

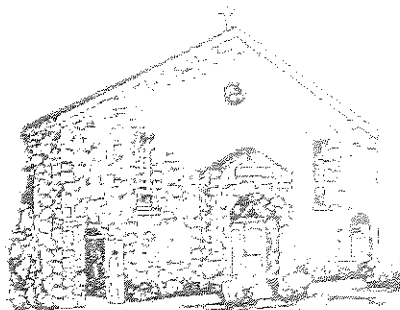
Catholic Communities

Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

St. Peter Catholic Church

**Sunday
November 1, 2026
31st 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

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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.
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

Council meetings are generally held on 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: olomfayette@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 8:00 A.M.

OCIA

OCIA will meet on November 8, 2026 after Mass.

DIOCESE NEWS

All are invited to a historic day for the Diocese of Toledo! Join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas at Rosary Cathedral on **Sunday, November 1, at 3 p.m.** for the dedication of the new altar and blessing of the restored Cathedral. Come experience our beautifully renewed mother church and celebrate with Catholics from across the diocese. Reception following.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

November 1 – 7, 2026

This week, the Catholic Church celebrates National Vocation Awareness Week, an important time to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We invite you to join the Diocese of Toledo in praying especially for the young men and women who are currently discerning and responding to God's call. We also ask every Catholic in the Diocese of Toledo to continue Bishop Daniel E. Thomas' invitation to pray one Hail Mary each day for vocations and to offer one act of fasting each Friday for an increase in vocations to the Diocese of Toledo priesthood. Please pray that more young men and women will hear the Lord's call and have the courage to respond generously.

YOUTH BREAKFAST

Our Lady of Mercy will host a youth breakfast on November 15, 2026, after Mass for the youth who will be attending Catholic Heart Workcamp next summer. Please come and enjoy yummy food and fellowship. Freewill offering will help offset the cost of the camp.

PIES PLEASE

The Fayette Community Thanksgiving meal will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2026. Our Lady of Mercy has been asked to supply 3 pumpkins and 1 pecan pie for the meal. Please let Sherry Renner know if you can kindly donate one. It will be needed by 1 p.m. at the Family Life Center.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day – Rosary
8:30 a.m. and Mass at 9 a.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

November 7 – Fayette Fire Dept.
Feather Party – doors open 5 pm –
Fayette High School gym – see flyer
on bulletin board for more info

November 24 – Fayette Community
Meal – Fayette Methodist Family
Life Center – 5 p.m. – 6p.m.
Thanksgiving meal

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Sun., Nov. 1 All Saints Day	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Dick & Susan Saaf, Gina Damman, Al Holland
Mon., Nov. 2	NO MASS		
Tues., Nov. 3	6:30 p.m.	SP	Audrey Dominique Betty Britenriker
Wed., Nov. 4	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Nov. 5	9:00a.m.	OLOM	For the People
Fri., Nov. 6	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat., Nov. 7	4:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun., Nov. 8	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Marcel Bonin
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Gina Damman Celeste Grime

PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

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

Ron & Ken Bernath
All Souls

May God be with the United States

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 8, 2026

Greeters / Gifts	Mary Bird / Marge Crowell
Proclaimer	Mary Bird
Servers	Myla Burkholder
Ushers	Angie Beauregard / Terry Kovar
Money Counters	Eli Eberly / Terry Kovar / Barb Kunkle

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for October 25, 2026

Sunday Offertory (11 envelopes)	\$ 496.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 178.00
BUDGET	<u>\$ 1,747.00</u>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 1,073.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS

All Souls Day	\$ <u>30.00</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 704.00
(Sunday Offertory, & Other)	

MEDITATION (morningoffering.com – Today's Meditation (October 23, 2026)

"You must first have peace in your own soul before you can make peace between other people. Peaceable people accomplish more good than learned people do. Those who are passionate often can turn good into evil and readily believe the worst. But those who are honest and peaceful turn all things to good and are suspicious of no one. ... It is no test of virtue to be on good terms with easy-going people, for they are always well liked. And, of course, all of us want to live in peace and prefer those who agree with us. But the real test of virtue and deserving of praise is to live at peace with the perverse, or the aggressive and those who contradict us, for this needs a great grace. ... in this mortal life, our peace consists in the humble bearing of suffering and contradictions, not in being free of them, for we cannot live in this world without adversity. Those who can best suffer will enjoy the most peace, for such persons are masters of themselves, lords of the world, with Christ for their friend, and heaven as their reward."

— Thomas á Kempis, p.72-73 – an excerpt from *Imitation of Christ*

MADE IN GOD'S SPIRIT (franciscanmedia.org / Minute Meditations October 26, 2026)

If we are made in God's spirit, then our first "church" were the bodies given to us. Francis wrote, "Where there is the fear of God to guard the dwelling, there no enemy can enter." If we know God dwells within us, no enemy can cross the threshold.

Perhaps that is the singular lesson Francis left behind: God is within us; therefore, we are not only *capable*, but *called* to be holy. All that we need to say in response is "Amen."

—from *St. Anthony Messenger's "Follow Francis, Serve God"*
by Christopher Heffron

SAINT OF THE DAY (resources.morningoffering.com / franciscanmedia.org)

Week of November 1 – November 7

Sunday, November 1 – St. Deborah / Solemnity of All Saints

Monday, November 2 – Blessed John Bodey / Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 3– St. Martin de Porres

Wednesday, November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, November 5 – St. Nicholas / St. Nicholas Tavelic and Companions

Friday, November 6 – All Dominican Saints / St. Didacus

Saturday, November 7 – St. Elizabeth of the Trinity / Blessed John Duns Scotus

ST. ANTHONY MESSENGER (franciscanmedia.org)

Richard B. Patterson, PhD – August 2021, St. Anthony Messenger

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? A MEDITATION ON JESUS(part 1)

Jesus asks this of all his disciples. How do we respond?

On our spiritual journeys, we each must decide how we relate to sacred writings. For instance, do we view the Bible as only a historical document or as something dynamic that functions more as an invitation rather than an operations manual? If we choose to view Scripture as an invitation, that opens a door to the possibility that whatever **Jesus** says in Scripture is directed not only to the disciples and the other people of his time but also to each of us. That includes his questions.

In Matthew 16:13–20, when Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about who he is, they give him several answers. Then he looks at Peter and asks, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter answers: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” a response that pleases Jesus.

Was that a pop quiz for which Peter, fortunately, gave the correct answer? That is one way to view it. But suppose I view it as an invitation. Suppose I consider that the question is directed not only to Peter but to me, not as a quiz but as an invitation to explore exactly who and what Jesus is in my life. That is the invitation extended to each of us.

There are names for Jesus that others have said I *should* believe, such as the Messiah, savior, redeemer, and Son of God. Scripture scholar Marcus Borg refers to this as “secondhand religion,” i.e., “a way of being religious based on believing what one has heard from others.”

His invitation calls me to reflection what those correct or secondhand answers actually mean to me. Looking honestly at those terms is both helpful and uncomfortable. For example, I become aware that I don’t have a strong sense of what it means when I hear things such as, “Jesus died for your sins,” or when I am asked, “Have you accepted Jesus as your personal savior?”

However, when I remember waking up on June 2, 1983, with a strong sense that it was time for me to confront the addiction in my life, and when I think of the many times since then that I turned to Jesus for help in getting through the next day or even the next minute without picking up a drink, I find that I have a strong and enduring sense of being saved and redeemed.

Considering the answer that Jesus is the Son of God also makes me *very* uneasy. If he is the Son of God, then that means *everything* he said came from God. That includes his call to love my enemy, to embrace the poor and marginalized, and to be very careful about my attachment to stuff.

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

By Jane Tufant Harvey

"Ask Her...to remind you that she needs you to be the one she can count on to love those who nobody else loves."

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.

October 25, 2026 Message to Marija

"Dear children! A fire of hatred and wars is spreading in the hearts of people who do not want peace but their own weak interests. That is why, little children, you be prayer and my extended hands of love and peace for all those who are far from my motherly heart. Pray more strongly and more for the peace that God desires to give you but you do not want it. I am with you and I am praying that peace may prevail and reign in every heart. Thank you for having responded to my call." (With Ecclesiastical approval)

PAUSE AND PRAY (franciscanmedia.org)

FAITH IN FLUX

Susan Hines-Brigger - October 28, 2026

Reflect

Throughout our lives, our faith is going to experience ebbs and flows. Over time it will grow, change, and even, at times, be challenged. That's OK. Like a parent, God understands and is always at our side.

Pray

Dear God, thank you
for standing by my side
and allowing me to explore my faith,
even when it might pull me
away from you.

Help me to remember
that you are always there,
waiting for me.

Act

Take some time to write down—or talk to God—about what is going on in your faith life right now—good or bad. Check back in a week or two to see what's changed for the better.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Nov. 8 & 25 – OCIA after
Mass in the basement

---Nov. 15 – Youth breakfast
after Mass

---Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving
8:30 a.m. Rosary and Mass 9
a.m. at St. Peter

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

SAINT – one of certain persons of exceptional holiness of life formally recognized by the Christian Church as having attained an exalted position in heaven and as being entitled to veneration on earth; a canonized person

"These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made the white in the Blood of the Lamb."
Revelation 7:14