodox Church. He devoted his virginity to the Virgin Mary and grew in his reverence for ancient liturgy. During a revival of Eastern Catholic monastic life he became a monk in the Order of St. Basil, and was ordained to Holy Orders in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in 1609. He was noted for his life of asceticism, holiness, and virtue which led to his appointment as Archbishop of Polotsk in what is today Belarus. During his lifetime there was much sociopolitical and ecclesiastical rivalry between the Catholics and Orthodox, especially in the wake of the 1596 Union of Brest which saw the Ruthenian rite break with Orthodoxy and come under the authority of the Holy See. St. Josaphat was passionate about working for the reunification with Rome and won many heretics and schismatics back to communion with Rome. However, he was also strongly opposed to the Latinization of his people. This combination of views drew ire from both Catholic and Orthodox clergy. His diocese was contested by the Orthodox, and a rival Orthodox bishop was set

(St. Josaphat – cont.)

up to oppose him, causing riots. During one uprising Josaphat tried to calm the tensions and work for reunification and peace, but his enemies plotted to kill him. A mob of Orthodox Christians entered Josaphat's home, stabbed and axed his body and threw it into a river. His body was seen glowing in the water and was recovered. After his martyrdom many miracles were attributed to his intercession. Josaphat's sacrifice became a blessing as regret and sorrow over his death converted many hearts toward reunification with the Catholic Church. In 1867 Josaphat became the first saint of the Eastern Church to be formally canonized by Rome. His feast day is November 12.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850–1917) was the thirteenth child of a modest farming family born near Milan, Italy. Her father would often gather his children in the kitchen to hear him read from a book on the lives of the saints. St. Frances was endeared to the stories of missionaries working in the Orient and desired to become one herself, which in her day was a man's role. Turned away from being a nun twice due to poor health, she prayed before the relics of her patron, Francis Xavier, the great Jesuit missionary-saint, about founding a new religious order to evangelize the East just as he did. Pope Leo XIII approved of her order, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, but instead of sending her to China as she had desired since childhood, he sent her to the West, specifically to America to serve the growing European immigrant population which faced poverty and disenfranchisement. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini moved to New York in 1889 and went on to found 67 institutions—schools, orphanages, and hospitals—throughout the Western Hemisphere. She received American citizenship, and in 1946 became the first United States citizen to be canonized by the Catholic Church. Her ministry left a significant mark on the Americas, creating lasting institutions to educate and care for those in need. She is the patron saint of immigrants, orphans, and hospital administrators. Her feast day is November 13th.

Blessed John Licci (1400-1511) was born to a poor peasant farmer near Palermo, Sicily. His mother died in childbirth, and his father was forced to leave his infant alone at home while he worked in the fields. One day a neighbor woman heard the baby's cries and, in compassion, brought the child into her home to care for him. When she laid the baby on the bed next to her paralyzed husband, he was miraculously cured of his disease. Mr. Licci was unhappy with the woman's meddling and brought his son back into his home. However, when he did so, his neighbor's paralysis returned. Mr. Licci took this as a sign that God wanted the couple to help him care for his son. This was the first of many miracles John Licci would perform throughout his life. He joined the Dominican Order in 1415 and was a friar for 96 years, the longest period known for any religious to wear the habit. His miracles include the multiplication of building materials used for a convent he founded, miraculously feeding a poor widow and her six children, raising a dead boy to life, and curing three people whose heads had been crushed in accidents. Consequently, he has been designated the patron saint of head injuries. He is the longest-living saint in the Catholic Church, dying at the age of 111. St. John Licci's feast day is November 14th.

St. Albert the Great (1206-1280) was born in Bavaria, Germany, the eldest son of a powerful military count. As a youth he was sent to study at the University of Padua where he encountered and entered the newly-founded Dominican order as a mendicant friar, forsaking his inheritance against his family's wishes. He was the first Dominican to earn a Master of Theology degree and was sent as a lecturer to the University of Paris (which at that time was the intellectual center of Europe) before launching a Dominican house of studies in Cologne. He introduced the works of Aristotle to western thought which allowed his most brilliant student, St. Thomas Aquinas, to synthesize the Catholic faith with human reason, that is, the truths established through philosophy. St. Albert the Great was a renowned scholar and a pioneer in the field of natural science, keeping his own laboratory for scientific experiments. He is known as one of the greatest thinkers of his day, called by his contemporaries "the teacher of everything there is to know" for writing an encyclopedia of all human knowledge up to that point in history. St. Albert the Great was also one of the most famous preachers of his day and served as the papal theologian in Rome. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1931 by Pope Pius XI. St. Albert the Great is the patron saint of scientists and philosophers. His feast day is November 15th.

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

By Jane Tufant Harvey

“Ask Her... to remind you that God has plans for you: “Plans to prosper you, not harm you, to give you hope and a future.” Don’t let anyone ever tell you differently.”

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 4

1241 + O my Jesus, when someone is unkind and unpleasant toward us, it is difficult enough to bear this kind of suffering. But this is very little in comparison to a suffering which I cannot bear; namely, that which I experience when someone exhibits kindness towards me and then lays snares at my feet at every step (7) I take. What a great will power is necessary to love such a soul for God’s sake. Many a time one has to be heroic in loving such a soul as God demands. If contact with that person were infrequent, it would be easier to endure, but when one lives in close contact with the person and experiences this at each step, this demands a very great effort.

MESSAGES OF MEDJUGORJE

*On the 25th of day of each month the Queen of Peace gives a message to the visionary, Marija Pavlovic, for the whole world.
Up-to-date messages may be obtained at <http://www.medjugorje.org>*

June 21, 1984 “Pray, pray, pray! Thank you for having responded to my call.”

July 12, 1984 “Dear children! These days Satan wants to frustrate my plans. Pray that his plan not be realized. I will pray my Son Jesus to give you the grace to experience the victory of Jesus in the temptations of Satan. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Faith Formation after Mass
Nov. 9, & Nov. 23

--- 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)

GRACE – the free, and unmerited
favor and love of God

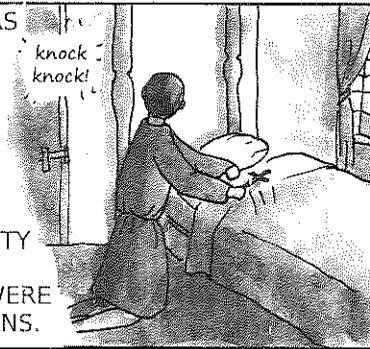
Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and
that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

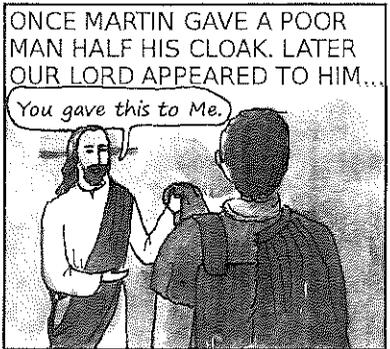
Saint Martin of Tours

November 11

MARTIN WAS A ROMAN SOLDIER IN THE 300'S WHO HAD SECRETLY LEARNED ABOUT CHRISTIANITY WHILE HIS PARENTS WERE STILL PAGANS.



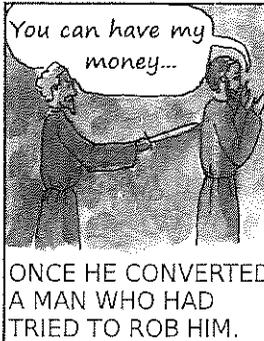
ONCE MARTIN GAVE A POOR MAN HALF HIS CLOAK. LATER OUR LORD APPEARED TO HIM...



MARTIN REFUSED TO FIGHT IN AN UNFAIR WAR, SO HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY.

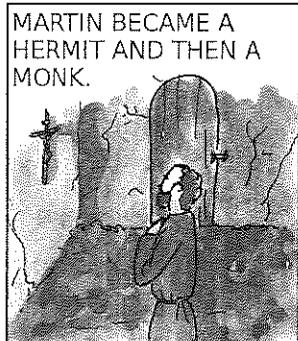


You can have my money...

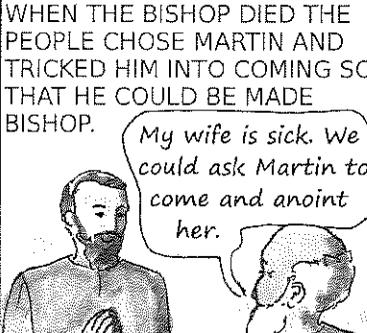
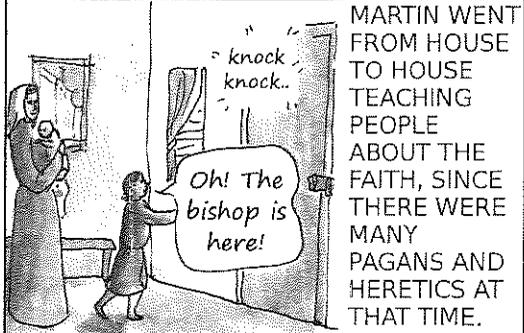


ONCE HE CONVERTED A MAN WHO HAD TRIED TO ROB HIM.

MARTIN BECAME A HERMIT AND THEN A MONK.



WHEN THE BISHOP DIED THE PEOPLE CHOSE MARTIN AND TRICKED HIM INTO COMING SO THAT HE COULD BE MADE BISHOP.

MARTIN WENT FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE TEACHING PEOPLE ABOUT THE FAITH, SINCE THERE WERE MANY PAGANS AND HERETICS AT THAT TIME.

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF BEING GENEROUS. FIRST HE GAVE HIS OWN CLOTHING TO A POOR BEGGAR. LATER HE GAVE HIS TIME TO GOD BY LIVING FOR HIM AND SERVING HIS PEOPLE. HOW CAN YOU BE GENEROUS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE? CAN YOU BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME?

Jesus in the Temple

Fill in the Blanks!

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the very end.

...Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business. And making a of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples that it was written, "Zeal for thy will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three ?" But he spoke of the temple of

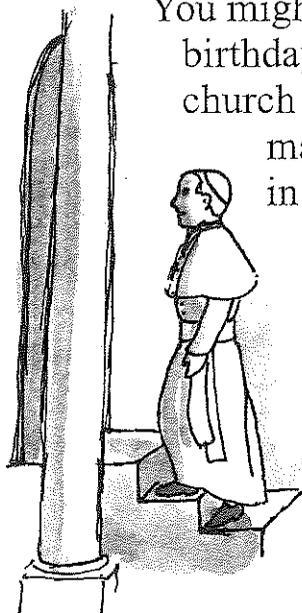
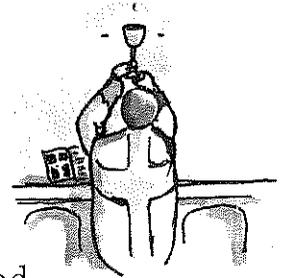
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| house | sheep |
| remembered | |



Birthday of the Church's Church!

Today is a rather unusual feast day. On most feast days we celebrate Our Lord or Our Lady or one the saints. But today we celebrate the day that a church in Rome was started.

Did you know that every parish has a special feast day when it has its birthday or the feast day of its patron saint? The Saint John Lateran Basilica in Rome was dedicated to God, sort of like its birthday, on November 9. And because it is the Pope's main church- and all Catholics belong to his parish, we celebrate its birthday because it's our church too!



You might be wondering why we have a birthday for a building, though! Well, a church is not just an ordinary building. It is made specially for the worship of God in the Mass. A church is also a symbol of the mystical Body of Christ, which is the people who belong to His Church. Today is a good day to remember and celebrate that we are part of Jesus' Church and His family on earth!

Answers to Fill in the Blanks: sheep, whip, coins, remembered, house, Destroy, days, His Body.