

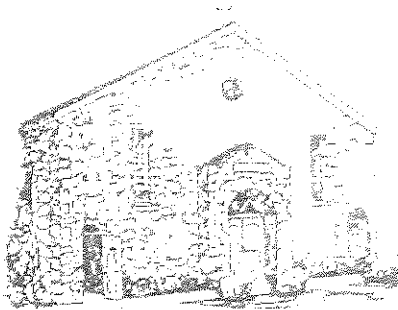
Catholic Communities

Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

St. Peter Catholic Church

**Sunday
October 11, 2026
28^h 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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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.

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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

October 11, 2026 – 28th Sunday Ordinary Time

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

ROSARY

The Rosary will be prayed on Thursdays in the month of October starting October 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

OCIA (formerly RCIA) SESSIONS

The OCIA class will meet today in the basement after Mass. Next class will be October 25 after Mass.

NOT TO LATE

If you were unable to sign up for a photo session for the upcoming parish directory, you can still be included by sending in your own recent photo. The photo must be in digital format form by email to jeanieann24674@gmail.com. **Deadline date is October 25.** Please include any contact information that you would like to have included in the directory (address, phone #, email address). To help offset the cost incurred for submitting photos not taken by the company, we are asking for a \$15.00 donation per photo submitted.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is October 18, 2026. One in Christ, United in Mission. Envelopes are on the back tables.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Our Lady of Mercy, Altar Rosary Society will be hosting the Fayette Community meal on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. If anyone would like to help serve or donate a 9"x13" dump or poke cake, please see Sherry Renner.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Finance and Pastoral will meet on Thursday, October 22, 2026
Finance 5:45 p.m. and Pastoral 6:15 p.m.

ST. CASPAR PARISH MISSION

Surge of the Heart

October 25-26 - 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

A live, two evening deep dive into the truth and beauty of Catholicism with renowned speaker and author Jon Leonetti. Experience powerful renewal in your life for Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church. Surge of the Heart is a parish mission where you will laugh, grow, be inspired, and never forget!

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

October 21 – K – 12, Faith
Formation, 6:30 p.m.

October 14 & 28 – K – 12, Faith
Formation, (at home)

October 18, 2026 – Rosary Altar
Society Fundraiser - Tamale
Luncheon – tickets will be sold after
Mass October 3, 4, 10, 11 and 17.

*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

October 21 – Fayette Community
Meal – Fayette Methodist Life
Center – 5 p.m. – 6p.m. (Our Lady
of Mercy, Altar Rosary hosting)

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Sun., Oct. 11	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Jeannette Tidwell
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Dick & Susan Saaf
Mon., Oct. 12 NO MASS			
Tues., Oct. 13	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Oct. 14	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Oct. 15 Comm. Svc.	9:00a.m.	OLOM	For the People
Fri., Oct. 16 Comm. Svc.	9:00 a.m	SP	For the People
Sat., Oct. 17	4:30 p.m.	SP	Deceased members of French & Florence Dominique family
Sun., Oct. 18	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Frank Grime, Giovannie Stella Muriel Pennington, Mike & Joyce Dwyer
	10:30 a.m.	SP	For the People

PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

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

Joyce Bonin

End to Abortion

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 – OCTOBER 18, 2026

Greeters / Gifts	Mary Bird / Shelly Gruman
Proclaimer	Shelly Gruman
Servers	
Ushers	Angie Beauregard / Terry Kovar
Money Counters	Barb Bruggeman / Michelle Miron / Cindi Siegel

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for October 4, 2026

Sunday Offertory (14 envelopes)	\$ 1,021.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 263.00
BUDGET	\$ 1,747.00
Over / (Under)	(\$ 463.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Fulton Co. Fair Mass	\$ 108.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 80.00
Altar Rosary Dues	\$ 5.00
Perpetuate the Gift	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 1,597.00
(Sunday Offertory, & Other)	

MEDITATION (morningoffering.com – Today's Meditation (October 6, 2026)

"We don't encounter God's will in the past, because the past is gone. We don't encounter God's will in the future, because the future does not yet exist. God reveals His will to us only in the present moment of our existence, accompanied by the specific graces we need in order to conform ourselves to it. This is the only time we're given to follow His lead." —Good Catholic Series, Thy Will Be Done

BE POOR IN SPIRIT (franciscanmedia.org / Daily Meditations)

Regardless of our own financial situation, we all can be poor in spirit. Being poor in spirit means realizing that God owns everything. We personally own no more than the beggar on the street. No matter what financial and material riches we may have accumulated in this life, if we are poor in spirit we claim no credit for what we have acquired. We see everything as a gift from God, entrusted to us for both our benefit and the benefit of the world.

We know we are not entitled to an overabundance while others live with crippling scarcity. We hear the call to share our gifts with those who do not have what they need. We are willing to give up some luxuries so we can share more with the poor of the world. We live in solidarity with them. As one family in Christ, he asks no more of us than that.

—from *Franciscan Spirit's* "Learning to Live Simply"
by Sue Erschen

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

Week of October 11 – October 17

Sunday, October 11 – Pope St. John XXIII

Monday, October 12 – Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos (franciscanmedia.org)

Tuesday, October 13– St. Edward the Confessor / Blessed Marie-Rose Duraher

Wednesday, October 14 – Pope St. Callistus I / St. Carlos Acutis

Thursday, October 15 –St. Teresa of Avila

Friday, October 16 – St. Mary Margaret Alacoque

Saturday, October 17 – St. Ignatius Antioch

ST. ANTHONY MESSENGER (franciscanmedia.org)

Martin Pable, OFM Cap – December 2017, St. Anthony Messenger

HOW TO BE AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE (part 2)

"May God smile on you and be merciful to you. May God turn his regard toward you and give you peace." —St. Francis of Assisi

Practice Love and Peace

Let's begin with our words. I don't think most of us are aware of the impact that what we say can be used to build up or tear down. The Letter of James is so insightful about the power of human speech. The author compares the tongue to the rudder of a ship: a small member, but able to give direction to a much larger body. Sadly, the human tongue often loses control.

James laments the fact that it is easier to tame wild animals than to tame the tongue. He notes that, with our tongues, we bless God, yet at the same time curse our fellow human beings, who are made in the image of God. "This need not be so," he says (James 3:4-10).

Watch practically any prime-time TV show or talk show. Note the endless put-downs, insults, snide and sarcastic remarks, name-calling and hostile outbursts that are exchanged between characters and individuals.

Sarcasm and cynicism are the premier forms of humor. When they become relentless and pervasive, they dull our sensitivity. Unconsciously, we start to imitate what we see because the humor seems so clever and sophisticated.

"It's all in good fun," we think. But the objects of our clever speech are not paid TV stars. They are people with feelings. They may be sensitive about their appearance, their lack of skills, their poor self-image. They are hurt. And we have contributed to the erosion of human dignity that is so characteristic of our age. If words spoken in fun have the power to hurt, how much more do words spoken in anger or intended to inflict pain? These are especially destructive when spoken to spouses, parents, children and friends.

What if we resolved in the new millennium to use our power of speech to build up, encourage, affirm, bless rather than tear down, put down, belittle? St. Paul exhorted the Christians of his time not to indulge in evil talk, but "only such as is good for needed edification, that it may impart grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29).

What words do people need to hear? "I really love you. I like the way you handled that situation. I was proud of you tonight. I'll stand by you. I'll pray for you. I'm really glad you're part of our family. Do you need to talk? You look stressed out—can I help? Thank you for taking care of that." You get the idea. Such simple words, but what power they have.

I'm not suggesting that we never speak the "hard" words. "To speak the truth in love" can also be healing. Sometimes we may need to tell others how their behavior annoys or embarrasses us. Otherwise, our love will be dishonest and sentimental. We want to speak in a caring, gentle manner, so others can receive our words as helpful rather than hurtful. That will require prayer on our part.

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

By Jane Tufant Harvey

"Ask Her...to remind you that the one who trusts God is not afraid of the future."

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.*

April 5, 1985 (Good Friday) – "You parishioners have a great and heavy cross, but don't be afraid to carry it. My Son is here Who will help you. (Message given through Ivanka)"

SHOW, DON'T TELL (franciscanmedia.org)

Herman Sutter, Pause & Pray, February 6, 2026

Reflect

Many of us may recall the old English teacher adage: Show, don't tell. In some sense, Jesus is saying the same thing when he says: "Even if you do not believe me, believe the works. . . ." (Jn 10:38). I guess that makes it good advice for writing and for life. When deciding who to trust, who to depend on, or who to ask for advice, we need to pay attention not only to what people say, but most importantly, to what they do. How do they behave? How do they treat others? It is through our works that we reveal who we truly are.

Pray

Blessed Virgin Mary,
when the angel appeared to you,
you revealed the fullness of your nature
by your complete submission to God's will
in word and deed.

Your life revealed that you truly were
the handmaid of the Lord.

Act

One of the best ways to discovering God's presence in your life is to allow God to reveal his love through you and to you. Find something you can do to serve others, and let God's presence reveal itself through that service. Helping a neighbor, volunteering at a soup kitchen, tutoring students, becoming a homebound minister for your church: There are many ways to serve God and let God work through you. Pray for guidance, and like the Blessed Virgin, don't be afraid to give yourself away.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Rosary prayed on Thursdays
of October starting October 8th
at 7 p.m.

---October 11 – OCIA after Mass
in the basement

---October 18 – follow up
meeting Feast Day Committee

---October 21 – Fayette
Community Meal – Our Lady of
Mercy Altar Rosary is hosting

---October 22 – Council
meetings Finance 5:45 pm –
Pastoral 6:15 pm

---October 22 – Adoration and
Rosary 7:00 p.m.

---October 25 – OCIA after Mass
in the basement

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

STRENGTHEN – to gain strength; grow
stronger

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13