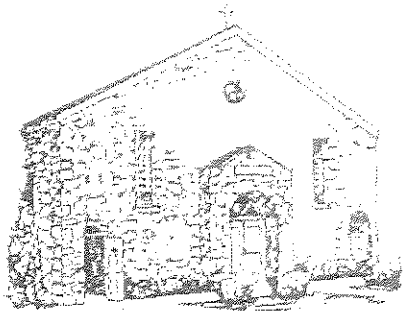
Catholic Communities

Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church



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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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Sunday
November 29, 2026
1st Sunday of Advent

St. Peter Catholic Church



614 N. Defiance St.
Archbold, Ohio 43502
Rectory – 419-446-9288
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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.
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Friday 9:00 a.m

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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

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

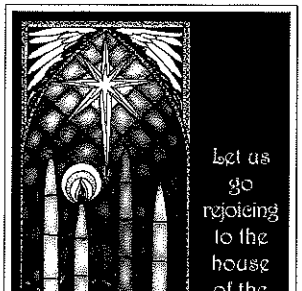
LECTOR TRAINING
There will be a Lector's training on today, after Mass. Please meet with Father Bill up by the lectern.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS
Please pray for the priests serving in our diocese as they gather on Monday, November 30, 2026, for their annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may the Lord renew in fidelity and grant them consolation and joy in their ministry.

OCIA
OCIA will meet December 6, 2026 after Mass

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH
The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419)214-4880; or by mail at One Seagate, Suite 2300, Toledo, OH 43604.

1st Sunday of Advent



ST. PETER NEWS

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

Dec. 6 – Potluck, Altar Rosary Silent Auction (bidding starts Nov. 21), cookie walk, coffee & rolls – after Mass

Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rosary 6:30 p.m.
Mass 7 p.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

Dec. 12 – Fayette Winterfest
4 pm – 7 pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	*Time*	*Church*	*Intention*
Sun., Nov. 29	**8:30 a.m.**	**OLOM**	**Giovanni Stella** **Chuck Wurth**
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Gina Dammon, Marie Geesey Celeste Grime
Mon., Nov. 30		NO MASS	NO MASS
Tues., Dec. 1	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Dec. 2	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Dec. 3	**9:00 a.m.**	**OLOM**	**For the People**
Fri., Dec. 4	9:00 a.m	SP	For the People
Sat., Dec. 5	4:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun., Dec. 6	**8:30 a.m.**	**OLOM**	**Eddie Tidwell** **Karl & Lotte Obermoser**
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Celeste Grime, Marie Geesey Marvanne Thatcher

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

Karl Obermoser (Barbara Roby's brother)
Amy Boyers (friend of Sherry's)
All OCIA candidates
Soul of Rev. Kenneth J. Lill

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 – DECEMBER 6, 2026

Greeters / Gifts	Ron & Pat Eisel
Proclaimer	Pat Eisel
Servers	Myla Burkholder
Ushers	Ron & Pat Eisel
Money Counters	Phil Baker / Terry Kovar / Michelle Miron

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT
Reported for November 22, 2026

Sunday Offertory (15 envelopes)	$ 1,298.92
Loose Offerings	$ 113.00
BUDGET	**$ 1,747.00**
Over / (Under)	($ 335.08)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
CPC Jar/Votives	$ 4.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	$ 15.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday Offertory, & Other)	**$ 1,430.92**

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

"God gave us our feelings. It is a gift to feel joy and gratitude, or even frustration and fear. But we cannot depend on these feelings to guide us. Feelings are notoriously confusing. Besides, true Agape love is not a feeling.
Agape love is an act of free will."

The Quest: A Journey through Advent to Epiphany for Catholic Families, p. 16

BRING YOUR SORROWS TO GOD
(franciscanmedia.org / Minute Meditations November 17, 2026)

The psalms repeatedly encourage us to tell the truth of how hard life can be. "How long Lord? Will you utterly forget me? How long must I carry sorrow in my soul, grief in my heart day after day?" (Ps 13:1-3).

Can you bring your deepest sorrow directly to God today? See if, after doing so, your heart can now pivot and be filled with peace.

—from Franciscan Media's "**Seven Days with the Psalms**"
by Maureen O'Brien

SAINT OF THE DAY (resources morningoffering.com / franciscanmedia.org)
Week of November 29– December 5

Sunday, November 29 – Blessed Denis of the Nativity / St. Clement

Monday, November 30 – St. Andrew

Tuesday, December 1 – St. Edmund Campion / St. Charles de Foucauld

Wednesday, December 2 – St. Bibiana / Blessed Rafael Chylinski

Thursday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier

Friday, December 4 – St. Barbara / St. John Damascene

Saturday, December 5 – St.Sabas

ST. ANTHONY MESSENGER (franciscanmedia.org)
Mark Pattison – Nov. / Dec. 2024, St. Anthony Messenger

ADVENT: WORTH THE WAIT (part 1)

We live in a world of instant gratification where most anything we want is one click away. Advent invites us to slow down and savor the season of expectation, longing, and hope.

Advent, which begins December 1 (article written in 2024), is four weeks of preparing ourselves spiritually in expectation of the birth of God made flesh in Jesus at Christmas. At least it's supposed to be.

If you haven't noticed, we're now caught up in a world where we can click here, add to cart now, and get same-day delivery. Who has time to wait? And, if you live in a large enough metropolitan area, there's sure to be at least one radio station that's been playing nothing but Christmas songs since before Thanksgiving. OK, so the odds may seem stacked against you. But things weren't looking so good for Moses and the Israelites at the Red Sea, or Daniel in the lion's den, and they turned out all right. Putting on the brakes and shunting aside the energy of the cultural clash is tame by comparison.

Advent Traditions

"My own sense, my own practice of Advent has changed and deepened over time," says Mary Beth Newkumet, a columnist in the Catholic press who writes for Magnificat magazine and has become a grandmother. "When [my children] were smaller, I focused on some of the outward things: the Advent wreath; we'd celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas (December 6); we'd celebrate Santa Lucía (December 13). We link it to the liturgical year and some of those beautiful customs of the Church. They are now doing that with their own kids, which I find very beautiful."

On one hand, Newkumet asks: "Who wouldn't want more Christmas? The lights and the excitement and the anticipation of the feast. I get why the culture does that, right? At the same time, I'm at a place where I'm really looking for the Incarnation. I'm looking for Christ. I find myself longing for more depth and more of a sense of sensibility and more encounters with the living Jesus with the Incarnation."

Distractions are hardly limited to Advent, but "Advent is more difficult, because you have more of the holiday and Christmas things going on, and it's all around you everywhere you look," says Beth Dotson Brown, a Catholic novelist who also directs the mentor program at Partners for Rural Impact in eastern Kentucky.

"Here's an example of how crazy our culture is. I went to the dollar store the other day. And they have plastic pumpkins for Halloween. It's July! And when that's over, you'll have Thanksgiving and Christmas things," Dotson Brown says.

She finds support in a prayer group that she's been part of for more than 30 years. The women met on a Cursillo weekend. "We try to keep one another focused on the seasons that we're in, and, outside of that season, to remember what could be distracting us," says Dotson Brown. "We're enriching our use of our time and/or attention. It's important to have someone to share the struggles with—and the rewards with."

Dotson Brown recalls a family tradition she associates with Advent. "My grandmother learned many years ago how to make a good old-fashioned gingerbread house, the kind you glue together with sugar-water icing. It sits throughout the whole season, which is symbolic of Advent. You make it yourself. And as a kid you want to eat it, 'cause it tastes good. But it joins you in waiting through the Advent season. And in our family, we'd break it on New Year's Day."

"Sometimes it's good not to have immediate gratification," she continues.

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

"Ask Her...to help you remember that God wants to co-partner with you in the unfolding of His plan for your life."

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.

November 28, 1985 – "Dear Children! I want to thank everyone for all you have done for me, especially the youth. I beseech you, dear children, come to prayer with awareness. In prayer you shall come to know the greatness of God. Thank you for having responded to my call."

PAUSE AND PRAY (franciscanmedia.org)

FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLES OF ST. FRANCIS
Christopher Heffron – November 23, 2026

Reflect
When St. Francis of Assisi returned home from war, several moments led to a life-changing conversion. One of which involved his time spent with lepers outside the city. What once repulsed him suddenly became a source of great love and humility. Could we be so bold as to see Christ in those on the periphery?

Pray

God of wonder,
You disguised yourself as an outcast
and embraced Brother Francis.
And from there your humble servant changed the world.
Grant me patience that I may not turn away
from those on the outside looking in.
Give me eyes to see your face in those
who are no less your children than I am.
Amen.

Act
Christ laid the groundwork. St. Francis walked the path. Let's do our part today: Volunteer, donate, or simply pray for organizations that promote peace and justice.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Dec. 6 – OCIA after Mass in the basement

---Dec. 8 – Holy Day of Obligation – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Peter
Rosary 6:30 pm – Mass 7:00 pm

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Mass 7 p.m.

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass 9 a.m.

Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Mass 9 am

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

ANTICIPATE – to expect

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." **Mark 13:33**