

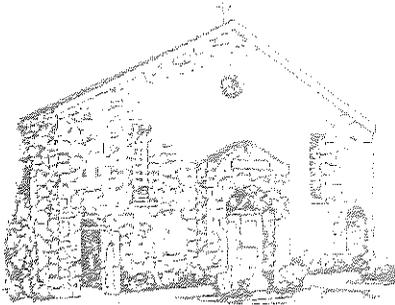
# Catholic Communities

Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

## Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

## St. Peter Catholic Church

Sunday  
February 15, 2026  
6<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

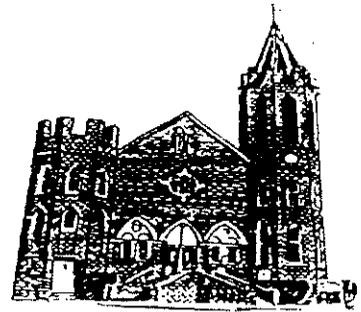
Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
(Reconciliation 30 minutes  
before Mass or by appointment)  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

### PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Sherry Renner  
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Archbold, Ohio 43502  
Rectory – 419-446-9288  
Office hours – Tues. & Thurs.  
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.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.

### PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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Bookkeeper

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CRE

## 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

## February 15, 2026 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

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

### **FAITH FORMATION**

Faith Formation class after Mass today.

### **FEBRUARY 18, 2026 - ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**

Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter – 7:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

### **APRIL COMMUNITY MEAL**

Our Lady of Mercy is in charge of the April 15, 2026, Fayette Community Meal at the Fayette Methodist Community Life Center. There will be a meeting after Mass today by the Cry Room for all who would like to help. If you cannot attend and would like to help, please contact Sherry Renner.

### **SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

If are not receiving contribution envelopes and you want to please fill out form on the table in the back and either put in collection basket or turn into the office.

### **2026 LENTEN STUDY**

This year's Adult Lenten Study will be Ascension Press's **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** narrated by Edward Sri. Please prayerfully consider participating in this year's program. Dates: February 22, March 8 & March 22, starting approximately 9:30 a.m.

### **POINSETTIA'S**

Please help yourself to the Christmas poinsettias in the cry room.

### **ST. PETER NEWS**

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

#### **FISH FRIDAYS**

Archbold Knights of Columbus Fish Fry's begin January 9, 2026 thru April 3, 2026, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 419-446-7495 for carry out orders, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Archbold

*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**

Feb. 18 – Fayette Community Meal – Fayette Methodist Life Center – 5 p.m. – 6p.m.

Feb. 28 Fayette Opera House – John & Jenn – 7 p.m.

## ***THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE***

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Time</b></i>	<i><b>Church</b></i>	<i><b>Intention</b></i>
Sun., Feb. 15	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	OLOM SP	Giovanni Stella Dick & Susan Saaf
Mon., Feb. 16	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tues., Feb. 17	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Feb. 18	7:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>OLOM</b>	<b>For the People</b>
	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Feb. 19	9:00 a.m.	<b>OLOM</b>	<b>For the People</b>
Fri., Feb. 20	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat., Feb. 21	4:30 p.m.	SP	Betty Zimmerman
Sun., Feb. 22	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	OLOM SP	For the People Al Holland

### **PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS**

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

Shirley Taylor  
Denise Miller

Issac Wiles (Marge Crowell's great grandson)  
Victims of domestic violence

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 – February 18 & 22, 2026**

	<b>February 18 – 9 a.m. Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>February 22</b>
<b>Greeters / Gifts</b>		Mary Bird/Shelly Gruman
<b>Proclaimer</b>	Mary Bird	Shelly Gruman
<b>Servers</b>		Will Maginn
<b>Ushers</b>		Ron & Pat Eisel
<b>Money Counters</b>		Eli E. /Joanna M. Michelle M.

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT**

Reported for February 8, 2026

Sunday Offertory (15 envelopes)	\$ 1,115.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 50.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,747.00</u></b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 582.00)

**OTHER COLLECTIONS**

CPC Jar & Votives	\$ 9.00
Maintenance	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 1,274.00</b>

(Sunday Offertory, & Other)

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

Week of February 15 – February 21

**St. Claude de la Colombiere** (1641-1682) was born to a noble family in France and became a Jesuit priest. He was known for his solid and serious sermons and his dedication to observing the rule of his order with exactness. He became the rector of a Jesuit house next to the Monastery of the Visitation where St. Margaret Mary Alacoque lived, who was given special revelations from Jesus of His Sacred Heart. Claude became St. Margaret Mary's spiritual director, and, like her, became a zealous promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1676 he was sent to England to attend the wife of the future King James II, serving at court as preacher and confessor. When anti-Catholic persecutions broke out, Claude was falsely accused of being involved in a 'papist plot' and was thrown into prison. While there his health suffered due to mistreatment. He was preserved from execution and instead banished from England by royal decree. He returned to his native France, where his fragile health continued to deteriorate until he died a few years later. The day after his death, St. Margaret Mary received supernatural assurance that he needed no prayers, as he was already in heaven. His feast day is February 15.

**St. Juliana of Nicomedia** (c. 270 A.D.), also known as St. Juliana of Cumae, was the daughter of noble pagan parents, born in Nicomedia, a Greek city in ancient Turkey. Although her father was hostile to Christians, Juliana secretly accepted baptism. Her father arranged her marriage to a pagan nobleman and Roman senator. When the time for her wedding came, Juliana refused her consent to be married unless her betrothed converted to the Christian faith. Her father retaliated by mercilessly abusing her, but Juliana would not give in. Her betrothed then denounced her as a Christian before the tribunal under the persecutions of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. St. Juliana was unwavering in her faith, even after the devil himself appeared to tempt her during her sufferings. She was then publicly tortured by being burned, boiled in oil, and finally beheaded. Some accounts say she died together with St. Barbara. Many were converted to the Christian faith upon witnessing her fortitude in the face of her tortures. St. Juliana is the patron saint of sickness and bodily ills. Her feast day is February 16th.

**St. Manettus** (d. 1268), also known as St. Benedict dell'Antella, was one of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servites. Between 1225 and 1227 in the city of Florence, Italy, seven cloth merchants from the city's prominent families joined the Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They desired to live a penitential life dedicated to her title of Mother of Sorrows. Our Lady appeared to the seven men on the feast of the Assumption in 1233, asking them to live a life of seclusion and prayer. They obeyed and lived an austere life for many years. Mary appeared to the seven again in 1240, giving them a black habit and a scroll titled "Servants of Mary," and asking them to found a religious order following the Rule of St. Augustine. The Servites became one of the five original mendicant religious orders. Their special charism is devotion to the Passion of Jesus and the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Only one of the seven founders lived to see the order formally approved by Rome in 1304. It has since spread throughout the world and remains active to this day. The feast day of its Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites (Servants of Mary) is February 17.

**Bl. Fra Angelico** (1387-1455) was born Guido di Pietro in Tuscany, Italy. Little is known of his early life, but he became a famous early Italian Renaissance master painter. Fra Angelico would pray earnestly before he painted, being convinced that in order to paint Christ perfectly, one must also be Christlike. His paintings then became tools for contemplating the theological mysteries hidden in the biblical events he depicted. He joined the Dominican Order in 1407 and was given the name Brother John, often called "Angelic Brother John", or Fra Angelico (Angelic Friar) because of his holiness. He lived and worked in several friaries until moving to the Friary of San Marco in Florence. While in Florence he was surrounded by an artistic community, and, due to his great talent, gained the patronage of the famous Medici family. In 1445 he was summoned to Rome to work on St. Peter's Basilica in various chapels. From 1449 until shortly before his death, Fra Angelico was also prior of the convent in Fiesole. He passed away while working again in Rome and is buried in the Dominican church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva. Fra Angelico was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II and is the patron saint of Catholic artists. His feast day is February 18.

**Bl. Alvarez of (Córdoba) Cordova** (1350-1430) was born to a noble family in Zamora, Spain. He joined the Dominican Order and preached throughout Spain, and served at the court of Queen Catherine. He went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and upon his return preached the crusades against the Muslims. He founded the famous priory of Scala Caeli (Ladder of Heaven) at Cordova, a convent of strict observance, and it is said that angels helped provide its building materials. He erected pictures of the holy places in Jerusalem in its gardens, popularizing the custom of the Stations of the Cross. He lived a life of great austerity and begged for alms even though he could easily obtain what he needed from the royal court. Numerous miracles are attributed to him. It is told that he once found a dying beggar, wrapped him in a blanket, and carried him back to the convent. Upon unwrapping the cloth he found only a crucifix. Blessed Alvarez was dedicated to Christ's Passion and helped spread devotion to the Way of the Cross throughout western Europe. He also successfully led a resistance against the anti-pope and brought Spain under allegiance to the true pope in Rome. His feast day is February 19.

**St. Francisco (1908-1919) and St. Jacinta Marto (1910–1920)** were siblings and the youngest of the three shepherd children, who, along with their cousin, Lúcia Santos, witnessed three apparitions of an angel in 1916 and six apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1917 while tending sheep in the countryside of Fatima, Portugal. They were entrusted by Our Lady of Fatima with many messages and warnings for the world, and that they were to do penance and pray for the conversion of sinners. Both became prayerful mystics, much wiser than their age, on account of these visits. Although only young children, they faithfully offered up many sacrifices as Our Lady requested, by praying the rosary daily, giving their lunches to the poor, denying themselves water on hot days, wearing a rough rope next to her skin, calmly facing ridicule on account of the apparitions, and bravely enduring the suffering that ended in their deaths. The Blessed Mother told Francisco and Jacinta that they would die young and that she would soon come to take them to heaven. Francisco and Jacinta both fell sick from influenza in 1918. Francisco died first, and Jacinta the next year after a long illness and two hospitalizations. They were canonized by Pope Francis on May 13, 2017, the 100th anniversary of the first Apparition of Our Lady of Fátima. Their feast day is February 20th.

**St. Peter Damian** (1007-1072 A.D.) was born in Ravenna, Italy, the youngest of a large and noble yet poor family. After his birth his mother initially refused to nurse him due to the strain he would put on the family, and he nearly died. He was later orphaned and suffered from extreme poverty. One brother adopted him, but neglected him and treated him like a slave. Another brother, a priest, recognizing that Peter had great intelligence, took him in and provided for his education. Peter excelled in his studies and in religious piety. By the time he was twenty-five he became a professor famous for his work in theology and canon law. Bothered by the distractions of university life, at twenty-eight he left his position to become a Benedictine monk and to lead a quiet life of fervent prayer and self-mortification. He lived during a time of great corruption in the Church, and became heavily involved in the controversies and crises of the day, advocating for reform and greater discipline in religious life. He was an influential figure, a friend and adviser to both popes and emperors, and was made a bishop and cardinal. Due to his academic prowess and prolific theological writings, St. Peter Damian was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1823. His feast day is February 21.



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

*By Jane Tufant Harvey*

“Ask Her...to remind you that her Son wants you to cast all your cares on Him: your distress, your anxiety, your fears, and anything else burdening you. Releasing these things to Him allows Him to release his peace in you.”

**MESSAGES OF MEDJUGORJE**

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

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

October 18, 1984 – “Dear children! Today I call on you to read the Bible every day in your homes and let it be in a visible place so as always to encourage you to read it and to pray. 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.*

August 22, 1981 – “Father Jozo has nothing to fear. All that will pass.”

August 23, 1981 – “Praised be Jesus! I have been with Ivan until now. Pray, my angels, for this people. My children, I give you strength. I will give you some of it always. When you need me, call me.”

**The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen - with an introduction by *Matthew Kelly***

“The day that man forgets that love is identical with sacrifice, he will ask how a God of love could demand mortification and self-denial.”

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

--Faith Formation after Mass  
Feb. 15, Mar. 1, Mar. 5,  
Mar. 29

--Feb. 18 - Ash Wed. Masses  
7 a.m. – St. Peter  
9 a.m. – OLOM  
6:30 p.m. – St. Peter

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

**CHOICE** – power of choosing;  
option

Before man are life and death, good and evil,  
Whichever he chooses shall be given him.  
**Sirach 15:17**