

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](mailto: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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## MASS INTENTIONS

## Tuesday, March 21, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Dolores Saucedo

## Wednesday, March 22, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Jason Ostendorf  
12:15 p.m. † Carol Hohman

## Thursday, March 23, 2023

8:00 a.m. † William Looser

## Saturday, March 25, 2023

4:30 p.m. † Clara Brinkman

## Sunday, March 26, 2023

7:30 a.m. † Gilbert Ricker  
9:15 a.m. † Alan Reinsel  
11:30 a.m. † Gary Maas

## 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 Friemonth, 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 Wiegung, Mel Williams

*The Recently Deceased:* Gerald "Jerry" Hoehn, Sr., Barbara Seffernick

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

## OUR SCHOOL/PARISH

## LITURGY READINGS

## March 26, 2023

Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

## March 12, 2023

Adult Offering	\$ 12,311.15
Anonymous Offering	\$ 529.13
Student Offering	\$ 82.00
Total	\$ 12,922.28

*Thank you for your support!*

## 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.

THIS WEEK IN PARISH HISTORY *By: Jack Bockey*

On March 19, 1948, a tornado destroyed Landeck, St. John Church. Two boys were praying the Stations of the Cross and were on the 14th station when they heard the storm. Both were killed as a result of the storm.

The Delphos Herald from March 20, 1948, reported the following: A double funeral service will be held Tuesday morning at St. John's Catholic Church in this city, for Norbert Bonifas and Gerald Kill, victims of the tornado which hit the Landeck church, Friday afternoon... Both boys were in the church at the time the tornado struck and were crushed as the entire upper part of the church caved in. A requiem high Mass will be intoned Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock at St. John's Catholic Church in this city. Burial will be made in the St. John's Cemetery at Landeck. Special thanks to Sam Bonifas for sharing this information! The 14th station was the only surviving station of the cross at Landeck. The same storm also destroyed Sacred Heart parish near Anna, OH.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Delphos St. Johns was given the goal of \$33,679.00. As of March 3, 2023, we have reached \$21,538.50 – that is 63.95% of our goal already reached. We have received a total of 124 gifts which is great. Let's keep it going. Thank you to everyone who has donated.



## SEMINARIAN'S TAKE

Greetings folks,

One of the themes of Lent is the Desert. We hear in the readings about the Israelites wandering around in the desert for 40 years. At the beginning of Lent, we heard about Jesus going into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. Early Christians would sometimes become hermits and live in the desert. So the desert is significant in the Christian spirituality. However, it's not the physical desert that is important, rather it's the spiritual desert that is important.

The desert spiritually has two significances in the spiritual life. Those significances are made clear if we look at why Jesus went into the desert. He went and was tempted by the devil. The desert is a place to do battle against the devil. This is one of the spiritual significances of the desert. A desert is a harsh place and so it was the arena to fight against sin and temptation. The desert is a place one can go to remove oneself from the things which cause one to sin; in a sense, stepping back from things in one's life that influence and draw one away from God. For the early Christians, that was the world, stepping away from the worldly noise that was drawing them away from God. So going into the desert was a way to do battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil; the three things which cause one to sin and abandon God.

The other reason that Jesus went out into the desert was to pray. Thus, the second reason for going into the desert spiritually is intimacy with God. The desert is a barren place. People don't often live in the desert so it is a place one can go to be alone with God. There we are not distracted by the world and the noise. When we step away from the busyness of life and enter into a spiritual desert, we can hear the voice of God better. The desert is thus about becoming closer to God.

Hopefully, you can see now why the desert is such an important spiritual theme of Lent. The desert is about fighting against sin and growing closer to God, which is the purpose of Lent. How can we thus bring this theme into our lives? Very simply, by carving out time in our day for silence. Spend 10-15 minutes a day in silence. This is harder than it sounds. In that time of silence, pray and listen for God's voice. I think when we take time away in silence, we can see our faults more clearly and see God's love more clearly.

## 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 xxxxxxxxxxxx or Karlee Koge at xxxxxxxxxxxx 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!



## DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION 2023

We will, we will ...ROCK YOU! Or at least ROCK THE NIGHT away with you at this year's Benefit Auction on Friday, April 14, in the St. John's All Saints Building. This annual event is a great way to enjoy time with family and friends, while supporting our St. John's Schools. This event raised over \$75,000 for our students and school projects last year alone. We have a wonderful evening planned – a delicious dinner, Reverse Raffle, Oral and Silent Auctions, and a variety of other fun raffles and games of chance. We are also encouraging everyone this year to dress appropriate to the ROCK theme – your version, your era of choice.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m., with the Reverse Raffle cash drawing starting around 7:00 p.m. Our cash drawings include a Top Prize of \$5,000 and Second prize of \$1,500. The top 10 places in the Reverse Raffle will walk away winners. The Oral Auction will begin around 8:15 p.m., with Silent Auction closing at staggered times, beginning at 9:00 p.m. Other Raffle winners will be drawn at 9:30 p.m.

If you would like to be a sponsor, purchase tickets, or donate any NEW auction item, there are REQUIRED forms in the Scrip Room at the Ministry Center. Forms must be returned by mail or to the Ministry Center with check/payment. Please call 419-692-5371, ext. 4210 or email [advancement@delphosstjohns.org](mailto:advancement@delphosstjohns.org) with questions, to learn more about the event, or find out how you can get involved. Stay up-to-date on this event and more through Delphos St. John's website and Facebook page.

**ST. JOHN'S  
PARISH FOUNDATION**  
*Helping Families  
Create Legacies  
Since 1977*

**None of us Can  
Live Forever...  
But ALL of us Can  
Give Forever.**  
**Create your "Eternal Envelope"  
Ask How.**

## 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 19-26

**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

**Monday, March 20, 2023***Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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. – Athletic Booster Meeting – Little Theatre

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023***Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent**Kindergarten Screening*

8:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 3:00 p.m. – RCIC – Ministry Center  
 6:00 p.m. – Guys for God – Church  
 7:00 p.m. – Cantors – Delphos Church  
 7:45 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Delphos Choir Loft

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023***Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

6:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 7:00 a.m. – Finance Committee Meeting – 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  
 7:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross – Delphos Church  
 7:30 p.m. – PSR – Spencerville Church

**Thursday, March 23, 2023***Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent**Kindergarten Screening – All Day*

8:00 a.m. – Mass (K-6th Grade) – Delphos Church  
 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Penance Service (7th-12th Grades)  
 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. – Penance Service (3rd-6th Grades)  
 6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Ministry Center  
 7:00 p.m. – St. Vincent de Paul Society – Ministry Center

**Friday, March 24, 2023***Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent**Confirmation Retreat and Rehearsal*

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 Grades) – Delphos Church  
 3:30 p.m. – Mass – Vancress

**Saturday, March 25, 2023***Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*

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

**Sunday, March 26, 2023***Fifth 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  
 2:00 p.m. – Confirmation – Church  
 5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

## 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 at xxxxxxxxxxxx or Lisa Recker at xxxxxxxxxxxx. 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!!



Saint Joseph was just a poor Jewish carpenter, but God saw that he was a very good man so He chose him to be the husband and protector of Mary, who would be the Mother of Jesus. Saint Joseph provided for Mary by his hard work.



Saint Joseph died a holy and peaceful death in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Now he is in Heaven, helping us when we pray to him. We should pray to him because he is a great protector and teacher for us, just like he was for Jesus.

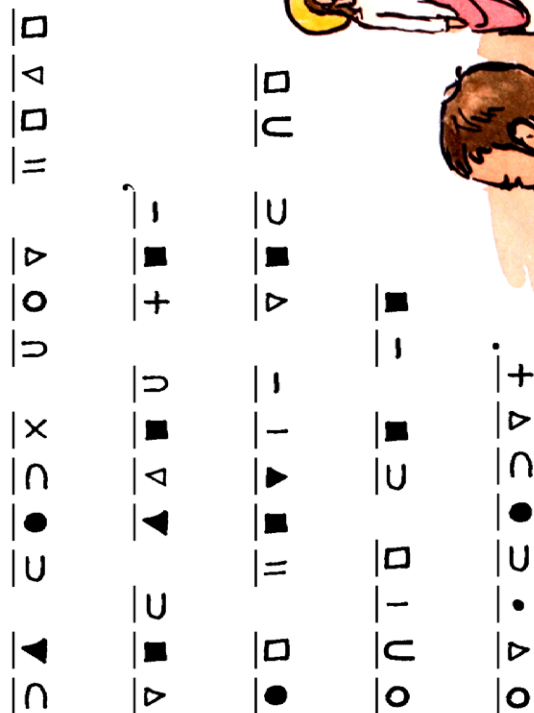
Answer to Front: If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything. Answers to cross-word: Across: 2.no.5.courage 8.table 9.shepherd 11.in 13.soul 14.want 16.waters 18.Lord 19.me 20.of 21.set 22.he Down: 1.paths 3.oil 4.before 6.overflows 7.anoimt 10.pastures 12.valley 15.staff 17.sake

***www.thekidsbulletin.com***

# The Kids' Bulletin

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

*What did the man that Jesus cured say to the people who thought Jesus was a sinner?*  
*Use the code at the bottom to find out!*



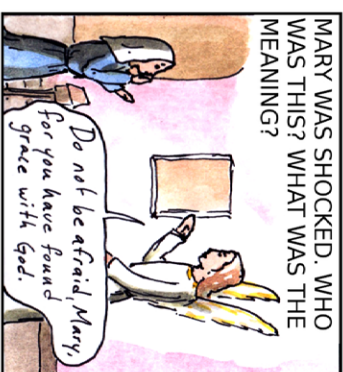
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A B D E F G H I L M N O R S T U V Y

# THE ANNUNCIATION

## MARCH 25



FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR GOD TO SEND THEM A SAVIOUR. WHEN THE TIME WAS RIGHT HE SENT AN ANGEL TO A YOUNG WOMAN.



MARY WAS SHOCKED. WHO WAS THIS? WHAT WAS THE MEANING?

Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace with God.



You shall conceive and bear a Son, and call Him Jesus...



How shall this be done, since I know not man?



The Holy Spirit will come upon you and Most High will overshadow you...



SHE ACCEPTED GOD'S PLAN EVEN THOUGH SHE KNEW IT WOULD NOT BE EASY.

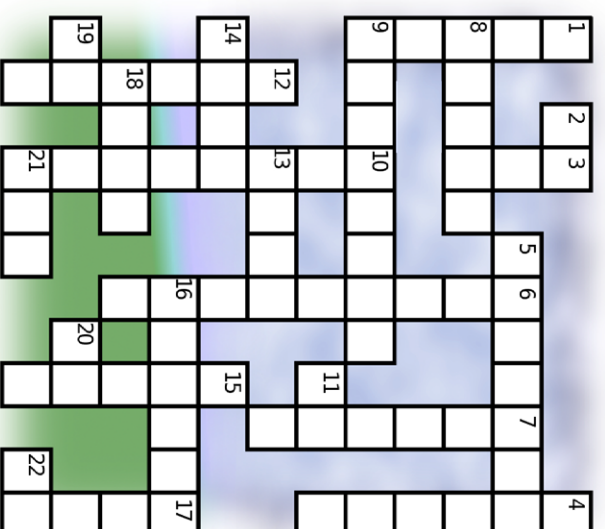


FROM THAT MOMENT THE BABY WHO WAS THE SON OF GOD BEGAN TO GROW INSIDE HER. JESUS HAD COME INTO THE WORLD HIDDEN INSIDE HIS MOTHER.

THE ANNUNCIATION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF THE YEAR BECAUSE IT IS WHEN JESUS FIRST CAME TO EARTH, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS STILL HIDDEN. GOD DEPENDED ON MARY TO SAY 'YES' TO HIS WILL EVEN THOUGH IT WAS VERY HARD. WE SHOULD BE ALWAYS READY TO DO GOD'S WILL TOO!

*The Lord is my Shepherd...*

OVERFLOWS IN  
SHEPHERD OF  
WATERS HE  
BEFORE OIL  
TABLE SAKE  
STAFF SOUL  
WANT PATHS  
LORD VALLEY  
SET ANOINT  
ME COURAGE  
NO PASTURES



The \_\_\_\_\_ (18A) is my \_\_\_\_\_, (9A)

I shall not \_\_\_\_\_, (14A)

In verdant \_\_\_\_\_ (10D) he gives me repose;  
beside restful \_\_\_\_\_ (16A) he leads me;

he refreshes my \_\_\_\_\_. (13A)

\_\_\_\_ (22A) guides \_\_\_\_\_ (19A) in right \_\_\_\_\_ (1D)

for his name's \_\_\_\_\_. (17D)

Even though I walk in the dark \_\_\_\_\_ (12D)

I fear \_\_\_\_\_ (2A) evil; for you are at my side

with your rod and your \_\_\_\_\_ (15D)

that give me \_\_\_\_\_. (5A)

You \_\_\_\_\_ (21A) the \_\_\_\_\_ (8A)

\_\_\_\_\_ (4D) me

\_\_\_\_\_ (11A) the sight \_\_\_\_\_ (20A) my foes;

you \_\_\_\_\_ (7D) my head with \_\_\_\_\_; (3D)

my cup \_\_\_\_\_. (6D)



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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, March 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 xxxxxxxxxx by March 21. The program for this meeting will be Pat Oedy-Murray, Theology/Philosophy Instructor at Lourdes University, speaking on "Lighting the Fire of Faith."

### A PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. ERIC MUELLER

Join Fr. Eric Mueller on a pilgrimage to Italy! Walk in the footsteps of Sts. Francis and Claire in Assisi, St. (Padre) Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo, Sts. Benedict and Scholastica in Norcia and Montecassino. Stand in awe before the Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano and visit a cave in which St. Michael the Archangel appeared. Tour a Benedictine Monastery in Norcia. Visit the major basilicas in Rome, attend a papal audience, and tour some of the most ancient sites in Rome. Fr. Mueller will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass daily. Reserve your spot by contacting Maggie at 419-290-8782 or [maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com](mailto:maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com). For more information, visit [CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Italy23](http://CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Italy23).

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 Livechi. All are invited to come – for any or all parts of this graced opportunity for spiritual (and bodily) refreshment.

### HOLY WEEK RETREAT FOCUSES ON PASCHAL MYSTERY

As we approach Holy Week – the holiest week in the Church year – do you feel the need for time and space to reflect on the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus? The Paschal Mystery of Christ: A Holy Week Retreat, offers just that opportunity. Dominican Friar Edward Ruane, OP, facilitates the retreat, offered at Weber Retreat and Conference Center from 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 2023, through 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 2023. Centering on the events that compose the Paschal Mystery of Christ, the retreat helps participants to enter more profoundly into the Sacred Triduum.

Participants are screened for COVID-19 and required to wear masks when not eating. The cost for the retreat is \$225.00 for commuters, \$325.00 per person double-occupancy, and \$425.00 single occupancy. Registration is required and is available at [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org); click on "programs." Registrations may also be made at 517-266-4000 or [webercenter@adriandominicans.org](mailto:webercenter@adriandominicans.org). Limited scholarships are available. Weber Center is on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters' Motherhouse, Adrian, Michigan. Traveling east on Siena Heights Drive, pass the Adrian Rea Literacy Center and turn left just before the solar panel-covered parking lot. Follow the signs to Weber Center. For information, call the Weber Center at 517-266-4000.

### 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 419-302-9349 with any questions.

\*Please bring photo ID and utility bill  
for registration

Distributions will be given out at  
Delphos Eagles, 1600 East 5<sup>th</sup> 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!)





# 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



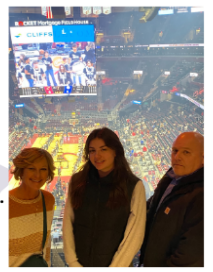
Dani, a junior, came to Delphos, Ohio from Zamora, Spain. Dani has stayed with Ann and Jim Benfield for the school year. Dani said his reasons for wanting to come to America were for the experience, to help with his English, and to help discern his future. Dani says his experience has been great. He 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, 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



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## HEAR FROM THIS YEAR'S HOST FAMILIES!

### Q What made you want to host a foreign exchange student? ?

Both families had hosted through St. John's previous exchange student program and both had positive experiences. The Bonifas's shared, "We felt that a whole year would give a young person a great experience, as by December they are just really starting to make great connections." The Benfield family added that, "Now the exchange is for the school year and the exchange students can be involved in everything just like any other student." Both families agreed that they wanted to provide a home for a student who wanted to come to Delphos. Without families, we have no place for these students.

### Q What hesitations did you have and how have those changed? ?

Both families were concerned about no longer having their own children at home; however, both have found that this was not an issue. They enjoy being around high school students and making sure their student was involved in school life! "These students are just excited to come to America and are happy anywhere," added Area Rep Lynette Haehn. Angie Bonifas added, "Another hesitancy is always will the student fit in and make friends? I feel that more often than not, these kids wouldn't be doing this program if they weren't able to assert themselves to some point." But she also encourages people to read the bios to get a good feel for the student.

### Q What would you tell someone who is considering hosting an exchange student? ?

Angie Bonifas said, "Do not feel like you have to have the perfect space, the perfect family, or have travel plans every weekend! They really want to experience normal family life here, and just providing a clean comfortable space is really the expectation." The Benfield's shared, "Keep an open mind to host an exchange student. If you enjoy adventure try being a host family. It is like going on a vacation without leaving home. Hosting is a two way street where the host family and the student both learn."

### Q What has your experience being a host family been like this year ?

The Benfield's said, "Being a host family has been an exciting experience for us. The excitement begins with choosing your exchange student from a long list of available students and wondering all about them and their families." They added, "We learned many things about our student and their country, their customs, family life, government, sports, schools, and food and drinks, and he has been extremely interested in learning about the United States and our culture as well." Finally they said, "We treat our exchange students as if they are our own child; same rules, same chores, etc. Our experience has been fulfilling."

The Bonifas's said, "We are having a very positive exchange experience hosting a student through ASSE. We were careful to choose a student that we felt fit well with our personalities and interests, and mature enough to be in our home even though we do not have high school children." They added, "We were very committed to making sure the student is involved as much as possible at school, and is able to attend any events and activities so they can truly experience typical student life in the US. We are finding that our family members enjoy getting to know her and have her around as well, and we are trying to give her a few experiences / trips to get a feel for the US outside of our small rural area. She has been active in dance, volleyball, and now wants to do track with her friends."

Both families stressed the importance of communication. Bonifas said, "Like anything, good communication is important, and can make or break a student's experience here. We are finding that even though there are differences in language, food, and some customs, we are really more alike than we are different, and it is super fun sharing and discovering these things." Both families also shared how these can be lifelong relationships! Past exchange students have been like "bonus sisters" and "bonus kids."

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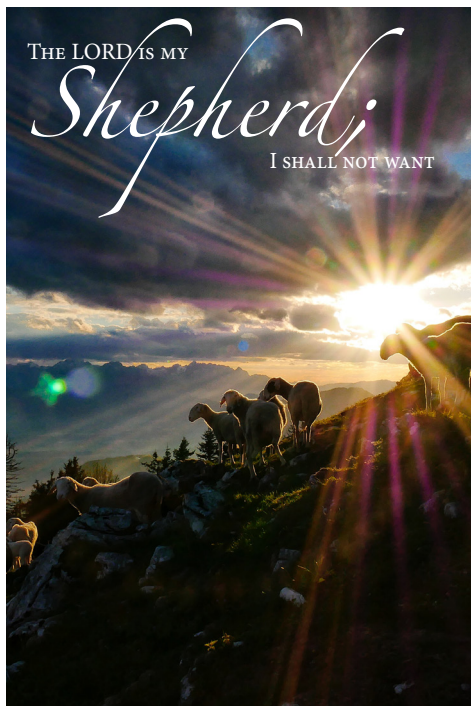
*Reflection on John 9:1-41*

In today's Gospel, John offers another dramatic story describing the healing of a man born blind and a range of responses to this healing. The experience of healing itself involves both the action of Jesus – using mud and spittle to smear on the man's eyes – and the response and cooperation of the man who must go and wash in the pool of Siloam, which means "sent." With physical sight restored, and spiritual sight awakened, this man is now "sent" as a witness to Jesus.

But look at the reactions! Accusations of sin all over the place. Mistrust, denial and division among the religious leaders. Too frightened of the controversy to get involved from the parents. Confusion from neighbors. What do we make of all this?

Jesus, the Light of the World, came to dispel darkness and sin. How do we experience and receive this healing for ourselves and others? Do we see reality with the eyes of faith when the Light of Christ exposes falsehood and reveals truth that is uncomfortable? Are we at times so comfortable with our blindness that we prefer ignorance over enlightenment? These are all good questions, prompted from the Gospel, for us to consider during this Lenten journey.

~ Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Eph 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41

### Monday, March 20, 2023

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

### Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Lenten Weekday  
Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Lenten Weekday  
Is 49:8-15  
Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18  
Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday, March 23, 2023

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop  
Ex 32:7-14  
Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23  
Jn 5:31-47

### Friday, March 24, 2023

Lenten Weekday  
Wis 2:1a, 12-22  
Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday, March 25, 2023

The Annunciation of the Lord  
Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11  
Heb 10:4-10  
Lk 1:26-38

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## The Fourth Week of Lent

*Loving Creator of mine,*

*I feel the pace quicken, the time draws near.*

*I am filled with joy as I move toward Easter*

*and the promised reconciliation with You.*

*Teach me to follow the example of Your Son,*

*to be worthy of being called one of His people:*

*a Christian.*

*Help me to live each day as He did*

*turning hatred to love and conflict to peace.*

*I await the new life with eagerness, faith*

*and a deep gratitude. Amen.*



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE: MARCH 25 &amp; 26

	SATURDAY, MARCH 25 – 4:30 p.m.	SUNDAY, MARCH 26 – 7:30 a.m.
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Barry Friemoth, Denise Gerdeman, Deacon Gene Honigford, Anne Maas (sub req.), Bonnie Merschman, Donna Pohlman, Elaine Schimmoeller – Back Paten, Rachel Rahrig – Dishes (sub req.)	Elaine Evans (sub req.), Kayla Hageman, Linda Klausing, Anita Lindeman, Steve Recker, Deacon John Sheeran (sub req.), Dani Duncan – Dishes
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<b>CANTOR</b>	Kelly Schroeder	Chris Rode
	SUNDAY, MARCH 26 – 9:15 a.m.	SUNDAY, MARCH 26 – 11:30 a.m.
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<b>SERVERS</b>	Grady Martz, Jacob Moenter, Camden Schafer	Ethan Druckemiller, Blaire Gable, Nolan Schwinnen
<b>LECTOR</b>	Denny Hickey	Clara Hanf (sub req.)
<b>GREETERS</b>	Keith Burgei, Aubrey Friedrich, Hopelyn Friedrich, Diane Friedrich, Jerry Neumeier, Patty Nixon	Angie Bonifas, Kevin Dukes, Marilyn Sickels, Avery Suever, Evelyn Vonderwell, Lillyan Vonderwell
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