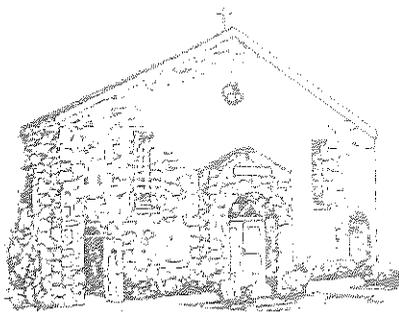


**Catholic Communities**  
Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

**Our Lady of Mercy  
Catholic Church**



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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**St. Peter  
Catholic Church**



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

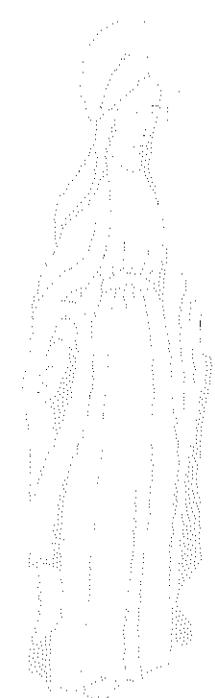
Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.

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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(O CIA)

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.

### Offering Envelopes

Please fill out a form on the back tables if you are not receiving offering envelopes.

### 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

March 8, 2026 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

**FAITH FORMATION**

Faith Formation class after Mass on March 15 & March 29.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be here at Our Lady of Mercy on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

**2026 ADULT LENTEN STUDY**

The second section of the adult Lenten study will be today after Mass.

**HELPING HANDS FOR FAYETTE**

Our Lady of Mercy parishioners are invited to join the Faith Formation students in collecting personal toiletry items for men, women, and children during the Lenten season this year. These items will be donated to Fayette Helping Hands. We will be collecting items until Easter, April 5. A tub is in the back of the church.

**WALK FOR LIFE**

We are in need of a volunteer to take over the Walk for Life event that happens on Good Friday. Please contact the office if you are interested.

**AREA CONFESSIONS**

Wauseon, St. Caspar's Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Councils will meet on Thursday, March 26, 2026.  
Finance – 5:45 p.m.  
Pastoral – 6:15 p.m.

**ST. PETER NEWS**

**EUCCHARISTIC 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

**PENANCE SERVICE**

Wednesday, March 18, 2025  
6:30 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**

Mar. 8 – Fayette Legion Auxiliary  
Baked Potato Drive Thru –  
11:30 am – 12:30 pm – Free Will  
offering

Mar. 12 – Souper Supper Bean  
Creek Coffee House 6 p.m. Fayette  
Opera House

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

Mar. 22 – Fayette Opera House  
Glasgow Reed Organ Concert –  
12:30 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., Mar. 8	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	OLOM SP	Marcel Bonin Larry Miller
Mon., Mar. 9		NO MASS	
Tues., Mar. 10	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Mar. 11	7:10 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Mar. 12	9:00 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
Fri., Mar. 13	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat., Mar. 14	4:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun., Mar. 15	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	OLOM SP	Frank Grime Giovanni Stella Gina Damman

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

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

Shirley Taylor  
Denise Miller

The Soul of Father Jerry Schetter

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 – March 15, 2026**

<b>Greeters / Gifts</b>	Ron & Pat Eisel
<b>Proclaimer</b>	Pat Eisel
<b>Servers</b>	Kennedy Kunkle
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron & Pat Eisel
<b>Money Counters</b>	Phil Baker/Terry Kovar/Joanne Marry

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT**

Reported for March 1, 2026

Sunday Offertory (12 envelopes)	\$ 891.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 282.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,747.00</u></b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 574.00)

**OTHER COLLECTIONS**

CPC Jar	\$ 21.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 80.00
Maintenance	<u>\$ 55.00</u>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 1,334.00</b>
(Sunday Offertory, & Other)	

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

Week of March 8 – March 14

**St. John of God** (1495-1550) was born in Portugal to poor and devout Christian parents. How he came to be separated from them and homeless at the age of 8 is uncertain, but he eventually found work as a shepherd until the age of 22. At that time he enlisted as a soldier in the Roman Emperor's army to escape an offer of marriage to the shepherd's daughter. There he led a wild and dissolute life; fond memories of his parents is all that kept the spark of faith alive in his heart. At the age of 40 he left the army and reformed himself, beginning with a penitential pilgrimage to St. James of Compostella (The Way of St. James) in Spain. Appalled at his sinful and wasted life, he was determined to spend his remaining days in good works. He was affirmed in this direction by a vision of the Infant Jesus and a sermon of St. John of Avila, who was to become his spiritual director. He later dedicated his life in service to the poor, homeless, and sick, especially the mentally ill, by starting a hospital and homeless shelter. Many people were attracted to him and his work, and he organized his followers into the Order of Hospitallers. They were approved by the Holy See as the Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God, which still exists to this day. St. John of God is the patron saint of many causes, especially of hospitals, hospital workers, nurses, the sick, and the dying. His feast day is March 8.

**St. Frances of Rome** (1384-1440) was born to a noble family in Rome. As a young girl her desire to become a nun was refused by her father, who instead arranged her marriage at the age of 12. St. Frances accepted this as God's will for her life. She was married for 40 years and had children, two of whom died from the plague. In her time Rome was at war and the city was in chaos from political disarray and widespread disease. St. Frances responded by converting her home into a hospital. She drove with a wagon into the streets and collected the sick and stranded in order to care for them. She miraculously cured many people, and also began the city's first orphanage. She inspired many women to join her in this life of prayer and good works, and eventually founded a congregation of lay oblates attached to the Benedictine monastery known as the Oblates of St. Frances of Rome. After her husband's death she entered religious life as the group's superior. One of the great mystics of her time, she dictated 97 visions and was visibly guided by her guardian angel throughout her life. St. Frances of Rome is the patron saint of many causes, including motorists, pilots, women, widows, and against plague and the death of children. On her feast day many priests bless cars due to her patronage of cars and drivers. Her feast day is March 9th.

**St. Macarius of Jerusalem** (4th c.) was the Bishop of Jerusalem from 312-335 A.D. Little is known of his life before this time. He took part in the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. and vigorously opposed the Arian heresy, which greatly threatened the early Church. It is believed that he was one of the bishops who helped draft the Nicene Creed. St. Athanasius, his contemporary, refers to Macarius as an example of "the honest and simple style of apostolical men." After the council, St. Macarius accompanied St. Helen, the queen mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, in her successful search for the True Cross that Jesus was crucified upon. It was he who suggested to St. Helen that she would identify the real Cross by touching all three of those she found to a seriously ill woman, and observe which one brought immediate healing. Following the discovery of the True Cross in this miraculous manner, Constantine wrote to Bishop Macarius requesting that he oversee the construction of a magnificent church in Jerusalem, the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, to commemorate the sites of the Crucifixion and Burial of Christ, which still exists today as one of the most important Christian pilgrimage sites in the world. His feast day is March 10th.

**St. Eulogius of Cordoba** (9th c.) was a priest from a prominent Christian family in Cordoba (Cordova), Spain. He was well-educated, humble, gentle, friendly, and a gifted leader with the charisma of encouragement, especially towards Christians facing martyrdom. In his time Cordoba was the capital of the Muslim conquerors of Catholic Spain. The Muslim leaders allowed Christians to live in relative peace until a persecution arose when some of the Muslim population began converting to Christianity. They imprisoned the clergy, including Eulogius. While in prison Eulogius read the Bible to his companions and exhorted them to faithfulness in the face of martyrdom. He also wrote to two other young female converts who were facing threats, instructing them that no matter how terribly they were physically abused, it could not harm their souls, and that they must fight for their faith till death and leave God to defend his Church. St. Eulogius was released and later jailed again for hiding a young female convert who fled from her family in fear of her life. St. Eulogius' judge offered him escape if he would weaken the practice of his religion, but instead he preached the Gospel to the presiding court. He was immediately beheaded. St. Eulogius' feast day is March 11th.

**St. Luigi Orione** (1872-1940) was born in northern Italy and entered a Franciscan friary at the age of 13, but had to leave due to poor health. He became a pupil of St. John Bosco at his Turin oratory for boys, and later entered the diocesan seminary. While still a seminarian he opened his own oratory and boarding school to provide for the Christian training and education of boys. This institution became a well-spring for new vocations to the priesthood. He also traveled and founded many other pious congregations for clergy and lay people alike, including two religious orders. The ideal of St. Luigi's life was to provide for the spiritual welfare of others and to serve Jesus Christ and his Church. Many people were attracted to him and his work, and he cared in a special way for the sick, the disabled, and the poor. He was a preacher and confessor, as well as an organizer of pilgrimages, missions, processions, and other public celebrations of the faith. He loved Our Lady deeply and fostered devotion to her among his seminarians. Today his apostolate encompasses about 300 foundations, including schools, hospitals, assisted living facilities, and learning centers on nearly every continent. His body is incorrupt, and he was canonized in 2004. St. Luigi Orione's feast day is March 12th.

**St. Euphrasia** (380-410 A.D.) was the only child of noble Christian parents serving the court of the Christian Emperor Theodosius I, their relative, in Constantinople. After her birth her parents vowed to remain celibate in order to commit their lives fully to prayer and penance. Her father died soon after, and Euphrasia moved with her mother to Egypt near a large monastery of nuns. At the age of seven Euphrasia vowed her virginity to Christ and desired to join the monastery. Her mother gladly presented her to the abbess, and then died soon after. When the Emperor heard of her mother's death, he sought out Euphrasia for an arranged marriage. Euphrasia denied the offer due to her vow, and requested that her large estate be sold with the money given to the poor, and all her slaves freed. The Emperor was greatly pleased with her chosen course in life, and did all that she asked. As a nun Euphrasia did great penances. In order to resist temptations to sin, she would perform difficult manual labor, often lifting heavy stones and moving them from one place to another for days on end, and other such drudgery. She was known to perform miracles both before and after her death at the age of thirty. Her feast day is March 13th.

**St. Matilda** (895-968 A.D.) was born in Prussia, the daughter of a Count, and was raised and educated in a monastery by her grandmother, who was the abbess. A political marriage was arranged for her to Henry I, the future king of Germany. Henry and Matilda enjoyed a happy and blessed marriage. As the Queen of Germany, Matilda became the mother of five important historical figures: Holy Roman Emperor Otto I; Henry, Duke of Bavaria; St. Bruno, Archbishop of Cologne; Gerberga, wife of King Louis IV of France; and Hedwig, mother of Hugh Capet. Matilda was a holy and virtuous woman known for her generosity to the poor. The king adored his queen and attributed his success in battle to her prayers. They reigned seventeen years, and their eldest son succeeded the throne and became Emperor Otto I. After her husband's death, Matilda's two eldest sons chastised her for her generous almsgiving. St. Matilda then took the possessions left to her by her husband and turned them over to her sons, and retired from court. Her sons immediately suffered misfortune, which was attributed to their poor treatment of their holy mother. In order to repair this injustice and regain God's favor, St. Matilda begged to return to court, which she did, forgiving her sons for their ill will. She continued to help the poor, build churches, and support many monasteries. St. Matilda was a celebrated monarch and was venerated by the people immediately after her death. Her feast day is March 14th.

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

*By Jane Tufant Harvey*

“Ask Her...to remind you that whoever acts in the light of merciful love and truth is always helped by Heaven.”

**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.*

November 8, 1984 – “Dear children! You are not conscious of the messages which God is sending you through me. He is giving you great graces and you do not comprehend them. Pray to the Holy Spirit for enlightenment. If you only knew how great are the graces of God is granting you, you would be praying without ceasing. 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 25, 1981 – “Some persons who were present asked the visionaries to request of the Blessed Virgin permission to touch her. Our Lady said: “It is not necessary to touch me. Many are those who do not feel anything when they touch me.” Our Lady also said that among those present, there was a spy (no other clarification was given). On the matter of the sign: “You do not have to become impatient for the day will come.””

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

“Love itself starts with the desire for something good.”

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

---Faith Formation after Mass  
Mar. 15, Mar. 29

---Adult Lenten series Mar. 8 &  
Mar. 22 after Mass

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

---Stations of the Cross –  
Mar. 26 7 p.m.

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

**HOPE** – to trust in truth of a  
matter

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of  
God has been poured out into our hearts through the  
Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**Romans 5:5**