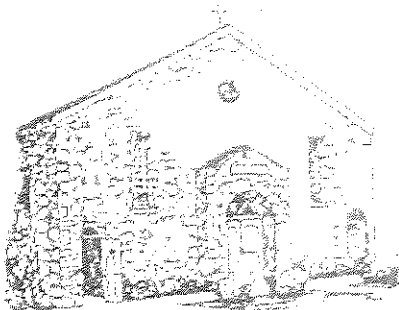


Catholic Communities
Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

**Our Lady of Mercy
Catholic Church**

**St. Peter
Catholic Church**

Sunday
August 9, 2026
19th Sunday Ordinary Time



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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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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

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FINANCE COUNCIL

Terry Kovar
Barb Bruggeman

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.

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

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 SUNDAYS AT 7:55 A.M.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

You should of received or will be receiving August 23, 2026 through October 4, 2026 collection envelopes. If you do not receive them by next week please let the office know.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

There will be Rosary and Mass here at Our Lady of Mercy on Saturday, August 15, 2026. Rosary will begin at 8:30 a.m. Mass will follow at 9:00 a.m.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's will meet on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

Finance 5:45 p.m.

Pastoral 6:15 p.m.

Adoration and rosary will be at 7:00 p.m.

HELP WANTED – FULTON COUNTY FAIR

Our Lady of Mercy is looking for volunteers to help promote the Catholic faith at the Fulton County Fair. Our times to share our faith are Tuesday, September 8, 2026, Noon – 2 p.m. and Thursday, September 10, 2026, Noon until 7 p.m. See bulletin board for the sign-up sheet. Any questions please see Sherry Renner.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS

There were a few vintage religious items that came into St. Vincent de Paul. They are on the back table in front of the cry room. Please take what you want. They all have been Blessed by Father Bill.

OCIA – ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Has the Holy Spirit been nudging you to become Catholic? Please pick up on the back tables the journey of becoming Catholic. Any questions please see Father Bill. (OCIA is formerly RCIA)

NEW DIRECTORY

St. Peter has graciously invited Our Lady of Mercy to join them in creating a new photo directory!! The last time we had a photo directory was in 2015. Appointment sign up will start soon.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

May 2 – Aug. 29, 2026 Fayette Farmers Market – Opera House parking lot – 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

August 19 – Fayette Community Meal – Fayette Methodist Life Center – 5 p.m. – 6p.m.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Sun., August 9	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Marcel Bonin, Jimmie Crowell Frank Grime
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Mike Salinas
Mon., August 10	NO MASS		
Tues., August 11	6:30 p.m.	SP	Audrey Dominique
Wed., August 12	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Aug. 13	9:00 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
Fri., August 14	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat., August 15 Assumption of Mary	9:00 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
	4:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun., August 16	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Jeannette Tidwell Shirley Taylor
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Dick & Susie Saaf McColl's 57 th Anniversary

PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

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

Linda Tilley
Denise Miller

The Soul of Father Nick Cunningham
The Soul of Monsignor Ken Morman

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 – August 16, 2026

Greeters / Gifts	Mary Bird / Marge Crowell
Proclaimer	Ron Baker
Servers	Kennedy Kunkle
Ushers	Ron & Pat Eisel
Money Counters	Ron Baker / Barb Bruggeman / Eli Eberly

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for August 2, 2026

Sunday Offertory (16 envelopes)	\$ 1,666.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 270.00
BUDGET	<u>\$ 1,747.00</u>
Over / (Under)	\$ 189.00

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Votives & CPC Jar	\$.05
Maintenance	\$ 105.00
Postage Help	\$ 12.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 45.00
Altar Rosary breakfast	<u>\$ 596.00</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 2,694.05
(Sunday Offertory, & Other)	

SAINTS OF THE DAY (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of August 9 – August 15

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (1891–1942) was born as Edith Stein in Prussia, the youngest of eleven children from a devout Jewish family. She was a bright and gifted child, and as she matured she became an atheist. She went on to receive a doctorate in philosophy, studying under the famous philosophers Heidegger and Husserl. Despite her atheism, she was affected by several friends who displayed a great passion for the Catholic faith. One day, while staying at a friend's home, she saw the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila. She read it from cover to cover, and after finishing it she exclaimed, "This is the Truth." Edith was baptized in Cologne, Germany in 1922. From there she taught for a time at a Dominican school and studied St. Thomas Aquinas and other Catholic philosophers. When the rise of anti-semitism forced her to resign from a teaching post, she wrote to Pope Pius XI asking him to publicly denounce the Nazis. Discerning a call to the religious life, she became a Carmelite nun in Cologne 1934, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross after her special devotion to the Cross of Christ. When the Nazi threat grew in Germany, her Order transferred her to a convent in the Netherlands for safety. There Edith grew in her desire to offer her life for the salvation of souls. The Nazis eventually came for her, and she, along with her sister Rose, who was also a convert, were sent to the Nazi concentration camp in Auschwitz. They were both killed in the gas chamber. St. Edith Stein is the patroness of martyrs and Europe. Her feast day is August 9th.

St. Lawrence of Rome (d. 258 A.D.) was likely a Spaniard by birth who lived in Rome while Christianity was outlawed under pain of death. He was appointed by Pope St. Sixtus II as archdeacon over the seven deacons of Rome, and held the sacred duty of tending to the Church's wealth and distributing alms to the poor. After Pope St. Sixtus II was beheaded by Roman Emperor Valerian, along with the six other deacons, Lawrence was left as the highest-ranking clergy in Rome. He was ordered by the Roman authorities to appear before the tribunal—a summons to his execution—along with the treasures of the Church that were in his possession. St. Lawrence then quickly distributed the Church's wealth to the poor so that the government could not confiscate it. On the appointed day, August 10th, Lawrence responded to the summons by bringing with him a multitude of the poor and crippled of Rome; these he proclaimed to be the true treasure of the Church. This angered the authorities so greatly that Lawrence was ordered to be burned alive on a gridiron. He was bound to the metal grate and slowly roasted to death over hot coals. During his torture Lawrence famously mocked his torturers by saying, "I am done on this side, turn me over." St. Lawrence is the patron saint of many causes including cooks, chefs, comedians, deacons, librarians, students, and the poor. His feast day is August 10th.

St. Clare (1194–1253) was born in Assisi, Italy, to an aristocratic family, the daughter of a wealthy count. From childhood she was pious after the example of her mother, and as she grew up her longing for God increased. When she was eighteen she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach a Lenten mission in the local church. His holy example kindled her desire to renounce the world and follow Christ. She secretly begged Francis to help her live as he did, in simplicity according to the Gospel. St. Francis agreed. On Palm Sunday, Clare attended High Mass in all her finery for the final time. There she received a mystical experience which confirmed her desire to renounce the world and follow Christ after the example of St. Francis. That same night she secretly fled her father's house, along with two companions, to a chapel where St. Francis awaited her with his friars. She exchanged her fine clothes for a rough tunic and veil, and had her hair cut off. Francis placed Clare for a time with Benedictine nuns to escape the wrath of her family. She was soon joined by her sister, Agnes, and other young women whom St. Francis inspired. He permanently housed the women, with Clare as abbess, in the Church of San Damiano outside Assisi. This became the first foundation of the Poor Clare nuns. St. Clare lived there for the next forty years in prayer, penance, and fasting. She is the patroness of eyes and eye diseases, the telephone, and television. Her feast day is August 11th.

St. Jeanne (Jane) Frances de Chantal (1572–1641) was born in Dijon, France. She was the daughter of the president of parliament, and lived up to her noble status as a refined, cheerful, and beautiful woman. At the age of twenty-one she married a baron and together they had six children. She was strong in her faith, having daily Mass said in her castle, giving alms to the poor, and skillfully managing her household. After seven years of marriage, her husband was killed in an accident. To protect the estate for her children, she was obliged to live with her ill-tempered father-in-law for seven years. When she was thirty-two she met St. Francis de Sales, whom she had previously seen in a vision after praying for a spiritual director. To her private vow of chastity she added another of obedience to his direction, while continuing to provide for her children. (cont.)

(St. Jeanne Frances de Chantal – cont.)

At the age of forty-five, after meeting her family obligations, she and St. Francis founded a religious institute for women, the Congregation of the Visitation, which was to exemplify the virtues of the Virgin Mary at the Visitation. The Visitation sisters accepted women who were rejected from other religious orders due to age or illness. They were notable for their charitable works. Aristocrats and the nobility flocked to Jeanne de Chantal's reception-room to seek her counsel. She underwent great trials, including the deaths of many of her close family and friends. She also traveled extensively to found new Visitation houses, having established eighty-six at the time of her death. Her feast day is August 12th.

St. Cassian of Imola (4th c.) was the Bishop of Brescia near Milan, Italy. When a wave of persecution erupted under the Roman Emperor, Cassian fled to Imola, Italy, where he found work as a schoolmaster teaching children how to read and write. He was a disciplined and effective educator. In addition to instructing his students in the Christian faith, he also taught them a form of shorthand that allowed them to write as fast as they could speak. A city official discovered that Cassian was a Christian and denounced him to the government authorities. Cassian was arrested and ordered to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, which he refused. As punishment the local judge ordered that he be stripped, bound, and tied to a stake. He was then turned over to his pagan students, numbering about 200, to be tortured to death. His students used their iron styli (writing instruments) to mercilessly carve into his skin and slowly stab him to death. St. Cassian died from the many wounds inflicted all over his body. St. Cassian of Imola is the patron saint of students, school teachers, shorthand writers, court reporters, stenographers, and parish clerks. His feast day is August 13th.

St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894–1941) was born in Poland to a devout Christian family. As a boy he had a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She showed him two crowns: a white one for virginity and a red one for martyrdom, and asked him which he would be willing to accept. He replied that he would accept both. He later joined the Franciscans. While studying for the priesthood in Rome, he organized a group of friars and founded the Militia of the Immaculata in 1917 to crusade for consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to oppose the evil of Freemasonry. From it came the Knights of the Immaculate magazine that reached a circulation of 750,000, as well as a radio show, both of which became a resource for strengthening faith across Poland. He also established a monastery which grew to 800 friars, the largest in the world at the time. In 1930 he traveled to the Far East and founded another monastery in Nagasaki, Japan. He returned to Poland in 1936. During World War II, St. Maximilian Kolbe housed over 3,000 Polish refugees at his monastery. He was eventually imprisoned because of his effective work, and was sent to Auschwitz in 1941. There he endured special cruelty because he was a Catholic priest. St. Maximilian ministered to the prisoners, and offered his life in place of a father who had been condemned to death. After being starved for two weeks and still found alive, Maximilian was killed by lethal injection on August 14, 1941. He is the patron saint of families, drug addicts, prisoners, journalists, and the pro-life movement. His feast day is August 14th.

St. Tarcisius (3rd c.) was a boy who lived during the persecution of Roman Emperor Valerian. When the Christians would secretly celebrate daily Mass in the catacombs, a deacon would be sent to carry the Holy Eucharist to the Christians waiting in prison to be executed. At one point there was no deacon to send, and so St. Tarcisius, a twelve-year-old acolyte, was sent to carry the "Holy Mysteries" to the prisoners. One day, on his way, he was stopped by pagan boys his own age with whom he would sometimes play games. They asked him to play, but Tarcisius declined because of the holy mission on which he had been sent. The crowd of boys became curious about what he was carrying, and soon discovered that he was a Christian. In their profane desire to see the holy secret he so carefully guarded, they descended on him as a mob and beat him. Tarcisius was courageous and refused to surrender the Blessed Sacrament. A fellow Christian came to his rescue and carried his bloodied body back to the catacombs. Tarcisius died from his injuries along the way. He was buried in the cemetery of St. Callistus, and his relics are kept in the church of San Silvestro. Legend has it that the consecrated Host disappeared during the attack. St. Tarcisius is the patron of altar boys and first communicants. His feast day is August 15th.

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

By Jane Tufant Harvey

"Ask Her...to remind you that prayer is the foundation of peace. You cannot have real, sustained peace if your heart is not at peace with Christ."

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.*

February 221, 198 - "Dear children! From day to day I have been inviting you to renewal and prayer in the parish, but you are not accepting it. Today I am calling you for the last time! Now it's Lent and you as a parish can turn to my messages during Lent out of love. If you do not do that, I do not wish to keep on giving messages. God is permitting me that. Thank you for having responded to my call."

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen · with an introduction by Matthew Kelly

"We hate others, and call it "zeal"; we flatter others because of what they can do for us, and call it "love"; we lie to them, and call it "tact.""

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

(from Divine Mercy Daily)

Suddenly, I saw the Lord Jesus, who said to me, **Be at peace, My child. See, you are not alone. My Heart watches over you.** Jesus filled me with strength concerning a certain person. I feel strength within my soul. (*Diary, 799*). **The words of Jesus appear in boldface type.*

**WEEKLY ARTICLE/VIDEOS FROM THE DIVINE
MERCY/DIVINE MERCY PLUS WEBSITE**

divinemercyplus.org/videos/did-catholics-change-sabbath-what-allowed-sunday

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

--- August 15 – The Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am – Rosary

9:00 am – Mass

---August 20 – Council meetings

Finance – 5:45 p.m.

Pastoral – 6:15 p.m.

---August 20 – Adoration &
Rosary – 7:00 p.m.

---Sept. 19 – Save the Date –
Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day
Celebration

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

"Lord save me!" **Matthew 14:30**

SALVATION – state of being
saved or delivered