

# *Welcome to* **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH**

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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.

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**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

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## MASS INTENTIONS

## Wednesday, February 22, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Jeanette Brickner  
12:15 p.m. † Don McGue

## Thursday, February 23, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Jerome Klima

## Saturday, February 25, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Jeanette Brickner  
4:30 p.m. † Ed and Ruth Utrup

## Sunday, February 26, 2023

7:30 a.m. People of our Parishes  
9:15 a.m. † Kenny Wiegand  
11:30 a.m. † Gary Maas

## 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 Friemuth, 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, Jerry Krouse, 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 Wiegand, Mel Williams

*The Recently Deceased:* Catherine Hammons

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

## LITURGY READINGS

## February 26, 2023

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

## OUR SCHOOL/PARISH

## OPEN HOUSE

Come see our Preschool, meet our teachers, see the classroom, see what a typical day is for your Preschooler. The Open House is scheduled for, Thursday, March 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Katrina at 419-692-9806.

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

## February 12, 2023

|                    |    |          |
|--------------------|----|----------|
| Adult Offering     | \$ | 9,315.50 |
| Anonymous Offering | \$ | 462.00   |
| Student Offering   | \$ | 175.39   |
| Total              | \$ | 9,952.89 |

*Thank you for your support!*

## SCRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Scrip credits earned between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023 will post on March 31, 2023. If you would like to change where your credits are going, you must send us this information by March 20, 2023, to give us time to make the change. Tuition credits will be applied to the 2023-2024 tuition statements. You may fill out the information below or email us at scrip@delphosstjohns.org. This form may be dropped off at the Ministry Center or put in the collection basket at weekend Masses.

Customer: \_\_\_\_\_

Credited to (Mom and Dad Family Name): \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE RETURN PYXES

If you have borrowed any pyx in order to distribute Communion outside of church, and are no longer using it, please return it to the priest's sacristy. Also, please check if you have more than one and return any extras you may have. Thank You!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Odin Richard James,  
son of Lucas & Tiffany Price  
Rose Marie,  
daughter of Kyle & Samantha Staup

## SEMINARIAN'S TAKE

Hello All,

This Sunday is the last Sunday before Lent begins! That means this Wednesday, February 22 is Ash Wednesday. This day marks the beginning of a time of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Have you ever wondered why we celebrate Ash Wednesday and what is the meaning behind it all?

The history of this practice comes from two sources. It comes first from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. This ancient Jewish practice would include wearing sackcloth and ashes. The ashes would be worn on the head. We can find examples in the Old Testament of people living out this practice. The custom also arose out of a practice in the early Church in which people would perform public penance, such as wearing ashes.

The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Ashes also symbolize grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

The practice of putting ashes on our heads is meant to call us to remember these things. We are to remember that everything (even our life) comes from God and will return to God. It is meant to put everything in perspective. We are created by God and we will die one day and return to dust. We will not be able to take anything from this world with us. Thus, we must focus then on what is important and on what will last: our relationship with God. The ashes are also meant to call to mind our sins and our failures. The calling to mind of our sins is meant to call us to conversion. We call to mind our sins to recognize that we need God's help, that we are not perfect, and need to turn away from sin and turn toward God.

The meaning about the practice of ashes on our heads that I just described is actually the meaning behind the season of Lent. It is about putting everything in our life into perspective, stepping back, and examining ourselves; our good and our bad. It's also about recognizing our sin so that we can turn away from it and turn to God. Lent is about conversion of heart. The whole purpose of it is about turning from our sinful habits and drawing closer to God who loves us. So that brings us to an important question. What are you going to do for Lent?

Perhaps you have some practices that you regularly like to do every Lent, but I ask that when you think about your lenten practice that you ask this question: Does this practice help me turn from sin and turn towards God? That is the purpose of Lent, so if what you do during Lent does not help make that happen, then maybe consider something that will. Lenten practices should be about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here are some ideas that you could possibly do as a practice during Lent:

For prayer, you could do any one of these practices: Find time to pray 5 or 10 extra minutes a day, go to Mass on a weekday, read a spiritual book, pray the Rosary, or pray with your family or spouse.

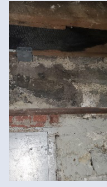
For fasting, you could do any one of these practices: Fast from snacks, fast from something small like sugar in a drink, fast from using social media, fast from a TV show, or fast from video games.

For almsgiving, you could do any one of these practices: Donate money that you would spend on treating yourself to a charity, pay it forward in a drive-thru, increase your donation to your parish, donate your time to volunteer at the Church, donate food to the food bank, make a meal for an elderly neighbor or a new mother, or show an act of kindness to someone who is difficult to get along with.

## RELICS OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS AND SAINT MANUEL GARCIA GONZALES

April 26, 2023

This coming April 26, 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!

THIS WEEK IN PARISH HISTORY *By: Jack Bockey*

About a month after the dedication of the present church, The Delphos Herald from February 24, 1881 reported the following: "A fire caused by spontaneous combustion burned a large hole in the floor of the new Catholic church one morning last week. The fire department was not called out." The photo is of a charred board that can still be seen from the basement of church. This is the only fire recorded in the 142 years of the church building.

## 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!!

## CANAL MUSEUM BREAKFAST BRUNCH

On Sunday, March 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Delphos Eagles, 1600 East Fifth Street, Delphos, join us for all your favorite breakfast brunch foods including biscuits and gravy, Danish rolls, breakfast casseroles and much, much more. Coffee, juice and water included in ticket price. There will also be a cash bar. Tickets: Adults – Presale, \$12.00; \$15.00 at the door. Children 10 and under – \$6.00. Tickets can be purchased at the Delphos Canal Museum, 241 N. Main Street, Delphos (Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-noon; Saturday and Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.) or from any Museum Trustee. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Delphos St. John's High School at 515 East Second Street, Delphos, on Tuesday, March 14 from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To schedule your blood donation appointment, please call 1-800-Red-Cross, or go to redcrossblood.org, sponsor code "stjhs."

## PARISH CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 19-26

**Sunday, February 19, 2023***Seventh 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  
 3:00 p.m. – Baptism Class – Landeck Church  
 5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck

**Monday, February 20, 2023***Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time  
Presidents' Day – No School*

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)  
 7:00 p.m. – Athletic Boosters – Little Theatre

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023***Tuesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. – Mass – Church  
 3:00 p.m. – RCIC – Ministry Center  
 7:00 p.m. – Cantors – Church  
 7:45 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023***Ash Wednesday*

7:00 a.m. – Finance Committee Meeting – Ministry Center  
 8:00 a.m. – Mass (7th-12th Grade) – Church  
 12:15 p.m. – Mass (K-6th Grade) – Church  
 5:20 p.m. – Shepherds of Christ Prayer Group – Vancress  
 7:00 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church  
 7:30 p.m. – Mass – Church  
 7:30 p.m. – Mass – Spencerville Church

**Thursday, February 23, 2023***Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

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, February 24, 2023***Friday after Ash Wednesday*

6:00 a.m. – Mass – Church  
 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 – Vancress

**Saturday, February 25, 2023***Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

8:00 a.m. – Mass – Church  
 3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation – Church  
 4:30 p.m. – Mass – Church

**Sunday, February 26, 2023***First Sunday of Lent*

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Church  
 8:00 a.m. – Reconciliation – Landeck Church  
 8:30 a.m. – Mass – Landeck Church  
 8:45 a.m. – Rosary – Church  
 9:15 a.m. – Mass – Church  
 10:20 a.m. – PSR – Elementary School  
 10:30 a.m. – Mass – Spencerville Church  
 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Church  
 5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

## COMMUNITY

**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, February 23 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 xxx-xxxx by February 21. The program for this meeting will be Patti Kennedy, Executive Director of Heartbeat of Lima speaking on "The Role of Pregnancy Care Centers Post Dobbs vs. Jackson."

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH & CHICKEN FRY**

All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Chicken Fry, Sunday, February 19 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the St. Barbara Parish Center/Cloverdale. Adults – \$10.00, Children (12 & under) – \$5.00. Carryouts available. Altar Rosary Society Bake Sale. (In case of inclement weather, it will be held the following Sunday, February 26th).

**MAGNIFICAT – LIMA CHAPTER****Our Lady of Consolation Chapter – Diocese of Toledo, Ohio***Lima Chapter of Magnificat Breakfast*

The Lima Chapter of Magnificat, a Ministry for Catholic Women, will be held on March 11, 2023, at the NEW LOCATION: St. Charles Church Basement, 2200 W. Elm Street, Lima, OH. Our speaker will be Amy Tester, from St. Joseph, Wapakoneta, OH. Contact: Marianne Farley, Treasurer at xxx-xxxx. Cost is \$15.00 (which includes: Breakfast, speaker and handouts. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. – Breakfast at 10:00 a.m. (catering by Old Barn).

**SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY**

CLC Life Insurance is proud to offer twenty-five \$1,000.00 yearly scholarships to any student holding an active Life Insurance policy with CLC for at least three calendar years. Students can win this scholarship up to two times and the awarded funds can be applied towards tuition, books, room and board or general education expenses. We encourage all of our student members to apply for this scholarship. CLC Life Insurance is excited to help support you in your educational goals. Applications are accepted January 1-February 28. Any freshman on down to age 1 day old can apply for a Life Insurance policy, so when they are Seniors in high school, they can try for this scholarship, too. For more information, call Janet Siefker, CLC Life Insurance Agent, at xxx-xxxx.

**LANDECK CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS**

The Landeck Catholic Order of Foresters will hold their annual Pre-Lenten Meal on Tuesday, February 21. Drive-up only from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Menu consists of pulled pork, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans, dinner roll, pickle, and cookie. Everyone is welcome – Presale is preferred. For tickets, contact Jim Miller at xxx-xxxx, Dave Kroeger at xxx-xxxx, or Joe Rode at xxx-xxxx.

## DIOCESE

**ARE YOU DISABLED?**

The Accessibility Ministries Office of the Diocese of Toledo is updating records on families for persons with disabilities to serve and assist them in the formation of their faith and effectively minister to them. This request is for all families in the Diocese; if there is someone in your household with a permanent disability, please access, complete, and submit the Google document per the instructions listed at <https://toledodiocese.org/persons-with-disabilities>. Thank you for your time and cooperation.



## DIOCESE

## LEADING THE FLOCK

*"Make this a Eucharistic Lent"*

At this time of year, it's not uncommon for Catholics to ask themselves or someone else: "What should I do for Lent this year?" And this year in particular, another question has been coming up frequently: "What is happening in the Diocese of Toledo for the National Eucharistic Revival?" I want to suggest that the answer to the first question is: "Make this a Eucharistic Lent;" and to the second: "Many wonderful things!"

Since we're in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival, in this column I want to mention what we're doing and encourage your participation in our exciting events and initiatives. But before that, permit me to offer that the very first thing you can do to make this a Eucharist Lent is: Pray each of the 40 days the new Diocesan Prayer composed for this Eucharist Revival. I am pleased to share it here; you can find it on our diocesan website, and on prayer cards which will also be made available at events and in all our parishes. I invite you then to pray this prayer with me every day throughout Lent:

*Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who promises to remain with us always and Who is ever present to us in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.*

*Reawaken our belief in His presence in the Eucharist and deepen our understanding of, love for, and living out of this great Mystery. May this Sacrament of His sacrificial love be for us the sign of unity and the bond of charity.*

*Nourish us through our worthy reception of the Body and Blood of Your Son, so that we may enjoy communion with You and with one another. Make us living witnesses of Your love and mercy throughout our local church.*

*Send us forth as faithful missionary disciples, strengthened by the grace of the Eucharist to proclaim the Gospel, so all may know that the Living Bread Jesus gives is His Flesh for the life of the world. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

This prayer is just one way you might make this a Eucharistic Lent! I invite you to consider these other possibilities as well: attending daily Mass; spending time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration; praying a Litany of the Holy Eucharist; solidifying your knowledge by reflecting on the Catholic Catechism's chapter on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist; inviting back to Mass someone who has fallen away from the practice of their Catholic faith; inviting someone who is not Catholic to come to Mass with you; holding a book discussion on the Holy Eucharist with family, friends or fellow parishioners; increasing your commitment to the one-hour Eucharistic Fast before Mass; intentionally exercising the corporal and spiritual works of mercy as the natural outcomes of living the Eucharist, checking the reverence with which you approach receiving the Holy Eucharist and the reverence with which you approach others; reflecting prayerfully on the question, "What does the Eucharist mean to me?"; and making a good Confession in Lent, to more worthily prepare to receive our Lord during Holy Week and at Easter.

Just imagine if all our lay faithful, families and children, consecrated religious, deacons and priests, would engage in a "Eucharistic Lent" this year! Imagine the grace we could receive as individuals and as a diocese, through the deepening of our understanding of, our love for, and our living out of the Holy Eucharist!

Our Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Team, led by Pat Oedy-Murray,

includes priests, deacons, consecrated religious and lay men and women from across the Diocese. As representatives they serve as an advisory committee and are key to our planning and executing the Revival here. Many parishes have a designated contact person for the Eucharistic Revival, who receives updates and shares information at the parish level.

As we prepare for and enter into Lent, I look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming Eucharistic Revival Gatherings held at various locations around the Diocese. These events will be worshipful afternoons (3:00-4:30 p.m.) of encounter with the Lord, of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, a perfect opportunity to help you "make a Eucharistic Lent." I sincerely hope you will attend a gathering near you!

- Sunday, February 19, 2023 at St. Mary, Norwalk
- Sunday, March 12, 2023 at St. Peter, Mansfield
- Sunday, March 19, 2023 at St. Michael, Kalida
- Sunday, April 30, 2023 at St. John XXIII, Perrysburg

Students from K-12 throughout the Diocese have been asked to participate in a contest to express "What the Eucharist Means to Me." They can create pictures, paintings, videos, write essays or compose songs inspired by their love for the Eucharist. All contributions are to be submitted by the end of February, 2023. And a Eucharistic Revival Day for Young Adults is being planned and will be held at Lourdes University on Saturday, April 15, 2023, with the presence of one of the national preachers.

In the Easter Season, our diocese will have the honor to host the tour of the Relics of St. Manuel González García and Blessed Carlo Acutis, patrons of the National Eucharistic Revival, which will travel to six locations in our diocese for veneration from April 24-29. We encourage all parishes and schools in the area to attend. Lesson plans will be created and distributed to schools and PSR parish programs concerning saints, canonization, and relics. Relics will be on public display throughout the day with times for a service of veneration, communal & private prayer and meditation.

Additionally, a national Eucharistic Revival preacher will present at the biennial Deacon Convocation, the Fall Diocesan Pastoral Conference and at the annual Fall retreat for all our Diocesan Pastoral Center staff.

We are also providing an opportunity for everyone to share their love for the Eucharist in video form! On social media and our website, you'll soon see question prompts. We're inviting you to answer one (or more!) questions in video form and upload them on social media or send them directly to us. I already answered the questions and invite you to do the same. Visit [toledodiocese.org/eucharist](http://toledodiocese.org/eucharist) for updates on this and more!

So this year, make it a "Eucharistic Lent," the perfect time to catch the vision of this National Eucharistic Revival: "A movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist – and sent out in mission 'for the life of the world'." This Lent, and beyond, let's embrace the Mission of the National Eucharist Revival: "To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist." You can find information on this nationwide initiative here: [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org) and on our diocesan engagement here: [toledodiocese.org/eucharist](http://toledodiocese.org/eucharist).

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo

# Ash Wednesday

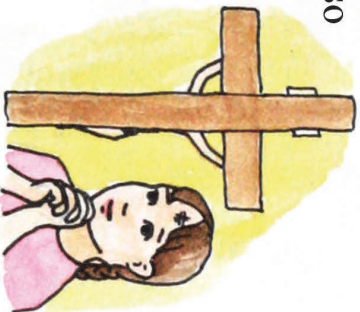


This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.



Answer to puzzle on front: Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.  
Answers to True or False: 1. false 2. true 3. true 4. false 5. false 6. true 7. true

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 19th, 2023



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A B C E F H I L N O P R S T U V Y  
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*What did Jesus tell the people  
in today's Gospel reading?  
Use the code to find out!*



# Saint Polycarp

## February 23

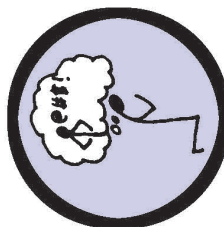


SAINT POLYCARP HELD ONTO HIS FAITH EVEN WHEN HE WAS VERY OLD. HE WOULDN'T EVEN GIVE UP ON JESUS WHEN HE WAS FACED WITH TORTURE. MOST OF US WON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN KEEPING OUR FAITH AND GETTING KILLED, BUT WE STILL HAVE TO BE BRAVE TO STAY TRUE TO JESUS IN THE WORLD.

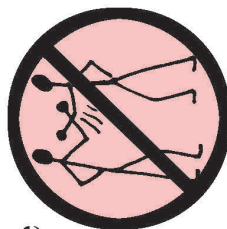
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# True or False: What did Jesus say?

How does Jesus tell us we should act toward others?  
Which of these are true and which are false?

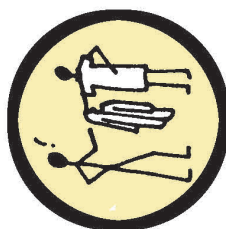


1. When someone hits you on one cheek, you should hit them back.  
True or False?

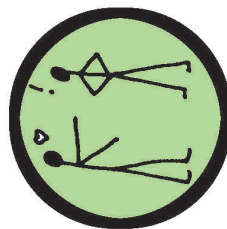


2. If someone tries to take your coat, you should give them your tunic as well.  
True or False?

3. If someone makes you walk a mile with them, you should walk two miles.  
True or False?



4. If someone asks for something, you shouldn't lend it to them, since they might not give it back.  
True or False?



5. You should love your friends and hate your enemies. True or False?

6. You should love your enemies and do good to the people who hate you.  
True or False?



7. You should be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect.  
True or False?



# Faith in the Family

March 12th @ 1:00PM  
in the RA Gym

Join us on **MARCH 12th (new date!)** with your family in the RA Gym to grow deeper in your faith, meet other families in our parishes, and learn how to bring our faith into your home. We will have food and games for your children and a special Sunday Mass for the Family.

The first event will include

- A potluck meal; sign up @ <https://tinyurl.com/4hv4v7jz>
- Games with the Family
- Ways to bring spiritual Lenten practices into your home
- A Teaching Mass with Fr. Dennis for the whole family

*Everyone is welcome!*



## ***Liturgical Celebrations of Lent 2023***

### **Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023**

- + Mass at 6:00 a.m. including distribution of ashes after the homily.
- + Masses at 8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Ashes will be distributed after the homily at each celebration.

### **Lenten Devotions**

- + 6:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in Lent.
- + Daily Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. Eucharist is also celebrated at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday. (Check Bulletin for Schedule.)
- + Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. beginning on March 1, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Lenten Penance Schedule**

**Confessions:** Throughout Lent the regular times for Confession are:  
Friday 7:30 a.m. and Saturday 3:30-4:00 p.m.

**Confessions will be heard from 2:30-4:00 p.m. on Palm Saturday and on Wednesday, April 5 after Tenebrae starting at approximately 8:15 p.m.**

### **A Day of Grace – Thursday, March 9**

**Confessions will be heard from 9:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m.** A Priest will be available for Confessions beginning on the hour throughout the day.

### **An Evening of Grace**

**Landeck St. John: Monday, March 27 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

**Spencerville St. Patrick: Wednesday, March 29 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

**Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent beginning February 24,  
at the K of C Hall from 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

## ***The Liturgical Celebrations of Holy Week***

### **Palm/Passion Sunday, April 2, 2023**

- + Masses at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 7:30, 9:15 and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Palms will be blessed at all Masses. "The Palms should be taken home where they will serve as a symbol of the victory of Christ and protect our homes and workplaces."

### **Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

- + **7:30 p.m. TENEBRAE**  
This service recalls the suffering of Christ in the Garden of Olives and in His Passion. This ceremony is held in semi-darkness with singing, prayer and Scripture that enter into Christ's sorrow and yet proclaim the Resurrection.

### **Thursday, April 6, 2023**

- + **7:30 p.m. MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
We begin the Sacred Triduum, the three Holy Days, with the washing of feet and the institution of the Holy Eucharist and commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. There will be time for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

### **Good Friday, April 7, 2023**

- + **12:00 Noon**      **Living Stations of the Cross by the Junior High School**
- + **12:45 p.m.**      **Reflections in Song and Spoken Word by the High School**
- + **1:45 p.m.**      **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**
- + **7:30 p.m.**      **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

### **Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023**

- + **8:30 p.m. THE EASTER VIGIL**  
**The celebration of Christ rising from the dead and the reception of the Catechumens and Candidates into the Catholic Church. This is the third day of the Sacred Triduum when Christ rises from the dead.** The Easter sacraments are given to those preparing to enter this faith community. Please join them for this final step in their journey.

### **Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023**

**Masses are at 7:30, 9:15 and 11:30 a.m. This day completes the Paschal Mystery, the Sacred Triduum, the holy days of Christ's suffering, death and Resurrection. We who have entered into the suffering and death with Jesus Christ shall also celebrate His triumphant rising from the dead.**



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 25 &amp; 26

|                               | SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – 4:30 p.m.  | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – 7:30 a.m.   |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> | Sister Susan Faist S.N.D. (sub req.), Denise Gerdeman, Karen Martin, Margie Ostendorf (sub req.), Deacon John Sheeran, Dianne Will, Kathy Pugh – Back Paten, Bonnie Merschman – Dishes | Zach Gable, Nathan Gable, Sandy Hellman, Deacon John Sheeran, Jean Weber, Mary Lou Wittler, Kelly Krites – Dishes |
| <b>SERVERS</b>                | Myah Boggs, Brayden Hensley, T.J. Werts  | Gavin Holdgreve, Emma Lindeman, Eli Stant   |
| <b>LECTOR</b>                 | Cory Werts   | Dani Duncan   |
| <b>GREETERS</b>               | Deb Fischer, Mark Fischer, Brian Mueller, Dave Ostendorf, Eric Youngpeter, Ashley Youngpeter   | Cady Donaldson, Isaac Gable, Ed Klima, Gary Smith, Joanne Smith, Riley Wiechart                                   |
| <b>CANTOR</b>                 | John Pohlman   | Archie Metcalfe   |
|                               | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – 9:15 a.m.  | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – 11:30 a.m.  |
| <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> | Mark Bockey, Deacon Gene Honigford, Nikki Rode, Janet Siefker, Gene Siefker, Baylee Vonderwell, Pam Hickey – Dishes  | Marcus Freewalt, Marjorie Jacobs, Karen Kahny, Kierstyn Klaus, Jeff Will, Ella Wilson, Mike Edelbrock – Dishes    |
| <b>SERVERS</b>                | Maisy Friedrich, Boe Friedrich, Aubrey Friedrich   | Anika Freewalt, Isaiah Freewalt, Cole Wilson  |
| <b>LECTOR</b>                 | Denny Hickey   | Clara Hanf  |
| <b>GREETERS</b>               | Zane Bockey, Tom Honigford, Kim Honigford, Madison Linder, Alayna Wrasman, Caden Wright  | Brooke Altenburger, Tom Jettinghoff, Shellie Kundert, Grace Moenter, Nicole Pohlman, Logan Tolliver               |
| <b>CANTOR</b>                 | Amanda Arnold (sub req.)   |   |



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