

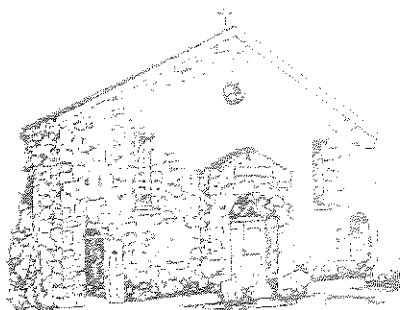
Catholic Communities

Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

St. Peter Catholic Church

**Sunday
October 18, 2026
29th 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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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.

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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 18, 2026 – 29th 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 at 7:00 p.m.

FEAST DAY COMMITTEE

There will be a short follow up meeting for the Feast Day Committee today after Mass.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is today, 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.

OCIA

The OCIA class will meet 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.

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 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)

October 25 & 26 - St. Caspar Parish Mission – Surge of the Heart 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

October 27 – Fayette Pancake & Sausage Supper 5 pm – 7 pm, see bulletin board for additional information

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Sun., Oct. 18	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Frank Grime, Giovannie Stella Muriel Pennington, Mike & Joyce Dwyer For the People
	10:30 a.m.	SP	
Mon., Oct. 19		NO MASS	
Tues., Oct. 20	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Oct. 21	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Oct. 22	9:00a.m.	OLOM	For the People
Fri., Oct. 23	9:00 a.m	SP	For the People
Sat., Oct. 24	4:30 p.m.	SP	Audrey Dominique Betty Britenriker
Sun., Oct. 25	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Gina Dammon

PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

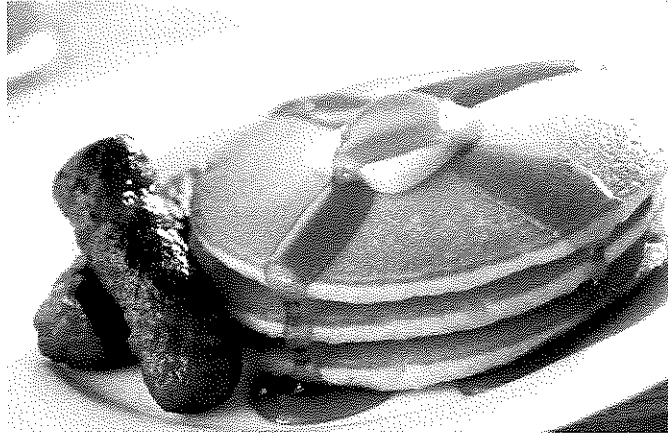
Please keep the following person(s) / intention(s) in your prayers this week.

Joyce Bonin
All Suffering Miscarriages

Souls of Sisters Mary Jane Magers, RSM
M. Clarinda Coffel, OSF/S
Magdala Davlin, OSF/S

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.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER



OCTOBER 27, 2026

5:00-7:00 PM

CALL AHEAD FOR TAKEOUT ORDERS
419-237-2114

ADULTS \$10

CHILDREN (3-12 YEARS OLD) \$5

CHILDREN (2 AND UNDER) FREE

*50/50 *BASKET RAFFLE *CARNIVAL

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS – OCTOBER 25, 2026

Greeters / Gifts	Ron & Pat Eisel
Proclaimer	Pat Eisel
Servers	Myla Burkholder
Ushers	Ron & Pat Eisel
Money Counters	Eli Eberly / Barb Kunkle / Michelle Miron

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for October 11, 2026

Sunday Offertory (6 envelopes)	\$ 386.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 410.00
BUDGET	\$ 1,747.00
Over / (Under)	(\$ 951.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Feast Day Celebration (other)	\$ 70.00
Perpetuate the Gift	\$ 50.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 916.00
(Sunday Offertory, & Other)	

MEDITATION (morningoffering.com – Today's Meditation (October 14, 2026)

"The vow of poverty is a generous renunciation and detachment from the heavy burden of temporal things. It is an alleviation of the spirit, it is a relief afforded to human infirmity, the liberty of a noble heart to strive after eternal and spiritual blessings. It is a satiety and abundance, in which the thirst after earthly treasures is allayed, and a sovereignty and ownership, in which a most noble enjoyment of all riches is established. All this, my daughter, and many other blessings are contained in voluntary poverty, and all this the sons of the world are ignorant and deprived of, precisely because they are lovers of earthly riches and enemies of this holy and opulent poverty." —Ven. Mary of Agreda, p. 85

THE HOLINESS OF A HONEYBEE (franciscanmedia.org / Daily Meditations October 12, 2026)

Jesus said that nobody can enter the kingdom of God unless they become like a little child (Mt 18:3). My daughter didn't study theology or memorize St. Francis' "**Cantic of the Creatures**." It was the inherent value of this honeybee—its worthiness of being saved, wept over, and buried—that was innate within her. Might our children be the ones to show us the kingdom of God? For what awaits is to behold the world with that childlike wonder and awe and to recognize that every atom of our universe is a miracle spoken into existence by the loving word of God. To see the kingdom of God, we need to become like children: This will mean weeping, like a child does for the honeybee; it also means pursuing the rescue of the honeybee, even as an older voice might tell us it's too hard or impossible.

May we allow our spirituality to be the hand that guides us back to these fundamental truths that we have long since forgotten—truths that were etched into our hearts as children as we innocently marveled at the glory of God around us. Perhaps then, our spirituality may manifest in our lives as action, advocacy, and care for this beautiful planet we call home.

—from *St. Anthony Messenger's "Loving God, Loving Creation"*

by Carrie Moore

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

Week of October 18– October 24

Sunday, October 18 – St. Luke

Monday, October 19 – St. Isaac Jogues/St. Isaac Jogues Jeans de Brebeuf & Companions

Tuesday, October 20– St. Paul of the Cross

Wednesday, October 21 – St. Ursula & her 11,000 Companions/St. Hilarion

Thursday, October 22 –St. John Paul II

Friday, October 23– St. John of Capistrano

Saturday, October 24 – St. Anthony Mary Claret

ST. ANTHONY MESSENGER (franciscanmedia.org)

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

HOW TO BE AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE (part 3)

"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

When We Are the Injured

Another attitude we need to develop if we wish to focus on healing and reconciliation in this new millennium has to do with injuries inflicted on us by others—or by life. Every one of us carries wounds or scars from the ways life has of hurting us. How will we deal with these?

Some people go through life with a burden of low-grade resentment. They never seem to be able to let go of old slights, hurts, rejections and misunderstandings. When people replay them over and over, like picking at scabs, they remain embedded in grudges and negative feelings.

This is not to deny that the wounds were not real or their feelings justified. Indeed, some people have suffered incredible injuries at the hands of others whom they trusted. Such betrayals can never be condoned. Is there any way out of the negative recycling? The answer comes from the gospel and psychological studies. The way to healing is through forgiveness.

Indeed, some of the best-known names in modern medicine—Dean Ornish, Carl Simonton, Bernie Siegel—are convinced that forgiveness is essential for physical as well as emotional health. Dr. Joan Borysenko, a cancer-cell biologist at Harvard University, believes that forgiveness is the mind's most powerful healing tool. Once again, Jesus is shown to be the divine physician when he asks us to forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

The act of forgiving injuries can sometimes be the fruit of a rather long process. We may need to get in touch with the pain, recall the hurtful incident(s), let feelings of sadness and anger come into awareness with all their force. But instead of holding on to the negative feelings, we choose to let them go. We come to realize that our anger and resentment are self-defeating. They are not affecting the offender. They are only blocking us from investing our energies in creative, loving, enjoyable experiences.

Above all, since forgiveness is ultimately a grace, we will need to pray for it. And because forgiveness is something that God desires, it is a grace that God will always grant.

I remember reading a woman's account of how devastated she was after her husband left her for a younger woman. She said, "I prayed aloud one sleepless night: 'Father, forgive me. I want to trust and believe and have faith like a child, but right now I don't. Please help me to find life after a failed marriage. And help me really mean what I am about to say: I want to wish my ex and his new wife all the best that life has to offer. You know I don't mean this now—but I want to.'"

I love that example, because it shows that forgiveness is a choice, an act of decision that goes beyond feelings. Even wanting to forgive, praying for it, is already a movement toward freedom. The emotions will catch up eventually. Is it necessary to tell the other people that we forgive them? Sometimes this may be very healing, but at other times it may be unwise or even impossible. The main thing is that we have forgiven in our own heart. Even if the other persons are dead, we can express our forgiveness to them in spirit. The important point is that we become free to move on with our own lives.

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

By Jane Tufant Harvey

"Ask Her...to remind you that you've been specifically chosen to be a witness of peace and joy! Carry on!"

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 11, 1985 – "Dear Children! I wish to say to everyone in the parish to pray in a special way to the Holy Spirit for enlightenment. From today God wishes to test the parish in a special way in order that He might strengthen it in faith. Thank you for having responded to my call."

WALKING OUR PATH (franciscanmedia.org)

Herman Sutter, Pause & Pray, October 13, 2026

Reflect

Sometimes on the path we're walking upon, it is easy to become haunted by regret, comparisons, or dreams yet to be attained. The contemplative must rise above lingering either/or judgments of oneself and trust in the non-dualistic path that has uniquely chosen them to walk upon it.

Pray

I dare to experience my life as it is—
not as I hoped it would be,
plagued by fear of regret;
not as theirs has unfolded,
taunted by crafted facades;
not as the dreams I drink,
spun out into drunken oblivion.
Today I will trust the path ahead—
the one that calls me forth,
whether winter or spring,
whether day or night,
a consistency I must honor,
pulling me mysteriously forward
even when I feel I'm starting over.
In a world that is not my own,
I will make our path my home.

Act

Whenever you begin to judge yourself through the lens of regret, comparisons, or unattained dreams, allow a phrase from this prayer to ruminate until the judgment gently passes.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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

---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)

HEED – careful attention; notice;
observation

I have called you by your name,
Giving you a title, though you knew me not.
Isaiah 45:4