

Rend your hearts,
not your garments,
and return to the
Lord
your God.

Joel 2:13

THE SEASON OF
LENT



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.

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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LITURGY READINGS

March 19, 2023

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

March 5, 2023

Adult Offering	\$ 19,564.69
Anonymous Offering	\$ 709.00
Student Offering	\$ 206.53
Total	\$ 20,480.22

Thank you for your support!

MISSION SOCIETY

RAFFLE WINNER

Our \$100.00 winner for February is
Dean Schwinnen

MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, March 16, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Kenneth Miehl

Saturday, March 18, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Jeanette Brickner

4:30 p.m. † Bob and
Connie Warniment

Sunday, March 19, 2023

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

9:15 a.m. † Don McGue

11:30 a.m. † William, Doris and
Bill VanPelt

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Helen Ardner, Ed Becker, 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, 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, Sue Laudick, Sharon Lawrence, Terry Martin, Dave Merschman, Linda Miller, Millie Minnig, Minnie Moenter, Mary Mullen, Amy Musser, Cecilia Nartker, John Phillips, Alissa Rice, Becky Richardson, Tracy Rowland, Winifred Siefker, Tina Vance, Donna Vogt, Darrell Wieging, Mel Williams

The Recently Deceased:

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

OUR SCHOOL/PARISH

NEW ST. JOHN'S SPIRIT DISCOUNT CARDS ARE ON SALE NOW!

You can get yours from any St. John's FBLA member or the Ministry Center. Cards are \$10.00 each and are good until March 1, 2024. If you have any questions, you may contact Jessica Bertling at Bertling@delphosstjohns.org or the high school office.

RELICS OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS AND

SAINT MANUEL GARCIA GONZALEZ – 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 Gonzalez. 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!

MULCH AND SALT

Delphos St. John's Junior Class is selling mulch and salt as a prom and class trip fundraiser. New this year is the addition of water softener salt! Mulch is available in black for \$6.25 per bag. Salt is available for \$8.00 (regular) or \$9.00 (iron out). Delivery is available with the purchase of 10 bags and within a 10-mile radius. Please contact any junior or Michelle Stiffey at stiffey@delphosstjohns.org or Karlee Koge at kkoge@delphosstjohns.org with questions or to purchase. All orders to be placed by April 3rd. Delivery will be May 5th or 6th. Pickup will be May 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Thanks for your support!

SEMINARIAN'S TAKE

Greetings all,

Have you heard the phrase "offer it up"? Perhaps when you were a child and you were forced to eat something you did not like and your parents told you "offer it up, there are people who are starving." Or maybe you heard it when you stubbed your toe; to "offer up" the pain. Or maybe there was something that was really annoying you and someone said "Just offer it up."

What is this "offer it up" all about? What are we offering up? Who are we offering it up to or for? Is it just a Catholic way to say suck it up and deal with it?

The truth is this phrase, "offer it up" has a lot of spiritual meaning behind it! Offering up has to do with sacrifice and Jesus' redemptive Cross. When someone says "offer it up," what they mean is: Take the pain, or that thing that you do not like, and transform it into prayer for someone else. You take the suffering and turn it into an offering (a gift) that can be united to Christ's suffering on the Cross. What is more is that you can take your suffering and turn it into a prayer for someone in need. Offering it up, or more officially referred to as "sacrifice" is a way to make meaning out of suffering.

Christ, on the Cross, takes His suffering and death and destroys sin with it, so that we can be saved. When we have suffering in our own life, we can take it and unite it to Christ on the Cross and connect it to His redemptive work. What that means in simple terms is that we can take our pain and suffering and use it as a way to save souls from hell. Suffering can now have meaning and purpose when one unites it with Christ's suffering on the Cross, using it as an offering to bring good to someone else. This happens all through Christ's suffering on the Cross. This means the terrible things that happen in life no longer have the last say; bad things through Christ can be used to bring about God.

This "offer it up" is more than just the Catholic way of saying get over it! It's about taking suffering and using it to bring about good. Some people even take on small discomforts (Fasting) in order to offer that discomfort up for the good of someone else. This is called making sacrifices, taking on some small discomfort and connecting it to Christ on His Cross as a prayer for someone. While I encourage you to make small sacrifices like this, you also don't need to go out of your way to find discomfort! You can take the things that are frustrating in your daily life and turn them into a sacrifice. The next time someone is driving slow, the next time someone interrupts you, the next time you are stuck watching a TV show you dislike, it's an opportunity to offer it up!

ASK A PRIEST SOCIAL

Have you ever wondered why Catholics eat fish on Fridays? Why we don't sing the Alleluia during Lent? or Why a priest wears black? If you have ever wondered about this or something else, then come to the Knights of Columbus Hall on March 25 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for Ask a Priest Social. The K of C bar will be open and finger foods will be provided. Come down for an enjoyable night of community. If you have a question but wish to be anonymous, email your question to seminarian Jay (jlivecchi@delphosstjohns.org) and he will ask it for you.

ST. JOHN'S BAND ANNUAL FLOWER SALE
GOING ON NOW!!

Do you enjoy hearing the band play during the football games?? The basketball games?? Do you enjoy the concerts throughout the year?? If so, we need your help. Support our annual flower sale! Profits from our sale all go to the DSJ band program. We are fully self-supporting. Anything we need, we work to get funds to pay for. Our flowers and plants come from Foertmeyer and Sons Greenhouse. We have zinnias, impatiens, snapdragons, geraniums, and the wave petunias are back!! There are also plenty of hanging baskets to choose from. Do you need tomatoes and peppers for those summer recipes? We have them! And herbs, too. Please contact any St. John's Band member to place an order. Or contact Sue Vonderwell, sale chairman. Thank you!!

THIS WEEK IN PARISH HISTORY By: Jack Bockey



The Delphos Herald from March 1, 1900, reported the following: "Sleet and Freezing Rain the Cause of It All." "Even the clocks in the steeple of the Catholic church spire show the effect of the storm's doings. The rain and sleet beating against the dials froze to such a degree that the hands were interfered with and the clocks stopped at 15 minutes to 7 o'clock, presumably Wednesday morning.

In all parts of the city, limbs were broken from trees...and are hanging down far enough to interfere with pedestrians. The freezing of the slush Wednesday night, with the light fall of snow this morning has made good sleighing." Special thanks to Sam Bonifas for sharing this information!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Toledo Diocese has begun their Annual Catholic Appeal. Delphos St. John's was given the goal of \$33,679.00 and we have reached \$18,542.50. Over 50% of our goal already reached (actually 55.06%). We have received a total of 95 gifts which is great. Let's keep it going. Thank you to everyone who has donated.

EASTER LILY GARDEN

It's that time of year. We will have our Easter Lily Garden in the church comprised of flowers purchased in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost of each plant is \$12.00.

Please fill out this form and put it in the collection or return it to the Ministry Center by Friday, March 31, 2023.

Purchaser's Name: _____

In Memory of / In Honor of: _____

PARISH CALENDAR: MARCH 12-19

Sunday, March 12, 2023*Third Sunday of Lent**Daylight Saving Time Begins*

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

8:00 a.m. – Reconciliation – Landeck Church

8:30 a.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

8:45 a.m. – Rosary – Delphos Church

9:15 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

10:20 a.m. – PSR – Elementary School

10:30 a.m. – Mass – Spencerville Church

11:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

1:00 p.m. – Family Formation – RA Gym/Delphos Church

1:30 p.m. – Spanish Mass – Chapel

3:30 p.m. – Landeck Soup and Sandwich Dinner – Landeck Basement

5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

Monday, March 13, 2023*Monday of the Third Week of Lent*

6:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

8:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

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

4:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration – Landeck Church

6:45 p.m. – Benediction – Landeck Church

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

7:00 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

7:00 p.m. – Band Booster Meeting – Band Room

Tuesday, March 14, 2023*Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

3:00 p.m. – RCIC – Ministry Center

7:00 p.m. – Cantors – Delphos Church

7:45 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Delphos Choir Loft

Wednesday, March 15, 2023*Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent**Early Release at 2:00 p.m.*

6:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

7:00 a.m. – Parish Foundation – Ministry Center

8:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

5:20 p.m. – Shepherds of Christ Prayer Group – Vancress

6:30 p.m. – Handbell Practice – Elementary School Basement

7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting – Ministry Center

7:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross – Delphos Church

7:30 p.m. – PSR – Spencerville Church

Thursday, March 16, 2023*Thursday of the Third Week of Lent**Kindergarten Screening – All Day*

8:00 a.m. – Mass (K-6th Grade) – Delphos Church

6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Ministry Center

Friday, March 17, 2023*Friday of the Third Week of Lent**Saint Patrick's Day*

6:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

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

7:30 a.m. – Reconciliation – Delphos Church

8:00 a.m. – Mass (7th-12th Grade) – Delphos Church

6:30 p.m. – Mass – Spencerville Feast Day

Saturday, March 18, 2023*Saturday of the Third Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

8:30 a.m. – Catholic Men's Fellowship – Ministry Center

3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation – Delphos Church

4:30 p.m. – Mass – Church

Sunday, March 19, 2023*Third Sunday of Lent*

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

8:00 a.m. – Reconciliation – Landeck Church

8:30 a.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

8:45 a.m. – Rosary – Delphos Church

9:15 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

10:20 a.m. – PSR – Elementary School

10:30 a.m. – Mass – Spencerville Church

11:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church



COMMUNITY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES ARE BACK!

When: 4:00-7:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent.

Cost: \$10.00 for Dine-in or Carry-out.

Dine-in will include a salad bar and different sides including Gourmet Mac & Cheese, Homestyle Green Beans, etc.

Huge Butterfly Shrimp Dinners available for Dine-in at \$12.00/plate.

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Knights of Columbus will be collecting funds for Seminarians the weekend of March 18 and 19 at the doors after Mass.

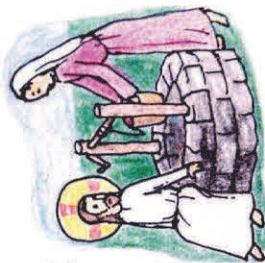
LENTEN TUESDAYS IN SPENCERVILLE

Every Tuesday in Lent, from February 28-March 28, St. Patrick's Parish will host an evening of prayer preceded by a "soup-er supper." A variety of homemade soups will be served in the church basement from 5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross will follow in church at 6:30. From 6:50-7:30, there will be a period of Eucharistic Adoration, which will include a Lenten Reflection on the "Characters of the Passion" by our Seminarian Jay Livecchi. All are invited to come – for any or all parts of this graced opportunity for spiritual (and bodily) refreshment.

Water...



In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.



Water is a symbol of life. In the first story the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water. Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.

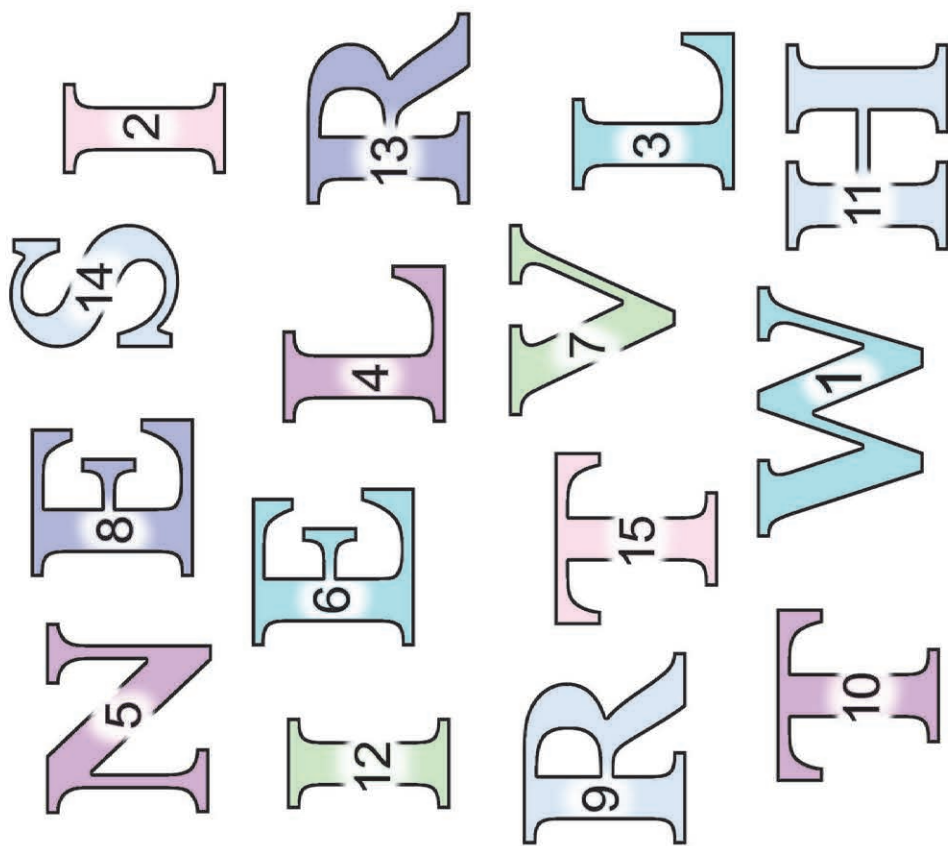
When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!



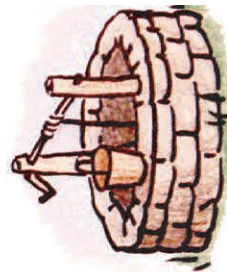
Answer to puzzle on front: will never thirst, Answer to puzzle inside: because, hearts, Spirit, given, still, time, difficulty, might, courage, God. "Christ died"

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent
March 12th, 2023



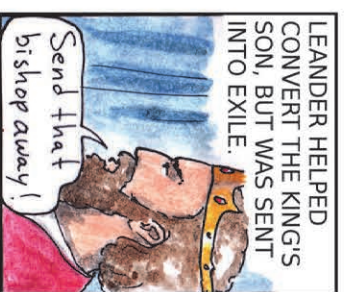
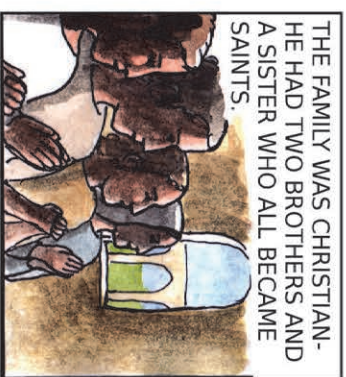
*Jesus says that if we drink
His living water, we*



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10	11	12	13	14	15			

Saint Leander of Seville

March 13



SAINT LEANDER DIED AROUND THE YEAR 600. WHEN HE DIED HIS BROTHER BECAME THE NEW BISHOP. BECAUSE THE LEADERS HATED THE TRUTH, BISHOP LEANDER HAD RISKED HIS LIFE TO TRY TO CONVERT PEOPLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FAITH.

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box.
Use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

And hope does not disappoint,
1. the love of God has
been poured into our 2.
through the Holy 3. who
has been 4. to us. For
Christ, while we were 5.
helpless, died at the appointed
6. for the ungodly. Indeed,
only with 7.
does one die for a just person, though
perhaps for a good person one
8. even find
9. to die. But
10. proves his love for us in that...
...WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS
FOR US.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COURAGE DIFFICULTY HEARTS
GOD TIME GIVEN STILL
SPIRIT MIGHT BECAUSE

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 will be 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!!

ROSARY FOR THE
TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

A Rosary service will be prayed to support Traditional Marriage (1 Man and 1 Woman) at St. John the Baptist Church in Landeck on Saturday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate.

DELPHOS 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.

DIOCESE

BISHOP DANIEL THOMAS DISPENSES FROM
THE OBLIGATION TO ABSTAIN FROM MEAT
ON FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

Out of pastoral solicitude, Bishop Daniel Thomas has decided to dispense the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo, whether actually present in the territory or not, from the obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023, the memorial of Saint Patrick. Catholics present in the Diocese of Toledo who otherwise reside in another diocese, are likewise dispensed. No member of the faithful is required to make use of this dispensation, however, those who choose to do so are strongly encouraged to abstain from meat on some other day that week as part of their penitential practices during Lent.

The Mike Gallmeier Foundation Offers:

MIKE'S FOOD ON US

*(Free food distribution for
Delphos School District)*



The Mike Gallmeier Foundation was established after the death of Mayor Mike Gallmeier. The Foundation began with the goal of keeping Mike's legacy alive in this community that he loved. Our primary focus is "Mike's Food on Us," but we also support other charitable entities in the Delphos School District that we know were dear to Mike's heart. Please call Deb at 419-xxx-xxxx with any questions.

420-Please bring photo ID and utility
bill for registration

Distributions will be given out at
Delphos Eagles, 1600 East 5th Street,
Delphos, Ohio 45833 on
March 28, May 23, July 25, September 26,
November 28 and January 23, 2024

ANY CHANGES will be posted on The
"Mike Gallmeier Foundation" Facebook
Page (Be sure to like and follow to receive
notifications!)



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 @
- 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!



DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S IN COORDINATION WITH ASSE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

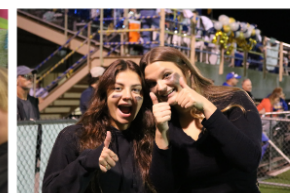


THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR ALLOWED ST. JOHN'S THE OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME TWO STUDENTS, DANIEL AND AURIANE, INTO THE DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S FAMILY! READ MORE ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE AND CONSIDER HOSTING A STUDENT OF YOUR OWN!

Dani's Experience



Dani, a junior, came to Delphos, Ohio from Zamora, Spain. Dani has stayed with Ann and Jim Benfield for the school year. Dani said his reasons for wanting to come to America were for the experience, to help with his English, and to help discern his future. Dani says his experience has been great. He has learned a lot of new things, improved his English, had unbelievable experiences, and has met plenty of people and new friends. He was also able to be a member of the basketball team, a sport he enjoyed while in Spain. Students like Dani can't come to our country and school unless people are willing to host these students. Dani says, "Being a host family is something everyone should think about. It can completely change your life and the life of your exchange student. You can make a dream come true!"



Auri's Experience

Auri, a senior, came to Delphos, Ohio from Pontault-Combault, France. Auri has stayed with Ray and Angie Bonifas for the school year. Auri's reasons for wanting to come to America were to experience this "dream high school life" that kids hear about and to learn to speak the language proficiently. Her experience at St. John's has been a very positive one. She says it is completely different from France, from the uniforms to the tests. She shared, "When I came here, people asked me why I didn't choose a bigger school. I am so happy and thankful for having chosen and been accepted to Delphos St. John's because the size of the school and the kindness of the people here." Auri shared that the friendly community is also why it's important to have host families here. She said it is great to have friendly people to help make the integration easier for the foreign exchange students. She also said that Delphos and the surrounding areas offer plenty of experiences and culture. Lastly, Auri is really grateful for her host parents because they have allowed her to make her dream come true, discover herself, and become a more well-rounded individual.



From our students

"Through basketball, I have developed a great friendship with Dani this year! It's been great having him here and on the team!"
- Gavin Holdgreve, 12

"Auri coming this year has been one of the best things to come out of my senior year. Our friendship started very quickly and we have been almost inseparable. She has been with me through the best and worst parts of senior year and I hope our friendship continues after she leaves. - Kaili Gillespie, 12

"I love them! It's been great having them at St. John's!" - Landen Grothaus, 12

"Both Dani and Auri have been very nice and seem to have adapted well to St. John's from day one!" - Aaron Bockey, 11



To apply online or learn more about hosting, please visit: [HTTPS://ASSE.COM/HOME/](https://ASSE.COM/HOME/)

Questions or to start your hosting experience please contact:

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LIVING WATER

Reflection on John 4:5-42

Throughout John's Gospel, there are many scenes like the one today describing Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well, where there is so much going on behind the surface dialogue. John will often leave nameless the character whom Jesus encounters, inviting us to imagine ourselves in the role, receiving some certain gift, some truth, from the exchange.

This woman takes her bucket to the well, as no doubt she has done countless times, there to encounter Jesus who offers Himself as living water, welling up to eternal life. Here is where we might place ourselves in the story. To what "well" do I return over and over again to attain those things I think I need? Career? Wealth? Human affection? Sexual fulfillment? Pornography? Alcohol? Food? Social Media? Where do I go to get what I believe I need to be satisfied, to feel alive or whole?

Of course, Jesus proposes Himself as the true fulfillment of all that is needed or desired by us to be made whole, alive, and complete. But even more, in His encounter with the woman – and us – at the well of our obsession, idolatry, and sin, He reveals the depth of God's divine thirst for each of us. Jesus longs to share His life – welling up to eternal life – with us.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42

Monday, March 13, 2023

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab

Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4

Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23-28

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 17, 2023

Saint Patrick, Bishop

Hos 14:2-10

Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 18, 2023

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Hos 6:1-6

Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab

Lk 18:9-14

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The Third Week of Lent

Loving Father,

So many times I turn away from You
and always You welcome me back.

Your mercy and love gives me confidence

Thank You for the invitation to share,
fast and pray

so that You can form a new heart within me.

Your powerful compassion for
my weaknesses

leads me to ask for mercy

and await with great hope the Easter joy

You share with us. Amen.

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