

Catholic Communities
Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

**Our Lady of Mercy
Catholic Church**

**St. Peter
Catholic Church**

Sunday
October 25, 2026
30th 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

Sherry Renner
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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.

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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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 SUNDAYS AT 7:55 A.M.

ROSARY

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

COMMUNITY MEAL

Thank you to all who served and/or supplied a cake. We served around 75 people on Wednesday.

OCIA

The OCIA class will meet today after Mass.

NOT TO LATE (DEADLINE IS TODAY)

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.

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.

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. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

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

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

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., Oct. 25	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Gina Dammon, Celeste Grime
Mon., Oct. 26	NO MASS		
Tues., Oct. 27	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Oct. 28	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Oct. 29	9:00a.m.	OLOM	For the People
Fri., Oct. 30	9:00 a.m	SP	For the People
Sat., Oct. 31	4:30 p.m.	SP	Cari, Lenny, Andy Breidenbach
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

PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

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

Ron & Ken Bernath
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.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS – NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Greeters / Gifts	Mary Bird / Shelly Gruman
Proclaimer	Shelly Gruman
Servers	
Ushers	Phil & Tami Baker
Money Counters	Barb Bruggeman / Barb Kunkle / Terry Kovar

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for October 18, 2026

Sunday Offertory (14 envelopes)	\$ 1,161.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 153.00
BUDGET	<u>\$ 1,747.00</u>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 433.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Feast Day Celebration (other)	\$ 50.00
Votive Candles	\$ 5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 50.00
Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Propagation of Faith (World Mission)	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 1,544.00
(Sunday Offertory, & Other)	

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

We all need to rest and relax sometimes, and enjoying a good movie, game, novel, show, or trip downtown can often help that happen. Unfortunately, however, this area of human endeavor has also been affected by post-Christian cultural pollution. Pastimes we engage in for necessary rest and relaxation should be both enjoyable and edifying. They should refresh us, but they should also encourage our Christian values — or at least not discourage them. This doesn't mean that we should hide away in a Christian bunker somewhere and avoid looking at or listening to anything not explicitly biblical — the Puritan experiment failed in the end, after all, and generations of saints have nourished their minds and hearts on all the great artistic achievements of the human family, including pagan ones. But it does mean that we need to be smart and intentional about the food we give our imagination and the stimulation we give our emotions. We need to avoid input that could be an occasion of sin for us or for others, and we need to find out what truly helps us get the rest and relaxation necessary to maintain a healthy emotional and physiological profile. Proper rest and entertainment are in the service of our life mission; they are not our goal. Christians don't live for the weekend; we live for loving Christ and building up his kingdom. — Fr. John Bartunek, P. 15

THE LARKS OF ASSISSI (franciscanmedia.org / Minute Meditations October 15, 2026)

The larks are birds that love the noonday light and shun the darkness of twilight. But on the night that St. Francis went to Christ, they came to the roof of the house, though already the twilight of the night to follow had fallen, and they flew about the house for a long time amid a great clamor, whether to show their joy or their sadness in their own way by their singing, we do not know. Tearful rejoicing and joyful sorrow made up their song, either to bemoan the fact that they were orphaned children, or to announce that their father was going to his eternal glory. The city watchmen who guarded the place with great care, were filled with astonishment and called the others to witness the wonder. (Celano, *Treatise on the Miracles of Blessed Francis*, 32)

Francis had a special affection for larks: he considered their brown feathers a sign of their closeness to God, of their humility. Thus, it was only fitting that larks should take notice of Francis's death—at twilight, an hour when they are not usually flying around. The harmony of all creation that Francis represented while alive did not end at death. Francis died on the plain below Assisi. The larks' movement attracted the attention of Assisi's watchmen, a thirty-minute walk up the hill. The larks still swirl through the twilight in Assisi.

—from the book *Peace and Good: Through the Year with Francis of Assisi*
by Pat McCloskey, OFM

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

Week of October 25– October 31

Sunday, October 25 – Sts. Crispin & Crispinian / St. Antonio de Sant'Anna Galvao

Monday, October 26 – Pope St. Evaristus / St. Peter of Alcantara

Tuesday, October 27– Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza

Wednesday, October 28 – Sts. Simon and Jude of Thaddeus

Thursday, October 29 –St. Narcissus of Jerusalem

Friday, October 30– St. Alphonsus Rodriguez

Saturday, October 31 – St. Wolfgang of Regensburg

ST. ANTHONY MESSENGER (franciscanmedia.org)

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

HOW TO BE AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE (part 4)

When We Inflict the Injury

The other need for reconciliation will arise when we are the ones who have inflicted injury on others. This calls us to the simple but deeply human act of apology. Few moments are more beautiful than when one human being says to another, in all humility and sincerity, "I'm sorry. I should not have said/done that. Please forgive me."

Those moments seem all too rare in our present-day passion to blame the other for whatever has gone wrong and in our litigation-happy society, when any admission of wrongdoing can become grounds for a lawsuit. All the more reason for Christians to offer the world an alternative way to heal and restore broken relationships!

Breaking the Barriers

What about the divisions between racial and religious groups? In his letter on the third millennium, Pope John Paul laments the painful wounding of Christian unity over the centuries. Such wounds, he says, "openly contradict the will of Christ and are a cause of scandal to the world." He asks Christians to repent and ask Christ's forgiveness for whatever ways we have contributed to those divisions. Surely we are called to extend that same attitude to our treatment of people of other races. It is tempting to shift responsibility for healing such divisions to those who have special expertise or are in positions of authority. It seems too complicated and overwhelming for us. But complexity and difficulty do not excuse us from our own individual efforts. If we reflect on our personal experience, won't we discover that our own racial and religious prejudices were reduced most often through meeting, talking and interacting with people different from ourselves? African-Americans, Caucasians, Latinos, Protestants and Jews were no longer labels or categories. They were flesh-and-blood people with needs, strivings, hopes, worries, successes and failures very much like our own. Perhaps we could take a cue from the Christian men's movement known as "Promise Keepers." One of their vision statements reads: "A Promise Keeper is committed to reach beyond racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of biblical unity." Concretely, it asks members to be willing to meet with at least one person of a different race or denomination each month. The underlying assumption is, if a person takes the time and effort to meet, talk with and listen to someone not of his or her kind, the person will be encountered at the core of his/her humanity. And that experience will do more to heal someone of prejudices than any sermon on Christian unity.

We certainly need the theologians and behavioral scientists to work out "macro" forms of reconciliation. Each of us, however, is called to work at the "micro" tasks—one day at a time, one person at a time. I believe St. Paul had in mind the entire Christian community when he wrote that God has "given us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

As we continue our lives in the new millennium, can we sense our world longing for a nonviolent, healing and reconciling approach to human relationships? Can we know ourselves as agents and instruments of peace in our time? If so, we will be conscious of the power of our words. We will use them to bless rather than curse, heal rather than hurt, forgive rather than nurse a grudge.

With each person we meet, we will look beyond the surface, beyond the external qualities that seem to divide us—to the core of each person, the sacred center where God resides. With Francis of Assisi, "We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way"

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

By Jane Tufant Harvey

"Ask Her...to help you understand that the less often you think of yourself, the more content you'll be."

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 18, 1985 – "Dear Children! Today I thank you for every opening of your hearts. Joy overtakes me for every heart that is opened to God especially from the parish. Rejoice with me! Pray all the prayers for the opening of sinful hearts. I desire that. God desires that through me. Thank you for having responded to my call."

MINDFUL, PRAYERFUL, GRATEFUL (franciscanmedia.org)

Christopher Heffron, Pause & Pray, October 19, 2026

Reflect

In the hustle of daily life, how often do you take a pause to appreciate the now? How present are you in this moment? Let this prayer be a reminder to thank God for the gift of peace in your heart.

Pray

God of all that is good,
though the world is in turmoil,
I need to savor the now—
to live in the present moment
and not long for yesterday
or fear what may come tomorrow.
Let me never waste a moment
to thank you with an open heart
for the countless blessings that
surround me.

Passing or permanent,
every moment of grace in my
life begins with you.
Amen.

Act

We can only control what we can control. But a reminder of our blessings is always in order. Share this prayer with somebody whose battered heart could be helped through prayer.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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

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

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

REFUGE – anything to which one has
recourse for aid, relief, or escape

My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the Lord, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.
Psalm 18:3-4