

Welcome to
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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delphosstjohnparish.org



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RECONCILIATION

Friday

7:30 a.m.

Saturday

3:30 p.m.

May be scheduled by appointment

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
EUCCHARIST

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

Business Manager

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LITURGY READINGS

October 29, 2023

Exodus 22:20-26

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34-40

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

October 15, 2023

Adult Offering	\$ 11,387.24
Anonymous Offering	\$ 570.00
Student Offering	\$ 104.83
Total	\$ 12,062.07

Thank you for your support!

WEDDING BANNS

II – Joshua Warnecke and Megan Spray

CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Jensen Jerome,
son of Jason and Kaitlyn Klaus

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 23, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Gordie Moenter

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Ann Wanamaker

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Rev. Dr. John L. Sassen

Thursday, October 26, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Bob and Connie Warniment

Friday, October 27, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Alan Goergens

Saturday, October 28, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Bob Bockey

4:30 p.m. † Eric Ulm and
† Elmer Hoffman

Sunday, October 29, 2023

7:30 a.m. † Larry and
Veronica Luersman

9:15 a.m. † Arnold and Beatrice Bockey

11:30 a.m. † William and Jane Fairfax

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Sophia Becker, Lisa Davis Bemis, Ken Blankemeyer, Tracey Boberg, James Bodnar, Madalyn Donaldson, Janice Etzkorn, Carolyn Fisher, Debbie Franklin, Rosie and Elmer Fortener, Mary Franklin, Barry Friemoth, Jim Friemoth, June Gable, Susan Gamad, Herb Gerdeman, David Gonyea, Carol Graham, Mary Grothouse, Tom Hickey, Sharon Hines, Angela Hoehn, Madelyn Jones, Steve Kemper, Shawn Kimmel, Shelly Klausing, Donna Klinger, Braden Knebel, Laura Krietemeyer, Sharon Lawrence, Terry Martin, Dave Merschman, Linda Miller, Millie Minnig, Minnie Moenter, Mary Mullen, Amy Musser, Cecilia Nartker, John Phillips, Sue Reddy-Bemis, Alissa Rice, Becky Richardson, Tracy Rowland, Amy Schulte, Winifred Siefker, Tina Vance, Donna Vogt, Chad Weber, Darrell Wiegand, Mel Williams

The Recently Deceased: Josephine Grilliot, Matt Hemker, Irma Hilvers, Rosemary Kohorst, James Richardson

Those in the Armed Forces: Christine Bemis, Frances Bemis-Sigler, Jorden Boone, Mahlon Haunhorst, Brian Huysman, Troy Trombly, Samantha Wehri

OUR SCHOOL/PARISH

MEALS APPRECIATED

The RCIA team is looking for volunteers to bring meals to our RCIA classes. We are so excited to have a large group of candidates and catechumens ready to join the Church! Classes are on Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you would be able to help, please sign up online at <http://bit.ly/3PtdOSx> or contact kwreede@delphosstjohns.org. Some great meals we have had have been pizza, chili, sliders, fruit kabobs, salad, meat and cheese trays, chips and salsa, and donuts! ~ If you want to help but don't want to cook, we would love it if you brought something!

MASS COORDINATORS NEEDED

Mass Coordinators are needed for all weekday and weekend Masses. A Mass Coordinator is responsible for preparing the church for the liturgy. A punctual and detail-oriented person would do well. Training will be provided. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please call the Ministry Center at 419-695-4050.

- Turn on/off lights and sound system before and after liturgy.
- Assure proper setup of all supplies including the sacramentary, lectionary and sacred vessels.
- Responsible for confirming liturgical ministers are checked in.
- Assist presider and other liturgical ministers as needed.

DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S HALL OF FAME

The 2023 Class of the Delphos St. John's Hall of Fame includes: Professional Achievement, Phil Kortokrax, Class of 1981; Athletic Achievement, Denny Schwinnen, Class of 1967; Service to St. John's, Don Huysman, Class of 1966; Service to Mankind, Dan "Kermie" Kimmel, Class of 1975.

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held Sunday, November 26 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1011 Elida Road, Delphos. The Inductees will be recognized at 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 331 East Second Street, Delphos. There will be a lunch at the K of C Hall beginning at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Induction Ceremony.

The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required for the lunch. To make reservations, contact Bob Ebbeskotte; call or text xxx-xxxx or email rebbeskotte@woh.rr.com with your name and number attending. Deadline for reservations is November 16.

SADD BLOOD DRIVE

The High School SADD organization is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's RA gym from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023. To schedule an appointment, you can sign up in the High School Office, call 1-800-REDCROSS, or online at redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code "STJHS." You can earn a \$10.00 gift card for donating. The PUBLIC is welcome!

THIS WEEK IN PARISH HISTORY *By: Jack Bockey*



The last Mass in the second church (where the present church is today) was on March 31, 1879. The work on the foundation of the present church had been started in September of 1878 and was now to ground level. A temporary church was built just west of the cemetery. This temporary church was used from April, 1879 to late 1880. It was located where the New Delphos Mfg. factory used to be, which is where the grass field is today.

SAINT PATRICK APPLE DUMPLING LUNCHEON - OCTOBER 29

Free will offering (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

Saint John the Baptist - Church Basement Serving 3:00-6:30 p.m.

SAUSAGE AND HOMEMADE SAUERKRAUT

- Or -

PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE

Mashed Potatoes Applesauce Pie

Dine-In or Drive Thru AVAILABLE

Cost \$12:00

(Tickets are also sold in the Ministry Center)

PARISH CALENDAR: OCTOBER 22-29

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Festival

6:30 a.m. - Mass for Festival Workers - Church

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 Church

Monday, October 23, 2023

Monday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. - Mass - Church

8:30 a.m. - Rosary for the Respect for All Life - Church

7:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) - Church

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Tuesday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. - Mass - Church

7:00 p.m. - Marching Band Concert - Robert Arnzen Gym

7:00 p.m. - Cantors - Church

7:45 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Loft

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Wednesday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m. - Vocal Music Halloween Talent Night - High School

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Thursday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. - NHS Induction Ceremony - Robert Arnzen Gym

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, October 27, 2023

Friday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group - Ministry Center

7:30 a.m. - Reconciliation - Church

8:00 a.m. - Mass - Church

3:15 p.m. - Youth Choir - Church

3:30 p.m. - Mass - Vancrest

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:00 a.m. - Mass - Church

8:30 a.m. - Rosary for the Respect for All Life - Church

3:30 p.m. - Reconciliation - Church

4:30 p.m. - Mass - Church

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Thirtieth 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 Church

2023 DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL

GENERAL INFORMATION

Our annual Delphos St. John's Fall Festival will take place this year on Saturday, October 21st, and Sunday, October 22nd. Everyone is welcome to attend – there is no entry fee. Festival dinners will be offered for Dine-in and Drive-thru. Traditional games will be in the Robert A. Arnzen Gymnasium, starting at 4:00 p.m. daily – other than Bingo, starting at 5:30 p.m. daily in the All Saint's Gym. There will also be "The End Zone" (adult beverage and football viewing in the balcony/activity space of the RA Gym) on Saturday only starting at 4:30 p.m. All games and areas will close down at 9:30 p.m. (last call), with the doors closing each evening at 10:00 p.m.

FESTIVAL DINNER INFORMATION

Dinner Committee Chairs – A BIG thank-you to the following for playing a lead role in making the dinners possible. If you would like to help out, please contact one of the following chairpersons:

Kitchen (overall): Laura Ulm, Kelley Beining, and Shelley Kreeger

Chicken: Phil Odenweller, Tom Odenweller, Veronica Conley, and Irene Luersman

Beef: Wes and Brad Liebrecht and Families

Gravy: Chuck and Tina Wannemacher

Potatoes: Ben Neumeier

Noodles: Irene Hesseling and Steve Ostendorf

Dressing: Dina Mauk and Chanda Riley

Vegetables: Marysa Bowersock and Kelley Beining

Food Donations: Patty Buescher and Donna Pohlman

Carry-outs: Cheryl Ditto and Laura Ulm

Cake/Pie: Lucy Pohlman and Sue Vonderwell

Dining Room: Denise Buettner, Sarah Brown, and Nikki Rode Shut-ins: Ken Kreeger

Ticket Information – Homecooked chicken and beef dinners with all the trimmings are available for \$12.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children (5th grade and younger).

Drive-thru Dinners – Drive-thru dinners will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 21st, and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 22nd. Drive-thru dinners will be in Styrofoam containers. As a reminder, please bring your own boxes, laundry baskets, etc. to pick up drive-thru dinner orders. In addition, please remain in your cars as we will load your dinners for you. Dollar Instant's will be sold throughout the drive-thru line and MUST be cashed out at the end of the line or in the RA Gym by 9:30 p.m. on Sunday evening. Winning tickets not cashed in within this time will be considered a much appreciated donation.

Dine-in Dinners – Dine-in dinners will be served in the All Saints Building from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Parking will be available for dine-in in the High School Parking Lot (on the North side of Second Street). Follow the signs through the courtyard and into the Breezeway to enter the All Saints Building. This process will make it easier for the disabled, handicapped and elderly. Dinners will be served family-style and will include: Chicken or beef, dressing, mashed potatoes/gravy, noodles, vegetable, dinner roll, baked apples, pie or cake, coleslaw, gelatin and drink.

Saturday, October 21st, and Sunday, October 22nd, mornings (starting at 7:00 a.m. each day) – Fry time. Help fry chickens and do a variety of other preparations. We also need adults to assist with serving tables on these days.

Monday, October 23rd – The kitchen needs cleaned and put back together so it's ready to serve our students on Tuesday. PLEASE consider volunteering this day. We'll start at 8:00 a.m. and work until finished, you can put in as much or little time as you can spare.

If you can help in the kitchen in any capacity listed above, please call Laura Ulm at 419-230-8988.

The End Zone – On Saturday, October 21st, only (starting at 4:30 p.m.) there will be TVs and tables and chairs set up in the balcony/activity space of the RA Gym for adult beverages, football game viewing, and time with friends. Participants MUST be 21+ to purchase beverages (IDs REQUIRED and bands MUST be worn). Drinks MUST stay within the designated area and tickets will be \$3.00 each or 7 for \$20.00. Concession stand snacks may be purchased and brought up to eat while enjoying the space.

Booth/Game Chairpersons – Thank you to the following for chairing the booths/games at the Festival. You are an integral part in making this be as successful as it is in raising funds for Delphos St. John's. Much appreciation to:

Overall Event: Ted Hanf

Kitchen Operations: Laura Ulm, Kelley Beining, and Shelley Kreeger

General Construction: DSJ Maintenance and Neal Miller

Patron Committee: Advancement Office and Jane Westrich

Dollar Instant's: Eric and Lisa Kerner

Money Raffle: Jo Duncan

Bingo: Saturday - Buddy Bertling and Sunday - Jay Metzner

Instant BINGO/Tip Booth: Dani Duncan and Jane Keirns

Golden Wheel: Jen Moenter

Treasure Island: Tina Link and Michelle Stiffey

Automat: Sandy Hellman

Plinko: Sandy Hellman

Luck of the Jays: Brian Buettner

Pepsi Ring Toss: Sandy Hellman

Ball Toss: Diane and Kellie Sterling

Cake Booth: Jessica Bertling

Concessions: Saturday – Thomas and Kelly Stevenson and Sunday – Veronica Jean Conley and Kristen Ricker

Faculty/Staff Booth & Country Store: DSJ School Staff

The End Zone (televised games & beverages): Brent Grothaus

Raffle Drawing Winners – The drawings for the raffle booth will start at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday. The Big Money Raffle Drawing, with over \$3,500.00 in cash giveaways, will be held on Sunday at 10:00 p.m.

Let's ALL help make this the BEST Delphos St. John's Fall Festival yet!

111th Annual Delphos St. John's

FALL festival

GROCERY GIFT CARD

Raffle

Buy a chance to WIN a \$500 Chief Gift Card

Tickets are \$1 each

Available now thru October 20th at the Ministry Center and at the Raffle Table during the Festival

Name & phone number required on each ticket

This drawing will be held
with the other Festival
drawings on Sunday, Oct.
22, starting at 9:00pm

Proceeds from this drawing will help offset
overall Festival food expenses. Need not
be present to win.



For additional information, call the Ministry Center

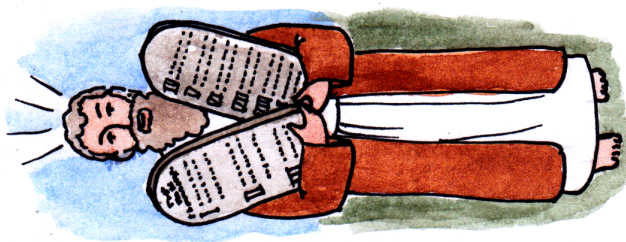
Should we Obey the Government?



The Pharisees in today's Gospel reading were trying to trick Jesus and make Him say something wrong. They asked Him whether they should pay taxes to the pagan emperor. If He said no then He would be speaking against the emperor, but if He said yes then it would seem like He was saying that it was good for the Jews to be ruled by the pagan Romans.

But Jesus knew what the Pharisees were trying to do. He told them to show Him a coin, and asked them whose picture was on it. They said it was Caesar's (the Roman emperor's,) so Jesus told them, "Then repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." He was telling them that they should obey the rulers of the land, but also that they should obey God.

We have two kinds of laws: God's laws and the laws of our governments. Both are for our own good, but God's laws are more important. We should obey the government's laws as long as they agree with God's laws, but we must always obey God's laws. Can you think of some laws that the government makes that are for our good?



Answers to math puzzle: words are in this order: 8: Lord, 5: song, 6: sing, 9: lands, 7: glory, 2: nations, 3: peoples 4: deeds.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22nd, 2023



In today's Gospel reading, some men asked Jesus if it was right to pay tax. What did Jesus ask them to show Him? Connect the dots to find out!

Saint Anthony Mary Claret

October 24

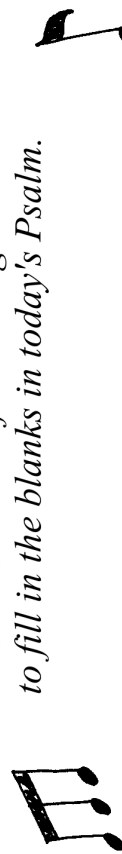


SAINT ANTHONY HAD A GREAT DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND OUR LADY. THIS GAVE HIM THE STRENGTH AND WISDOM TO BRING MANY SOULS BACK TO GOD THROUGH HIS PREACHING, WRITING AND HEARING CONFESSIONS. WE, TOO, GET STRENGTH TO DO GOD'S WORK FROM THE SACRAMENTS.

Sing 2 the Lord...!

a math puzzle

Figure out the answers to the math questions and use the answers to find the right words to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm.



Sing to the _____ a new _____;

$$4+4= \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \quad 1+4= \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

_____ to the Lord, all you _____.

$$4+2= \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \quad 6+3= \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

Tell his _____ among the _____;

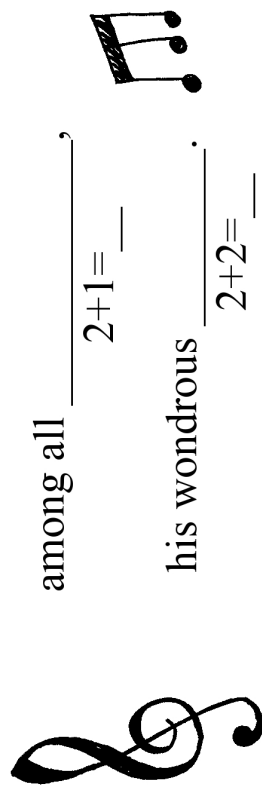
$$3+4= \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \quad 1+1= \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

among all _____,

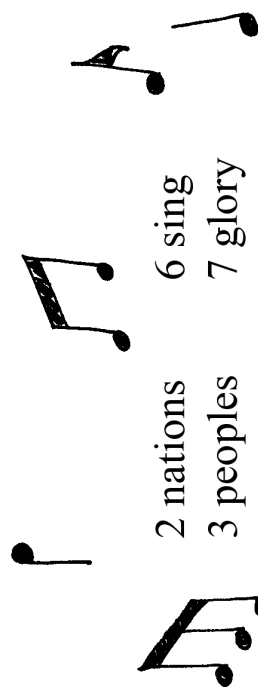
$$2+1= \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

his wondrous _____.

$$2+2= \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$



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| 2 nations | 6 sing |
| 3 peoples | 7 glory |
| 4 deeds | 8 Lord |
| 5 song | 9 lands |



COMMUNITY

SUPPORT MATT HEMKER'S FAMILY

We have a Meat Raffle. Tickets are \$10.00 each or three for \$25.00. There will be five chances to win \$250.00 of Landeck Cattle Company Beef. Each winner will receive:

8 Ribeye Steaks	8 New York Strip Steaks
32 Hamburger Patties	8 Pounds of Ground Beef

The drawing will be on November 12, 2023. If you have any questions on the Meat Raffle, please contact Martha Miller at xxx-xxxx.



CURRENT JOB OPENINGS AT ST. CHARLES PARISH OFFICE

Receptionist – We are seeking a dedicated and friendly receptionist to join our team on a part-time basis. This is a family-friendly position for those with kids in school. As the first point of contact for visitors and parishioners, you will play a crucial role in creating a positive and welcoming atmosphere at our church.

Multimedia Specialist – Are you a tech-savvy and dedicated individual looking for a creative and meaningful career? We are seeking a Multimedia Specialist to join our parish team! You will play a pivotal role in enhancing the communication strategies of our parish, ensuring timely and effective interactions with our community members. If you possess excellent computer technical skills, a passion for fostering strong connections, and a commitment to our parish's mission, we encourage you to apply.

For a more detailed description of these positions, scan the QR code. Please send your resume and application to careers@stcharleslima.org before October 27, 2023.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

November 5-11, 2023. The Catholic Church in the United States celebrates National Vocation Awareness Week November 5-11, 2023. The purpose of this week is to pray that all members of the Church will be open to God's plan in their lives.

The celebration of National Vocation Awareness Week is a good reminder to continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the ordained ministry and consecrated life in the Diocese of Toledo. Jesus said: "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Luke 10:2). We offer prayers this week that God will call many from our local community to labor with Jesus in serving the Church as sisters, brothers, and priests.

Any young man in the Diocese of Toledo who is considering a call to the diocesan priesthood can contact their parish priest or Father Philip Smith for guidance and support. Father Smith is the Director of the Office for Diocesan Priestly Vocations and can be reached at: psmith@toledodiocese.org or 419-244-6711, ext. 4945. The Office for Diocesan Priestly Vocations offers many events throughout the year to help men learn more about the priesthood. Many resources are also available on the website of the Office for Diocesan Priestly Vocations: <https://toledopriesthood.org>.

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty God, make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same.

Inspire men and women to respond generously to Your call to service and leadership in Your church as priests, consecrated religious and deacons.

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. CHARLES

Join Fr. Charles Obinwa of Fort Jennings, St. Joseph's on the 2024 Spiritual Pilgrimage: In the Footsteps of St. Paul to Greece and Greek Isle 3-day Cruise. Thessaloniki, Philippi, Delphi, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, and More!

\$4,899.00 Per Person, from Fort Wayne Airport (FWA) on July 19-29, 2024 (11 days). Organizing Company: 206 Tours. Website link: Fr. Charles Obinwa Pilgrimage to Greece with 206 Tours, Leader in Catholic pilgrimages.

For additional information and to book now, visit: Sales@206tours.com; www.206tours.com/frobinwa – Telephone 1-800-206-8687. Fr. Charles Obinwa: Email: obinwacm@yahoo.com.

JOB POSITION OPENING

Parish Business Manager

St. John the Evangelist Parish (Delphos) is now accepting applications for Parish Business Manager. The position is a full-time position with full benefits. The business manager provides leadership and day-to-day supervision of the temporal affairs of the parish in such a way as to enable the pastor to concentrate on the spiritual affairs of the parish. The business manager oversees the administrative and business functions of the parish in an accurate, efficient, thorough, professional, and timely manner, which will strengthen the Church and give the appropriate administrative foundation to support the pursuit of the parish's mission, ministry, and growth.

Summary of Responsibilities:

- Assures that sound financial management is practiced by the parish. This includes development and monitoring of budgets; assurance of timely and accurate reporting to parishioners, the diocese and various government agencies; assurance of proper deposit, disbursement and accounting for all parish community-related funds; and oversight of all major fundraising activities.
- Responsible for tracking the financial business transactions that include, but are not limited to: accruals, cash transactions, analyzing financial statements, reconciliation of bank account, etc. Must ensure proper accounts are being charged and accurate records are kept.
- Responsible for overseeing the tuition related activities of the school.
- Seeks approval from the pastor in concert with the policies, procedures, and guidelines set forth by the diocese regarding financial and temporal transactions; ensures compliance with the diocesan Temporal Goods Policies.
- Reviews budget and financial reports in conjunction with parish pastor, bookkeeper, and finance council.
- Acts as a liaison on behalf of parish with diocese and other entities regarding fiscal responsibilities.
- Coordinates and reviews parish organization's funds.
- Performs other related duties as assigned by Pastor.

Other responsibilities and qualifications can be found on the full job description which may be viewed at: <https://shorturl.at/nqsHW>.

Job Application can be found at: <https://shorturl.at/mnuKR>.

Applications and resumes should be sent to Fr. Dennis Walsh at dwalsh@delphosstjohns.org no later than October 20, 2023.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and service of the mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

DIOCESE

Issue 1 is an extreme amendment on the Ohio ballot this November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of preborn babies up to 9 months.



*Join Catholics across Ohio in
praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena*

for the protection of human life and dignity
and the defeat of this dangerous amendment.

**This week the Sorrowful Mysteries
will be prayed each day.**

Sign up for a daily email
reminder with novena prayers
here, or at pray54ohio.org.



VOTE NO ON ISSUE #1 NOVEMBER 7

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of preborn babies up to nine months.

Your help is essential! Here's what you can do:

Pray daily with all pro-life people in Ohio at 7:14 a.m. and 7:14 p.m.

A 54-Day Rosary Novena began on Friday, September 15 with all Catholics in Ohio. Sign up for a daily email reminder with the Novena at pray54ohio.org.

Vote No on Issue 1.

Early voting is available now.

Election Day is November 7.

Learn more about Issue 1 and the upcoming pro-life events by visiting toledodiocese.org/voteno.



DRUM MAJOR AWARDS

Nominations for the 2024 **Drum Major Awards** are now open! The Diocese of Toledo's Intercultural Ministries Office is seeking nominees who significantly demonstrate some or all of the following qualities: Openly and actively support the Church's social teaching and racial justice, call for peace where there is conflict, serve the disenfranchised in their community, and strive for racial equality. The recipient's life and work should be in harmony with Catholic values and not contradict Catholic beliefs. The candidate must reside in any of the 19 counties of the Diocese, and be 14 years of age and older. The deadline for nominations is October 27.

OHIO BISHOPS CALL FOR AN END OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN OHIO

The Catholic bishops of Ohio issued a letter to all Ohio Senators and Representatives asking them to support legislation to end Ohio's death penalty.

"Our desire to foster a culture of life throughout Ohio requires a commitment to recognizing the sanctity of human life in all stages and circumstances, including those who, at one time, blatantly disregarded the humanity of others and need to face justice. Additionally, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that 'the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person.' It is time for Ohio to end this practice and ensure our laws respect life without exception.

Please join us in upholding the inherent dignity and sacredness of every human life from conception to natural death by supporting legislation that abolishes the death penalty. It is time for Ohio to end this practice and ensure our laws respect life without exception."

Learn more: ohiocathconf.org/category/death-penalty

Prayer to End the Use of the Death Penalty:

Merciful Father, we ask Your blessing on all we do to build a culture of life. Hear our prayers for those impacted by the death penalty. We pray for all people, that their lives and dignity as children of a loving God may be respected and protected in all stages and circumstances. We pray for victims of violence and their families, that they may experience our love and support and find comfort in Your compassion and in the promise of eternal life. We pray for those on death row, that their lives may be spared, that the innocent may be freed and that the guilty may come to acknowledge their faults and seek reconciliation with You. We pray for the families of those who are facing execution, that they may be comforted by Your love and compassion. We pray for civic leaders, that they may commit themselves to respecting every human life and ending the use of the death penalty in our land. Compassionate Father, give us wisdom and hearts filled with Your love. Guide us as we work to end the use of the death penalty and to build a society that truly chooses life in all situations. We ask this, Father, through Your Son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

LEADING THE FLOCK

Our Civic and Moral Duty

To be a voice in the public square during these days when voting is taking place on Issue 1, I recently presented an Op-Ed, “What is the Issue?,” to the secular press, which I present to you in this column. You will note that it intentionally does not use Catholic language, no Scripture quotes, no Catechism or Papal references. Why? Because today being today, the public often rejects outright anything which even hints of religion. Instead, the article is an appeal to reason! To assist you and those with whom you will interact, I want to provide this reasoned approach to a thoroughly unreasonable amendment.

As Catholics, protecting, defending, nurturing and caring for all human life is a moral imperative. But the life of the most innocent, the most vulnerable, the most defenseless among us, the unborn baby in the womb, must be our preeminent concern. Issue 1 will take abortion to an unprecedented level, enshrining in our State Constitution the “right” to take the life of a baby, even one about to born!

“WHAT IS THE ISSUE?”

“In these weeks and on November 7th, we will have the opportunity and responsibility as good citizens to cast a vote on Issue 1, a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio. At first glance, some believe that the issue is only about keeping abortion legal, when in fact abortion is already legal in the State of Ohio, up to fetal viability. This amendment, however, seeks to make abortion, in its most radical form, a right enshrined in our Constitution, in direct contradiction to the Declaration of Independence, which holds as a self-evident truth that all are endowed with the first unalienable right: the right to life. So abortion, in the end, is not the issue. Then what is?

Some will say it is a political issue. But this is not an issue of partisan politics, and we are not being asked to elect one candidate as opposed to another. This is not a democratic or republican issue; it is not an independent or green issue. Then what is it?

Some will say it is a religious issue. But this is not an issue of religious affiliation, and not the sole concern of one religion as opposed to another. This is not a Catholic or Evangelical issue; it is not a Muslim or Jewish issue. Then what is it?

Some will say it is an individual issue. But this is not an issue affecting only one person or concerning only certain members of our society. This is not a “my” issue or a “your” issue; it is not a liberal or conservative issue. Then what is it?

So what is the issue? Simply put, it is a human issue! The proposed amendment should compel all persons of goodwill who are committed to human rights, to human development, to human flourishing, to human protections and to human goodness, to vote no for one reason: the amendment is inhuman. Inhuman because it rejects and disrespects the rights of women and girls of Ohio, inhuman because it rejects and disrespects the rights of parents, inhuman because it rejects and disrespects the rights of the baby about to be born.

When one reads the language of the amendment, one understands that the issue, in the end, is not the legality of abortion, but human rights. There is a reason that the language of the amendment never mentions familiar human language: woman, girl, mother, father, parent, child, baby. There is a reason the crafters of the amendment language were enraged when more human language was included in the final version of the ballot. I invite you to read the language of the amendment itself, and seriously to consider what the language really means here: www.toledodiocese.org/voteno.

Read the language and read between the lines! Make no mistake, the proposed amendment would not only enshrine abortion into the Ohio Constitution, but take it to its furthest extreme by placing women and girls at risk in an unregulated abortion environment, by undermining the rights of parents to know if their young children are being counseled, encouraged and assisted in having abortions or receiving life-changing hormonal treatments against their will, and by permitting late-term abortions through nine months of pregnancy, even up until birth!

How telling to note that as humans, we delight in the announcement of the zoo that an animal mother is pregnant, we anxiously await the birth of her babies, even name them before they are born, and mourn them if they are lost! How telling to note that in a great many schools in the State of Ohio, parents or guardians must give permission for their minor children to receive even an aspirin; and according to Ohio law, they must sign a minor child’s application for a driver’s license or permit, they must give consent for their minor child to have their ears pierced or to get a tattoo. According to the proposed amendment, however, a minor could have a life-altering surgical procedure without the consent of parents!

So what is the issue? Issue 1 is not a political issue, it is not a religious issue, it is not an individual issue. In the end, Issue 1 is a human issue that affects all persons and our entire community, regardless of political or religious affiliations.

As human persons, we are created good, we are made for good and made to do good. I encourage all people of goodwill to exercise their right to vote, to defend human rights, and to vote no on Issue 1 in accord with our human nature!”

In closing, dear friends, you’ve heard me say and I say it again: to be Catholic is to be Pro-Life, from conception to natural death. The amendment on which we are being asked to vote is nothing short of evil. I urge you to exercise your civic duty to vote, and I urge you to fulfill your moral duty to vote NO on Issue 1.

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo

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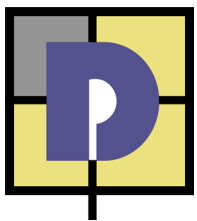


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