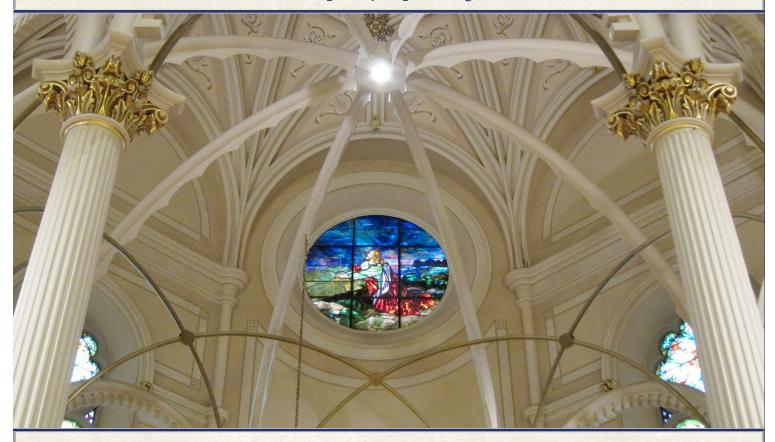
Welcome to

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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RECONCILIATION

May be scheduled by appointment			
Saturday	3:30 p.m.		
Friday	7:30 a.m.		

BAPTISM

• First Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Please contact the Ministry Center to schedule pre-baptismal instructions.

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday by 7:00 p.m., to be published the following weekend Email: bulletin@delphosstjohns.org

Celebration of Holy EUCHARIST

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Weekend Masses Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 7:30, 9:15 and 11:30 a.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Sacrament may be administered by request.

MATRIMONY

Please contact the Ministry Center at least six months in advance to schedule your preparation and celebration.

LITURGICAL UPDATES

DELPHOS ST. JOHN PARISH

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LITURGY READINGS

January 29, 2023 Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12a

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

January 15, 2023	
Adult Offering	\$ 9,846.99
Anonymous Offering	\$ 641.00
Student Offering	\$ 119.86
November Direct Deposit	\$ 10,806.50
November MyEOffering	\$ 7,833.94
Total	\$ 29,248.29

Thank you for your support!



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 23, 2023 8:00 a.m. † Bob and Rena Keeling

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 8:00 a.m. † Clarann Gerdeman 12:15 p.m. † Don McGue

Friday, January 27, 2023 8:00 a.m. † Norman Hesseling Saturday, January 28, 2023 4:30 p.m. ⁺ Bob Schulte

Sunday, January 29, 2023

7:30 a.m. ⁺ Frank Garza 9:15 a.m. ⁺ Ben Bockey 11:30 a.m. ⁺ John Jettinghoff

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Helen Ardner, Sophia Becker, Ken Blankemeyer, Tracey Boberg, James Bodnar, Doris Buettner, James "Cat" Calvelage, Madalyn Donaldson, Janice Etzkorn, Carolyn Fisher, Debbie Franklin, Rosie and Elmer Fortener, Jim Friemoth, June Gable, Susan Gamad, Herb Gerdeman, David Gonyea, Leann Gordon, Carol Graham, Mary Grothouse, Tom Hickey, Sharon Hines, Angela Hoehn, Madelyn Jones, Steve Kemper, Helen Kimmett, Joann Klausing, Shelly Klausing, Donna Klinger, Braden Knebel, Rosie Kohorst, Laura Krietemeyer, Gerald Kroeger, Sue Laudick, Sharon Lawrence, Terry Martin, Dave Merschman, Linda Miller, Millie Minnig, Minnie Moenter, Mary Mullen, Amy Musser, Matt Myers, Cecilia Nartker, John Phillips, Alissa Rice, Becky Richardson, Tracy Rowland, Winifred Siefker, Tina Vance, Donna Vogt, Darrell Wieging, Ken Wieging, Mel Williams

Recently Deceased: Joyce Keipper

Those in the Armed Forces: Jorden Boone, Mahlon Haunhorst, Brian Huysman, Troy Trombly, Samantha Wehri

OUR PARISH/SCHOOL

BEWARE

Scammers are at it again! Under no circumstances will Father Dennis or any priest here at Delphos St. John the Evangelist Church, St. John the Baptist Church or St. Patrick Church ask a parishioner or non-parishioner for gift cards, money, food, etc. via text messages, emails, Direct message on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. They will not do that. If you are asked for anything, please call the Ministry Center so we can try to figure out how they are getting our parishioners contact information.

Catholic Schools Week 2023 is January 29-February 4. The staff and administration of St. John the Evangelist Schools are excited to have many activities planned to honor and kick off this year's events, celebrate the root of all we do, and represent this year's Catholic School Week slogan – Faith, Excellence, Service. Please watch for more details on activities planned for preschool-12th grade students, in addition to the following Mass activities which will also be taking place:



Sunday, January 29 – The Opening of Catholic Schools Week at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Special student musical performances and guest speakers will add to traditional Mass.

Immediately following, there will be an Early Bird/Kindergarten Open House in the Kindergarten hall of the elementary for those interested in EB/Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year. Please RSVP to advancement@delphosstjohns.org if you plan to attend (and haven't yet RSVPed through the preschool) or have any questions.

Friday, February 3 – There will be guided Praise and Worship music during First Friday Adoration from 1:30-2:00 for all St. John's students. Quiet Adoration to follow.

Please follow the school's social media pages to stay up-to-date on all school related activities and email advancement@delphosstjohns.org or call 419-692-5371, ext. 4210 with any questions.

SEMINARIAN'S TAKE

Hi all,

This weekend in DC is the March for life. This, as you know, is the first year that the March has occurred since the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in 2022. Many people from all over the country are still going to the March for Life in DC. Why? For two reasons: Firstly, in celebration and thanksgiving that the unjust federal law legalizing abortion was overturned. Secondly, because there is still work to be done, their presence still demonstrates to politicians that the people of the United States are for life and the protection of it. Following that point, I think that it's important to realize that just because *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, the fight is not over, rather the real work has just begun. As you know, the abortion decision is now on the state level, so that is where our work needs to be focused.

I encourage you to continue to fight for the protection of life. Maybe that means getting in touch with your local representative and making your voice heard. But what it definitely means is praying and offering sacrifices for the protection of the unborn and for expecting mothers. Prayer is really how we make a difference in the world. St. John Paul II said, "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world." So I encourage you to pray.

Pray for the unborn child. Pray for expecting mothers who are suffering, pray for mothers who have had an abortion and are grieving. Pray for Fathers who are sacred or challenged. Pray for workers in abortion clinics. Pray for politicians that they may be moved with zeal to defend life. Pray that evil may end in our country and in the world. Lastly, pray for healing and peace. There is a lot of hurt surrounding this issue. There is a great need for conversion of heart.

Prayer really is how we continue to fight. It is through prayer that God's work is accomplished in the world. So this week, please take time to pray and maybe offer a sacrifice for these intentions.

The Catholic Church teaches that each life deserves respect, protection, and love because each person is made in the image and likeness of God. This is not just a truth that we are to believe with our minds, but this truth is meant to be carried out with our actions. That is what Catholic Social Justice is all about. Catholic Social Justice is about carrying out the truths of our faith through action. So how can we help bring awareness that each life is sacred: By how we treat each life that is around us. By how we talk and act to others. How we care for those who are suffering. How we respect the dead, how we provide for the needy. Our actions are meant to flow from what we believe. We believe that life is sacred, so let your actions show that in what you do. Perhaps this week you can help support Heartbeat of Lima, which is a pregnancy care center. The belief that abortion is wrong is not just a political issue, it's a truth we believe as Catholics and so our actions need to manifest that truth. **Prayer for Life:**

God our Creator, we give thanks to You, who alone has the power to impart the breath of life as You form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom You have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

RELICS OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS AND SAINT MANUEL GARCIA GONZALES ON APRIL 26TH!

This coming April 26th, Delphos St. John the Evangelist parish has been chosen to host the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Saint Manuel Garcia Gonzales. During this year of the Eucharist, it is such a gift to host the relics of these two great witnesses who loved the Blessed Sacrament and made it the center of their lives. Look forward to the opportunities to learn about their lives and plans for veneration!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

SAVE THE DATE – The Marriage Encounter Mass, Dinner and Dance will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2023. Delphos St. John will be hosting the Celebration. The Mass is scheduled at 3:00 p.m. at the Church. Dinner and Dance will follow at the Delphos Eagles. Dance music will be provided by Art Schnipke, Elaine Wehri, Warren Bowery and Chuck Peters. Square Dancing, Polkas, Line Dancing and much more. For tickets, contact Gene and Janet Siefker at xxx-xxxx. Presale tickets are \$25.00 a couple. Cooks need total no later than January 30.

PLEASE RETURN PIXES

If you have borrowed any pix in order to distribute Communion outside of church, please return them to the priest's sacristy.

THIS WEEK IN PARISH HISTORY By: Jack Bockey



In 1881, when our church was dedicated, the altar stone (containing a relic of St. John the Evangelist) was taken from the old church (which had been built by Fr. Bredeick) and used in the new church. The church was built in Gothic-Romanesque style while the altar was built in simple Baroque style. The original altar was modified many times including being painted to look like marble in 1915. In 1950, a new tabernacle was installed and in 1956, small paintings of saints on the altar were painted

over. In 1958, the inner pillars were removed. In 1968, the inner part of the altar was removed and in 1998, the rest of the original altar was removed. The pillars were reused for the present baldachino.

4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PATRIOTISM ESSAY CONTEST

The 4th Degree K of C is accepting patriotism essays from High School Seniors. Applications are available from the high school guidance counselor or from the Church office. Essay deadline is February 1, 2023.



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The Tao of Thomas Aquinas:

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PARISH CALENDAR: JANUARY 22-29

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. – Mass – Church 8:45 a.m. – Rosary – Church 9:15 a.m. – Mass – Church 10:20 a.m. – PSR – Elementary School 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Church 5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck

Monday, January 23, 2023

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 8:00 a.m. – Mass – Church 8:30 a.m. – Rosary for the Respect for All Life 7:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 8:00 a.m. – Mass – Church 3:00 p.m. – RCIC – Ministry Center 7:00 p.m. – Cemetery Meeting – Ministry Center 7:00 p.m. – Cantors – Church 7:45 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle 7:00 a.m. – Finance Committee Meeting – Ministry Center 8:00 a.m. – Mass - Church 12:15 p.m. – Mass – Church 5:20 p.m. – Shepherds of Christ Prayer Group – Vancrest

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops 8:00 a.m. – Mass (K-6th Grade) – Church 6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Ministry Center 7:00 p.m. – St. Vincent de Paul Society – Ministry Center

Friday, January 27, 2023

Friday of the Third Week of Ordinary Time 6:30 a.m. – Men's Prayer Group – Ministry Center 7:30 a.m. – Reconciliation – Church 8:00 a.m. – Mass (7th-12th Grade) – Church 3:30 p.m. – Mass – Vancrest

Saturday, January 28, 2023

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 8:00 a.m. – Mass – Church 2:00 p.m. – Wedding – Jacob Youngpeter and Emilie Buettner 3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation – Church 4:30 p.m. – Mass – Church

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Catholic Schools Week Begins 7:30 a.m. – Mass – Church 8:45 a.m. – Rosary – Church 9:15 a.m. – Mass – Church 10:20 a.m. – PSR – Elementary School 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Catholic Schools Week- Church 5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck

COMMUNITY

WELCOME VI RETREAT FOR WOMEN

April 15 & 16, 2023

Women from St. John the Evangelist Parish in Delphos, St. John the Baptist Parish in Landeck, and St. Patrick Parish in Spencerville are hosting a Women's Welcome VI Retreat on April 15 & 16, 2023, at Delphos St. John School. This is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help women grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and with others in their faith community. It is a great opportunity for you, as a Catholic woman, to spend some time on yourself, while also renewing your understanding of the basic beliefs and traditions of your faith.

Limited space is available. Registration forms are located at all doors of the church for the next few weeks. Deadline to register is March 20, 2023. For any questions, or additional information, please contact Barb Haggard xxx-xxxx or Lisa Recker xxx-xxxx.

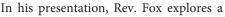
Please join this spiritual, caring group of women April 15 & 16, 2023, as we all grow in our faith together.... We hope to see you there!!

SERRA CLUB OF LIMA

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, will be holding their next meeting on Thursday, January 26 at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45 p.m. in the chapel, followed by dinner and a program. Guests are invited to attend. If interested in attending, please call Kathy McGraw at 4xxx-xxxx by January 24. The program for this meeting will be "Photographic Tour of European Churches" presented by Photographer, Michael Ayers.

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION FOCUSES ON THOMAS AQUINAS AND HIS "FIERCE WISDOM" FOR HARD TIMES

St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican Friar, was a fierce proponent of science and religion working together in the revelation of God's creation. Episcopal priest and theologian, Rev. Matthew Fox, PhD, explores the relevance of St. Thomas Aquinas for our world today during a live stream presentation, *The Tao of Thomas Aquinas: Fierce Wisdom for Hard Times*. The program is offered by Weber Retreat and Conference Center from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EST on Thursday, January 26, 2023.



number of Thomas Aquinas' rich teachings, including the "original goodness" and love of God in everyday things; the primacy of conscience; the common good; compassion and justice; and non-dualism.

The cost for the presentation is \$20.00. Registration is required to receive the livestream link. Registration is available at www.webercenter.org; click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Limited scholarships are available.

Jesus Tells us to Repent

should repent from their sins. very first thing He tells the people is that they mission of preaching and healing the sick. The Today we hear about Jesus beginning His

and start trying to be good? we just stop thinking about the bad things we did Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't

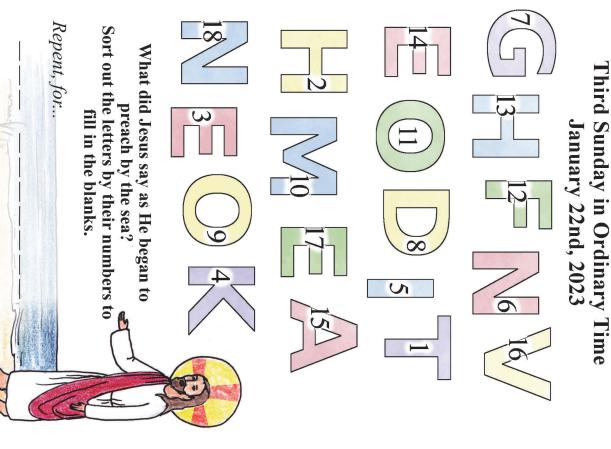
bigger ones might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When

any holes in it! confession it's like filling in the holes and planting like a good garden and make sure you don't have flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul When you are sorry for your sins and go to



Answer to Unscramble puzzle: darkness, light, joy, harvest, yoke, smashed. Answer to puzzle on front: the Kingdom of Heaven

The Kids' Bulletin

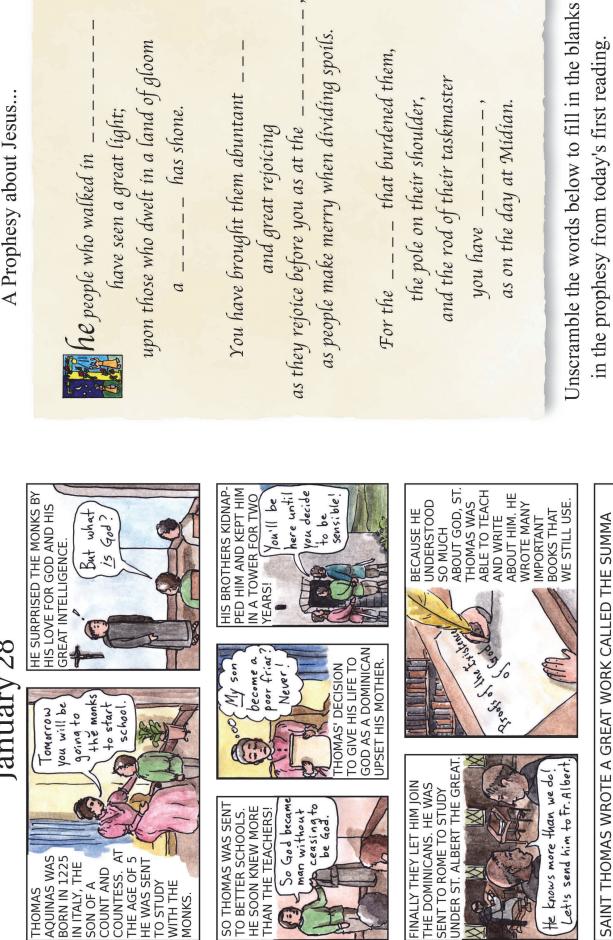


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Saint Thomas Aquinas

January 28



Unscramble and Fill in the Blanks:

A Prophesy about Jesus...

upon those who dwelt in a land of gloom a ---- has shone. have seen a great light; he people who walked in _

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as people make merry when dividing spoils. You have brought them abuntant as they rejoice before you as at the and great rejoicing

For the ____ that burdened them, and the rod of their taskmaster the pole on their shoulder,

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BECAUSE HE REALIZED HE COULD NOT SHOW IN WRITING HOW AWESOME GOD REALLY IS. SAINT THOMAS DIED AT AGE 49. THEOLOGICA, WHICH EXPLAINS MANY THINGS ABOUT GOD, MAN AND CREATION. HE NEVER FINISHED IT, THOUGH,

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE: JANUARY 28-29			
	SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 – 4:30 p.m.	SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 - 7:30 a.m.	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Denise Gerdeman, Elaine Luersman, Karen Martin, Bonnie Merschman, Marjorie Pohlman, Ann Wrasman, Anne Maas – Back Paten, Kathy Pugh – Dishes	Mark Clement, Nathan Gable, Isaac Gable, Linda Klausing, Steve Recker, Nate Stant, Jean Mueller – Dishes	
SERVERS	Ethan Hunt, T.J. Werts (sub req.), Ashley Youngpeter	Gavin Holdgreve, Austin Shafer, Eli Stant	
LECTOR	Cory Werts	Dani Duncan	
GREETERS	Barb Armstrong, Alivia Hines, Alex Kessen, Mike Schimmoeller, Logan Tolliver, Tim Werts	Jason Bockey, Ted Hanf, Art Klausing, Charlie Luersman, Paul Pohlman, Jay Winhover	
CANTOR	John Pohlman	Maribeth Gable	
	SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 – 9:15 a.m.	SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 – 11:30 a.m.	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mark Bockey, Jan Bockey, Aaron Bockey, Jackie Deitering, Jack Gerker, Rosie Hedrick, Jackie Wrasman – Dishes	Dave Clark, Kierstyn Klaus, Michelle Reigle, Camden Schafer, Erica Vorst, Ella Wilson, Kim Honigford – Dishes	
SERVERS	Austin Arnold, Zach Bockey, Garion Fuerst	Connor Gaynier, Nolan Schwinnen, Evelyn Vonderwell	
LECTOR	Doris Neumeier	Madelyn Haehn	
GREETERS	Luke Bockey, Olivia Bockey, Alena Fuerst, Allan Kerns, Kelly Krites, Avery Mueller	Annette Brown, Kevin Dukes, Avery Suever, Logan Tolliver, Callie Wieging, Emma Will	
CANTOR	Gene Siefker	Nicole Pohlman	



