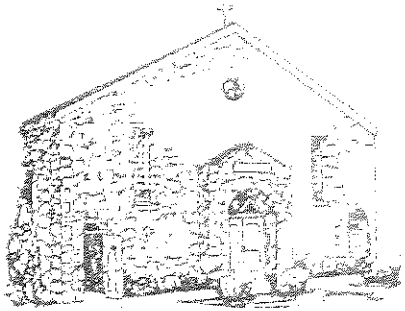
Catholic Communities

Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church



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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 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday
November 8, 2026
32nd 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

November 8, 2026 – 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

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

OCIA
OCIA will meet on today after Mass.

YOUTH BREAKFAST
Our Lady of Mercy will host a youth breakfast on November 15, 2026, 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.

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.

ADORATION PRAYER
My Lord Jesus Christ,
I believe that you are really here in this Sacrament. Night and day you remain here compassionate and loving. You call, you wait for, you welcome everyone who comes to visit you.

I thank you, Jesus my Divine Redeemer, for coming upon the earth for our sake and for instituting the adorable Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in order to remain with us until the end of the world.

I thank you for hiding beneath the Eucharistic species your infinite majesty and beauty, which your Angels delight to behold, so that I might have courage to approach the throne of Your mercy.

I thank You dear Jesus, for having become the priceless victim, to merit for me the fullness of heavenly favors. Awaken in me such confidence in you that their fullness may descend ever more fruitfully upon my soul.

I thank You for offering Yourself in thanksgiving to God for all His benefits, spiritual and temporal which He has bestowed on me. Grant me grace and perseverance in your faithful service.
Amen.

ST. PETER NEWS

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

Nov. 11 – Cemetery Mass and Blessing at St. Peter Cemetery 6:30 p.m. (weather permitting)

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. 8	**8:30 a.m.**	**OLOM**	**Marcel Bonin**
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Gina Damman Celeste Grime
Mon., Nov. 9		NO MASS	
Tues., Nov. 10	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Nov. 11	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Nov. 12	**9:00a.m.**	**OLOM**	**Chuck Wurth**
Fri., Nov. 13	9:00 a.m	SP	For the People
Sat., Nov. 14	4:30 p.m.	SP	Tom Young
Sun., Nov. 15	**8:30 a.m.**	**OLOM**	**Jeanette Tidwell, Shirley Taylor**
	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.

Ron & Ken Bernath 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 15, 2026

Greeters / Gifts	Mary Bird / Shelly Gruman
Proclaimer	Shelly Gruman
Servers	
Ushers	Angie Beauregard / Terry Kovar
Money Counters	Phil Baker / Terry Kovar / Cindi Siegel

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT
Reported for November 1, 2026

Sunday Offertory (16 envelopes)	$ 1,146.00
Loose Offerings	$ 145.00
BUDGET	**$ 1,747.00**
Over / (Under)	($ 456.00)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
CPC & Votives	$ 6.00
Maintenance	$ 15.00
St. Vincent de Paul	$ 20.00
All Saints	$ 90.00
All Souls	$ 80.00
Fayette Local Ministries	$ 5.00
Postage Help	$ 3.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday Offertory, & Other)	**$ 1,510.00**

MEDITATION (morningoffering.com – Today's Meditation (October 25, 2026)

"God never caused the virtues and singular merit of Joseph to shine with greater splendor than when He said to him by the mouth of the angel, 'Take the Child and His mother'; for in them He committed to him His most precious treasures, giving him thus the preference over all the blessed spirits of Heaven; and Joseph received these two sacred persons into his care, to be their protector, their guardian, and defender. If, then, Heaven made Joseph the protector of Jesus and Mary, we may rest assured that he was at the same time made protector and patron of all men."—Edward Healy Thompson, p. 401– an excerpt from The Life and Glories of St. Joseph

SAVOR THE SACRAMENTS (franciscanmedia.org / Minute Meditations October 26, 2026)

Although we are baptized and confirmed only once, the effects of these sacraments continue to affect us daily. Every time we dip our fingers into holy water and make the sign of the cross, we profess our dying and rising to new life in Christ. The gifts of the Holy Spirit offered at Confirmation are released only as we have the grace to embrace them. The Holy Spirit, alive in us, enables us to have a fruitful faith. In 1984, I contracted breast cancer. Before surgery, I received the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. When the priest laid hands on me, a sense of peace entered my being and has remained. Regardless of the outcome, I knew all would be well.

God has given us the sacraments to draw us into a deeper relationship. Who would refuse such grace-filled gifts?

—from "**Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church**"
by Franciscan Media

SAINT OF THE DAY (resources morningoffering.com / franciscanmedia.org)
Week of November 8 – November 14

Sunday, November 8 – St. Elizabeth of the Trinity / Blessed John Duns Scotus

Monday, November 9 – St. Benignus / Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica

Tuesday, November 10 – St. Leo the Great

Wednesday, November 11 – St. Martin Tours

Thursday, November 12 – St. Josaphat

Friday, November 13 – St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

Saturday, November 14 – Blessed John Licci / St. Gertrude the Great

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 2)

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

In response to his invitation, then, I came up with a list of other names for Jesus that comprise my own answer to his question: prince of peace, rebel, teacher, storyteller, healer, the way, criminal, and friend to sinners. These titles have great meaning to me, and I want to share them with you.

The Prince of Peace. Jesus clearly is the prince of peace. Calling him this, however, is not simply saying something warm and fuzzy. If I choose to call him this, then I am embracing all he stands for regarding peace. Jesus clearly stood for nonviolence. He challenges me several times to love my enemy, remembering that my enemy may indeed be a combatant in a foreign land, but may also be my annoying neighbor down the street. Further, as prince of peace, he challenges and invites me to be a peace-*maker,* to not simply keep my mouth shut and stay out of trouble but to actively foster peace in all my daily dealings.

The Rebel. If I call Jesus the rebel, as Jackson Browne does in his great song "The Rebel Jesus," then I am accepting that he was outspoken when he saw injustice. In his book *What Paul Meant*, Garry Wills suggests Jesus didn't come to create a new Church but to perfect his own Judaism. Thus, many of his most critical words were leveled at synagogue authorities. He was trying to reform the Judaism of his day. As such, he stirred up trouble and was punished for it. He was condemned for challenging the establishment.

Giving my Jesus the title of rebel means that I am embracing his challenge to speak out, particularly within my own Catholic Church. If I believe my Church, be it local or universal, is straying from Jesus' message, then I am called to confront and perhaps to suffer attack and judgment as a result. As Jackson Browne sings, "But if any one of us should interfere/In the business of why there are poor/ They get the same as the rebel Jesus."

The Teacher. The Jesus of my understanding is clearly the teacher. But what is it that he teaches me? By word and example, he teaches me how to treat others. This includes not only kindness and support, but also by absence of judgment. When I observe how Jesus lived his life, I notice that he had few attachments. I see that he took time for himself, trying to find a balance between service and self-care. I also observe that he had a temper and was not afraid to confront. As my teacher, Jesus challenges me to examine how I treat myself. He openly challenges me to love myself as my neighbor, a task with which many of us struggle.

The Storyteller. Jesus is also the storyteller. Some of his most memorable teachings come in the form of stories, inviting us to immerse ourselves in them, identifying first with this character, and then that one. He challenges me to find within myself not only the prodigal son, but also the prodigal son's resentful brother, to discover in myself both the good Samaritan and the others who pass by him.

He helps me with stories that include metaphors for faith. Thus, my efforts to comprehend the elusive concept of faith are helped with images such as the mustard seed or new wine at a wedding feast.

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

"Ask Her...to remind you that prayer has the power to completely disarm the evil one."

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 25, 1985 – "Dear Children! Today I wish to tell you to begin to work in your hearts as you are working in the fields. Work and change your hearts so that a new spirit from God can take its place in your hearts. Thank you for having responded to my call."

PAUSE AND PRAY (franciscanmedia.org)
NEVER JUDGE
Christopher Heffron - October 27, 2026

Reflect
As it is written in Matthew 7:1–2: "Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you." How often, though, are we quick to scold others—to judge them harshly? Are we not all sinners?

Pray

God of peace of mind and heart,
Too often I fall into familiar traps:
Judging others though I am no better.
Catch me before I fall into these ugly patterns.
Remind me that your son came
for the redemption of all—not a select few.
His love extended to everyone, to all sinners, like me.
Let me only judge only my own actions,
my own choices, and my own failings,
for they are many.
We are all, each of us, bruised but beautiful
children of a loving God.
Amen..

Act
When you feel tempted to judge other people, do a quick inventory of your sins. Then be quiet long enough to say a prayer of humility.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Nov. 8 & 25 – 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)

ANTICIPATE - to expect

Stay awake and be ready!
For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.
Matthew 24:42