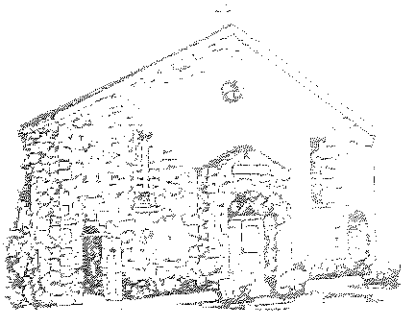
# Catholic Communities

## Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

## Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church



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.

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## St. Peter Catholic Church



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Archbold, Ohio 43502
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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**Sunday**
**November 15, 2026**
**33rd Sunday Ordinary Time**

## 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 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

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8:00 A.M.

OCIA
OCIA will meet on November 22, 2026 after Mass.

YOUTH BREAKFAST
Youth breakfast TODAY, 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.

LECTOR TRAINING
There will be a Lector's training on November 29, 2026, after Mass. Please meet with Father Bill up by the lectern.

**Month of The Holy Souls**
DEVOTION OF THE MONTH (MORNINGOFFERING.COM)
Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great for the holy souls in purgatory: Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

## ST. PETER NEWS

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

## *THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE*

| *Date* | *Time* | *Church* | *Intention* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sun., Nov. 15 | **8:30 a.m.** | **OLOM** | **Jeannette Tidwell, Shirley Taylor** |
| | 10:30 a.m. | SP | For the People |
| Mon., Nov. 16 | | NO MASS | NO MASS |
| Comm. Svc Tues., Nov. 17 | 6:30 p.m. | SP | |
| Wed., Nov. 18 | 9:00 a.m. | SP | NO MASS OR COMM. SVC. |
| Comm. Svc Thurs., Nov. 19 | **9:00a.m.** | **OLOM** | |
| Comm. Svc Fri., Nov. 20 | 9:00 a.m | SP | |
| Sat., Nov. 21 | 4:30 p.m. | SP | Cari, Lenny, Andy Breidenbach Gina Damman |
| Sun., Nov. 22 | **8:30 a.m.** | **OLOM** | **Jimmie Crowell** |
| | 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.**

Karl Obermoser (Barbara Roby's brother) All OCIA candidates

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 22, 2026

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|---|---|
| **Greeters / Gifts** | Ron & Pat Eisel |
| **Proclaimer** | Pat Eisel |
| **Servers** | Myla Burkholder |
| **Ushers** | Ron & Pat Eisel |
| **Money Counters** | Phil Baker / Eli Eberly / Cindi Siegel |

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT**
Reported for November 8, 2026

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|---|---|
| Sunday Offertory (18 envelopes) | $ 1,121.00 |
| Loose Offerings | $ 79.00 |
| **BUDGET** | **$ 1,747.00** |
| Over / (Under) | ($ 547.00) |
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| **OTHER COLLECTIONS** | |
| Maintenance | $ 155.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | $ 55.00 |
| All Saints | $ 5.00 |
| Fayette Local Ministries | $ 5.00 |
| **TOTAL COLLECTIONS** (Sunday Offertory, & Other) | **$ 1,420.00** |

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

"How might the sacrament of Reconciliation help us grow in the gift of knowledge? First of all, through a thorough and heartfelt confession, the mortal sins that shut off the channels of graces, including the gifts [of the Holy Spirit] are reopened. Secondly, the gift of knowledge may very well help us to make a good confession if it has prompted us to learn throughly the tenets of our Faith, including the thoughts and deeds that are right and wrong in the eyes of God. The gift of knowledge can also enable us to reflect on the world's effects on us—and our effects on others—that might lead to sin."—Kevin Vost, PSY.D. p.78 – an excerpt from ***The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit***

**CHRIST LIVES WITHIN** (franciscanmedia.org / Minute Meditations October 21, 2026)

There is nothing wrong with asking for something in prayer, as this names for God the desires of our hearts. But sometimes in a culture that is so focused on results, this can also bleed into our prayer lives, leading us to treat God like a genie.

Let yourself pray without asking God for "something that I want." As the Father told Jesus in John 17:10: "Everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine." Might this also be true of us, whom Christ lives within?

—from *St. Anthony Messenger*'s "**Let Us Pray: Presence and Surrender**"
by Stephen Copeland

**SAINT OF THE DAY** (resources morningoffering.com / franciscanmedia.org)
Week of November 15 – November 21

Sunday, November 15 – St. Albert the Great

Monday, November 16 – St. Gertrude the Great / St. Margaret of Scotland

Tuesday, November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Wednesday, November 18 – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne/Dedication of Churches of Saints Peter & Paul

Thursday, November 19 – St. Barlaam of Antioch/St. Agnes of Assissi

Friday, November 20 – Blessed Maria Fortunata Viti/St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Saturday, November 21 – Blessed Maria Franciszka Siedliska/Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 3)*

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

**The Healer**. The Gospels include many portrayals of Jesus as the healer. But in answer to his question, do I say Jesus is the healer of *me*? I clearly credit Jesus with redeeming me from addiction. But I have experienced Jesus as healer in other ways.

Psychiatrist Carl Jung gave us the gift of creative imagination to tease out richness and guidance from our dreams. Christian writers such as the Linn brothers and Sheila Fabricant expanded this technique into the realm of spiritual healing. Thus, we can enter into a painful situation through our imagination, then invite Jesus to come into that scene for healing.

At one point, I found myself bothered by a series of dreams I'd had of being in prison. I was unable to make sense of these dreams and so imagined myself in a cell and invited Jesus to enter the scene. As he stood outside my cell, I asked, "Please, Jesus, help me get out of here." Jesus chuckled and said, "The door's not locked." Indeed, when I pushed the door, it swung open. I asked Jesus what this prison image was all about.

He said, "Your prison is your resentments," and then mentioned one person in particular. This healing experience was only a beginning. I had a lot of work to do. That is often how I experience Jesus as healer. He points the way, but doesn't necessarily do all the work.

I also learn an important lesson about healing from the recounting of Jesus healing the 10 lepers. Only one leper returns to thank Jesus. He wonders where the other nine are, not so much because he wants to bask in their thanks but because of the important impact of gratitude on continued healing. Thus, the 10th leper reminds me not only to be grateful for my healing but also to continue in gratitude as a way of enriching and continuing the healing.

**The Way**. Jesus describes himself as the way. For me, this is reminiscent of the Tao of Chinese philosophy, also translated as "the way." The Tao is presented as a philosophy to help one negotiate life's journey. Among other things, the Tao reminds us of the interconnection of opposites. Thus, light has no meaning without dark. When Jesus says he is the way, he is telling us not only to follow his guidance, but also to approach life as he did. Therefore, my answer to his question "Who do you say that I am?" becomes even more important since it will outline how Jesus is the way for me.

*ASK HER – SIMPLE WORDS TO JUMPSTART YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MARY*
*By Jane Tufant Harvey*

"Ask Her...to invite you into reconciliation with God!"

*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.*

May 2, 1985 – "Dear Children! Today I call you to prayer with the heart, and not just from habit. Some are coming but do not wish to move ahead in prayer. Therefore, I wish to warn you like a Mother: pray that prayer prevails in your hearts in every moment. Thank you for having responded to my call."

*PAUSE AND PRAY (franciscanmedia.org)*

I LOVE MYSELF
Susan Hines-Brigger – November 10, 2026

**Reflect**
When we think of love, often the focus is on the love that is projected outward—to a partner, a child, a friend. But when do we stop and focus on ourselves? As children of God, we should show ourselves as much love as we do for others. Only by building up and loving ourselves, will we be able to be a reflection of God's love.

**Pray**

Lord,
Help me to see myself
in the same way that you do.
May I remember that in your eyes
I am perfectly and wonderfully made
and should show myself the same
love that I offer to others.

**Act**
Do you something kind for yourself today. You deserve it.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Nov. 22 – 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)

**ENTRUST** – to commit as if with trust or confidence

Blessed are you who fear the Lord,
who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.
**Psalm 128:42**