

Welcome to
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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delphosstjohnparish.org



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RECONCILIATION

Friday

7:30 a.m.

Saturday

3:30 p.m.

May be scheduled by appointment

BAPTISM

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

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

Bulletin Deadline:

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

Celebration of Holy
EUCCHARIST

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 7:30, 9:15 and 11:30 a.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sacrament may be administered by
request.

MATRIMONY

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

LITURGICAL UPDATES

DELPHOS ST. JOHN PARISH

Business Manager

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 25, 2023

8:00 a.m. † James Wellmann

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Alfred Schmit

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

12:15 p.m. † Alfred Seffernick

Thursday, September 28, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Beverly Haunhorst

Saturday, September 30, 2023

4:30 p.m. † Jerry Krouse

Sunday, October 1, 2023

7:30 a.m. † Rick Recker
9:15 a.m. † Linda Seffernick
11:30 a.m. † Alex Wehri

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Sophia Becker, Lisa Davis Bemis, Ken Blankemeyer, Tracey Boberg, James Bodnar, Rick Brinkman, Madalyn Donaldson, Janice Etzkorn, Carolyn Fisher, Debbie Franklin, Rosie and Elmer Fortener, Mary Franklin, Barry Friemoth, Jim Friemoth, June Gable, Susan Gamad, Herb Gerdeman, David Gonyea, Carol Graham, Mary Grothouse, Tom Hickey, Sharon Hines, Angela Hoehn, Madelyn Jones, Steve Kemper, Shawn Kimmet, 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, Sue Reddy-Bemis, Alissa Rice, Becky Richardson, Tracy Rowland, Amy Schulte, Winifred Siefker, Tina Vance, Donna Vogt, Chad Weber, Darrell Wiegand, Mel Williams

The Recently Deceased

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

LITURGY READINGS

October 1, 2023

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

September 17, 2023

Adult Offering	\$ 11,601.36
Anonymous Offering	\$ 995.00
Student Offering	\$ 79.64
Total	\$ 12,676.00

Matching Gifts –
Blackbaud/Eaton \$ 150.00

Thank you for your support!

OUR SCHOOL/PARISH

JOB OPENING

St. John's is looking for someone to clean the restrooms in the schools and to lock up the school and the church. The restrooms will need to have the porcelain wiped down, the floors swept, the trash taken out when needed and restock supplies. Lock up requires checking all entrances to the school buildings and the church. This is a nighttime position with a maximum of 10 hours per week. If interested, please call the Ministry Center at 419-695-4050. An application will be mailed to you at that time.

ATTENTION, LECTORS!

Your 2024 Workbook is located in the priests' sacristy and is ready for pickup. Please pick up your book by the end of September. Thank you for participating in this very important ministry!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Delphos St. John's Band Boosters is looking for adults to help in the concession stand. We operate Varsity Soccer on weekdays and Saturday mornings, JH Football on weekdays, Varsity Football on Friday evenings and Youth Football on Saturdays and Sundays. Multiple jobs available and we can find something that fits you. Contact Tricia Patton at 419-303-5376 or dsjband@delphosstjohns.org for more information and to find dates and times. Thank you!!

WEDDING BANNERS

III – Seth Knebel and Makenzie Kuhlman



OUR SCHOOL/PARISH

2023 DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL

GENERAL INFORMATION

Our annual Delphos St. John's Fall Festival will take place this year on October 21 and 22. Festival dinners will be offered in person and carry out – more information to follow – with tickets available soon. The traditional games will be in the gym and Chairpersons should be contacting booth workers soon.

If you haven't volunteered in the past, please consider. It's very rewarding to work together for a bigger cause, meet new people, and experience the comradery. If interested, please stop in the Ministry Center or call 419-695-4050. Keep watching for additional and updated information.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Children's Festival will be held Wednesday, October 18, 2023 in the Robert A. Arnzen Gymnasium. If anyone would like to help set up on Tuesday night or help out at the Children's Festival, please contact the Ministry Center at 419-695-4050 or Sandy Hellman by calling xxx-xxxx or e-mailing skhellman@aol.com. Your generosity helps make this a special time for our students and is much appreciated!

SPECIAL NOTES

Regular lunch meals for students will not be served on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Monday, October 18, 19, 20, and 23. Students should bring their own lunches, including beverages, and eat in their classrooms.

NEEDED

- NEW Prize Items for the Children's Festival or monetary donations to help pay for game prizes would be much appreciated.
- The School Faculty & Staff Raffle Booth NEW Item Donations are needed. Gift baskets, sports/event tickets, outdoor furnishings, gift cards, etc. always go over well.
- Country Store Update – new this year, the Country Store will be combined (at a smaller scale) with the School Faculty & Staff Booth. This will lead to a reduced and limited space; however, NEW and/or Homemade items are still needed for this area.

Items for the above can be turned in to Elementary School Office within office hours (7:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m.). Please designate where you would like your donation to benefit.

ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st at 2:00-3:00 p.m. there will be the annual LIFE CHAIN on Second Street by the St. John's Elementary School Parking lot.

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing in remembrance of at least 65 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for a permanent end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children, hurts women and men, and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Delphos St. John Parish
Presents

BINGO

It's BACK!!

EACH WEDNESDAY / AT THE DELPHOS K OF C HALL

Doors Open at 5:30pm
Early Birds at 6:45pm . Regular BINGO at 7:00pm
Cost is \$15
Food and Drink Available for Purchase

The Delphos K of C Hall is located at 1011 Elida Ave, Delphos
(between Rite Aid & Westrich Furniture)

CAFETERIA HELP NEEDED

Delphos St. John Elementary and High School is searching for a part-time 5-days-per-week Cafeteria Worker to begin working as soon as possible. The qualified candidate will need to complete requirements set forth by the Diocese of Toledo for employment in a catholic school, including FBI/BCI Background Checks and requirements set by the Department of Education Office of Nutrition. He or she will be responsible for performing duties assigned by the Cafeteria Manager in the operation of the school cafeteria. The position is a part-time, 10-month position averaging 18-21 hours per week. Please send a letter of interest and resume to the St. John's Cafeteria Manager, Tammy Jettinghoff, cafeteriamanager@delphosstjohns.org, or 110 N. Pierce Street, Delphos, OH, 45833.

THIS WEEK IN PARISH HISTORY By: Jack Bockey



Did you know that when the St. Joseph building (now the Elementary school) was built in 1912, it had a large auditorium on the second floor? Two dormers with windows provided light to the auditorium. In 1919, a basketball court was added. In 1938, a new gym floor was installed. In 1961, it was converted to classrooms. The dormers were removed sometime between 1982 and 1985. The old gym floor is still in place in the classrooms.

PARISH CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 1

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Church
 8:45 a.m. – Rosary – Church
 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Pancake Breakfast – Landeck
 9:15 a.m. – Mass – Church
 10:20 a.m. – PSR – Elementary School
 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Church
 5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

Monday, September 25, 2023

Monday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. – Mass – Church
 8:30 a.m. – Rosary for the Respect for All Life – Church
 7:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) – Church

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Tuesday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:00 a.m. – Finance Committee Meeting – Ministry Center
 8:00 a.m. – Mass – Church
 12:15 p.m. – Mass – Church
 5:20 p.m. – Shepherds of Christ Prayer Group – Vancrest

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Thursday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. – Mass (K-6th Grade) – Church
 6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Ministry Center
 7:00 p.m. – St. Vincent DePaul Society – Ministry Center

Friday, September 29, 2023

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels

6:30 a.m. – Men's Prayer Group – Ministry Center
 7:30 a.m. – Reconciliation – Church
 8:00 a.m. – Mass (K-12th Grade) – Church
 3:00 p.m. – Wedding of Seth Knebel and Makenzie Kuhlman – Church

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. – Mass – Church
 8:30 a.m. – Rosary for the Respect for All Life – Church
 3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation – Church
 4:30 p.m. – Mass – Church

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Twenty-sixth 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
 1:00 p.m. – Baptisms – Church
 5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

OUR SCHOOL/PARISH



CLASS OF 1978

The Class of 1978 will be celebrating their 45th Class Reunion on Saturday, September 30, 2023 beginning with Mass at 4:30 p.m. Here's to safe travels and wonderful memories.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR FAITH?

Are you interested in sharing your faith? Have you been touched by the Gospel message and would like an opportunity to share with others? Do you long to continue to grow in faith and journey with our parish community? In a time when culture surrounding us seems to no longer make sense, we need the Gospel message of Jesus more than ever.

We are looking for members interested in joining a group whose mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ in our parish. We will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting October 10, 2023 at the Ministry Center. We will begin by discussing how we might proclaim the Gospel in our parish using The Rescue Project. The Rescue Project seeks to proclaim the Gospel in a small group format to create an opportunity for people to be overwhelmed and be brought to a decision to surrender their lives to Jesus and be mobilized for mission. Have more questions? Please contact Cory Werts at xxx-xxxx.

“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.”

– Pope St. Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi 41

COMMUNITY

LANDECK LIVE CONCERT ~ MOLLIE B AND SQUEEZEBOX

On Monday evening, October 9, Saint John the Baptist will host a live concert of “Mollie B and Squeezebox” at “The Depot” – 5191 Kill Road, Delphos. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., there will be a Polka Mass, with Father Dennis Walsh as the celebrant. This will be followed by the concert from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Tickets, which are pre-sale only and limited to 200, are \$20.00 per person. They will be available, at the Delphos Ministry Center from Monday through Friday every weekday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

PEACEFUL RALLY TO SUPPORT LIFE

This November, Ohio will vote on whether to put the so-called right to abortion into our constitution. We have unfortunate numbers of radical activists who are focusing on key states by pouring millions of dollars into this battle of life and death. As Catholics, we are charged with the spiritual and public show for the right to life! We are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from conception to its natural end.

A peaceful rally to support Life will be held Friday, October 6 at the Ohio State House. If you plan to attend or serve as a Marshal, go to <https://pza.co/XdMTG1x>.

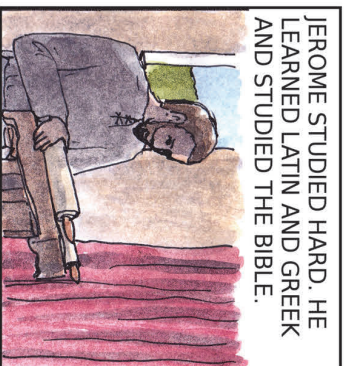
K of C members are asked to serve as Marshals and to report to the Speaker's tent by 9:30 a.m. to pick up a vest and directions. For more information, call K of C Life Chairman Lou Hohman at xxx-xxxx.

Saint Jerome

September 30



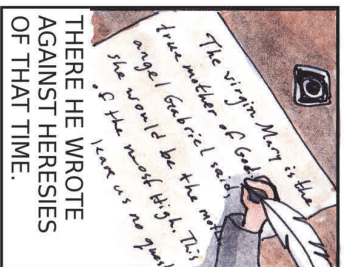
JEROME LIVED IN THE MID 300'S. WHEN HE GREW UP HE LIVED IN ROME. AT FIRST HE JUST HAD FUN, BUT THEN HE DECIDED TO GET BAPTIZED.



JEROME STUDIED HARD. HE LEARNED LATIN AND GREEK AND STUDIED THE BIBLE.



THEN HE MOVED TO THE DESERT, WHERE HE STUDIED MORE.



THERE HE WROTE AGAINST HERESIES OF THAT TIME.



JEROME HAD A SHORT TEMPER, AND OFTEN MADE SHARP REMARKS.



HE BECAME A PRIEST AND WORKED FOR THE POPE, TRANSLATING THE BIBLE INTO THEIR LANGUAGE, LATIN.



A RICH LADY, PAULA, GAVE ST. JEROME MONEY TO BUILD SOME MONASTERIES IN THE HOLY LAND. SHE AND HER DAUGHTERS BECAME NUNS.

SAINT JEROME DIED AS AN OLD MAN. HE IS CONSIDERED A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH BECAUSE HE DID SO MUCH TO HELP PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM ST. JEROME THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY.

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

Fill in the blanks:

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and ⁵_____, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and ²____ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means ⁴_____ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall ¹_____. I am caught ⁶_____ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for ³_____ benefit.

between	Like Saint Paul, we
death	should be ready to
sisters	either live or die for
your	
fruitful	
choose	

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A Full Day's Wages

Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells a story of several men who were hired to work at a vineyard. The owner of the vineyard went out at different times to find men to work. At the end of the day, he gave each man a whole day's wages, even though some had only worked for a little while!

Wow! HE PAID US A FULL DAY'S WAGE!



THAT'S NOT FAIR- THEY GOT A WHOLE DAY'S PAY!

Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this too: some people spend their whole lives working for God, and some people only turn to Him at the last minute. God opens Heaven to all the people who choose to love Him.



At first this doesn't seem fair. After all, some people give their whole lives to God and some give hardly any! But here is why it is fair: the only reason that any of us turns to God **I PAID YOU** is because He gave us that grace. **AS MUCH AS I SAID I WOULD.** Some people have to live their whole lives without God's grace until the very end, but some of us have been given grace all our lives.

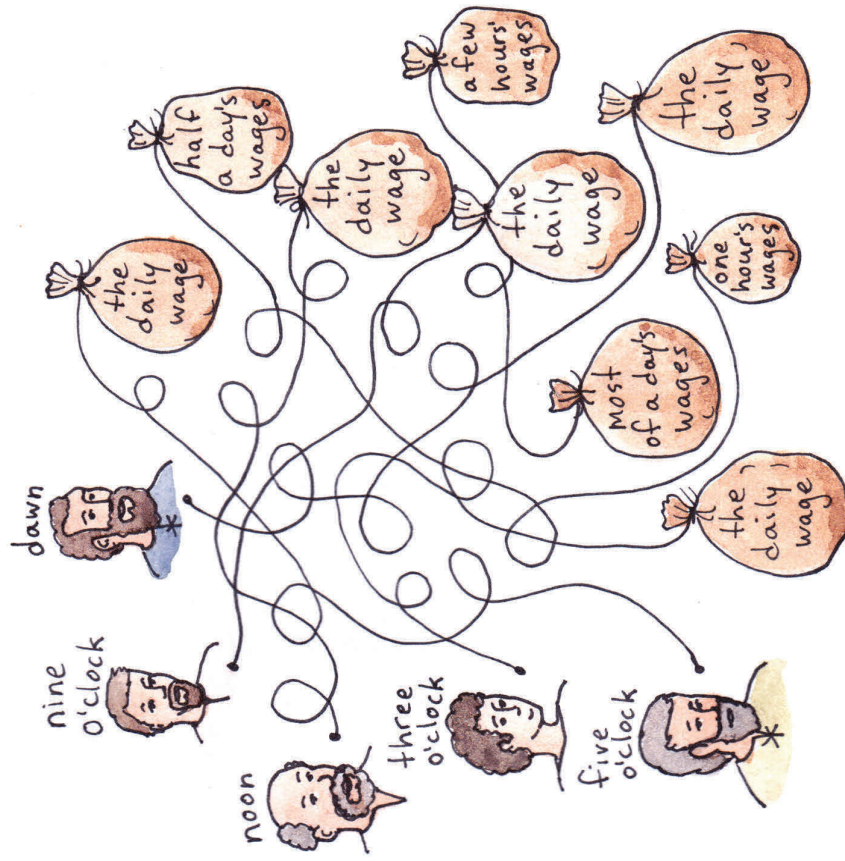


Answers: front page - all received the full day's wage.
Inside page - Christ.

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The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24th, 2023



In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day.

*At the end of the day,
how much did each man get paid?
Follow the wiggly lines to see!*

COMMUNITY

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

September 24, 2023 – A VOCATION MUST BE NURTURED for a lifetime, not just until ordination or the taking of vows. You can help nurture the vocations of priests by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. A life of service needs support from those served. Please honor our Priests on this special day.



CANDLELIGHT EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AND LIVING ROSARY

You are invited to participate in a three "sister-parishes" (of Delphos, Landeck and Spencerville) Eucharistic Revival Evening at St.

Patrick's Church, 500 South Canal Street, Spencerville! On Sunday evening, October 15, 2023, there will be Adoration, a Living Rosary on the Eucharistic Mysteries of Joy, Praise and Worship hymns, and an indoor/outdoor Procession with the Blessed Sacrament. Silent Adoration begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by Rosary/Reflections and Procession/Benediction starting at 6:30 p.m. A gathering for light refreshments will follow in the lower level of the Church. This will be an awesome spiritual event, so plan now to be there!

INAI EXHIBIT FEATURES ARTWORK BY MEMBERS

of the Adrian Center for the Arts

September 18, 2023, Adrian, Michigan – Art lovers can be inspired and instructed not only by the work of famous artists worldwide. Visitors to INAI, an art gallery adjacent to Weber Retreat and Conference Center, can also be inspired as they explore the next exhibit: artwork in various media by local artists, members of the Adrian Center for the Arts (ACA). These include paintings, drawings, clay work, metals, glass, printmaking, and fiber art. ACA at INAI is open from Friday, October 6, 2023, through Sunday, January 28, 2024, with an artists' reception from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 22, 2023. INAI is open daily, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; call 517-266-4090 for an appointment. 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 xxx-xxxx with any questions. *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 September 26, 2023.

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

THREE-WAYS TO SUPPORT MATT HEMKER

Matt Hemker, son of Gary and Cathy (Odenweller) Hemker, is getting ready for a heart transplant in New York City. The family has incurred, and will continue to incur, substantial costs relating to transportation, meals, lodging, and other related expenses. There will be a Prayer Healing Service on October 1, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, in Landeck with activities to follow. Please see the information below.

AND... We have the Spaghetti Dinner on October 15, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the K of C. Tickets are \$10.00 and available at the Ministry Center. Please see the information below.

AND... We also have a Meat Raffle. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. There will be 5 chances to win \$250.00 of Landeck Cattle Company Beef. Each winner will receive:

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

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



Prayer Healing Service

followed by:

- ♥ Cookies & Ice Cream
- ♥ T-Shirt Sale
- ♥ 50/50 Drawing
- ♥ Raffle Booth

Oct. 1st 2:00pm

Landeck St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Fear not, I am with you always. Love, God

For more information, please contact:

- > Sue Beining xxx-xxxx
- > Martha Miller 419-204-5429
- > Janet Hemker xxx-xxxx
- > Janice Wannemacher xxx-xxxx
- > Landeck Parish Office xxx-xxxx

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The Hemker family sincerely appreciates your continued prayers, love, and support!

@Matts-Heart-March



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Cash donations and payment for tickets can be sent to:

Delphos K of C
PO Box 182
Delphos, OH 45833

OR

Venmo
@Matts-Heart-March
QR Code, shown on left

Please specify on Check or Venmo MEMO:
Spaghetti Dinner, Beef Raffle, or Donation



Please visit Matt's Facebook Page:
["Matt's March to a New Heart"](#)

for more details on
Upcoming Benefits:

Oct. 15
4-7 PM

Pre-order at:
MattsHeartMarch@gmail.com

Spaghetti Dinner
K of C Hall
Pre-Order tickets
\$10 each

Nov. 12

Following
8:30 mass
in Landeck

Landeck Cattle Co. Beef Raffle
5 drawings, each
valued at \$250

Tickets:
\$10 each
3 for \$25

DIOCESE

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



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

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

This week the Sorrowful Mysteries will be prayed each day.

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



REGISTER TO VOTE BY OCTOBER 10

This November, Ohioans will vote on a proposed change to the Ohio Constitution that would enshrine abortion into law. Our Catholic faith tells us that God places no condition on the value of human life from conception until natural death. Therefore, the Catholic Church cannot be silent when vulnerable women and preborn children are threatened by an amendment that...

- *Puts women at risk by endangering medical and safety standards
- *Allows painful, late-term abortions by not setting any clear limits on abortion
- *Threatens parental rights by challenging notification requirements when minors seek abortions or other reproductive interventions

Your vote is needed to save Ohio from this extreme amendment. Register to vote or update your information by October 10 at www.voteohio.gov. Jesus calls us to stand up for "the least of these" in our society, including preborn children and vulnerable women. Catholics must protect both women and children by Voting No on Issue 1. The Catholic Conference of Ohio is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education. www.ohiocathconf.org.

SAVE THE DATE

2023 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries
Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
October 22, 2023 | 3:00 p.m.

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2023 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following Mass. To register, visit www.toledoanniversarymass.org.

2023 CENTURY FARM

AWARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Catholic Charities is now accepting applications for Century Farm Awards. This award designation honors Catholic families who have maintained a farm or homestead within their family for at least 100 years in the Diocese of Toledo, with an emphasis on well-preserved working farms.

Applicants will be asked to submit a registration form, copies of old deeds, and pictures to support claims. The information submitted must show family residence and ownership of a farm for at least 100 years in the Diocese of Toledo. Applications should be submitted no later than Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will celebrate a Mass honoring Century Farm Award recipients at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 307 N. Locust Street, Ottawa, OH. For more information or to request the registration form, please contact: Paula J. Kidney at (419) 214-4898 or email pkidney@toledodiocese.org.



REVEREND J. NORBERT HOWE

Reverend J. Norbert Howe, Senior Status Priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Monday, September 11, 2023. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Fr. J. Norbert Howe, age 96 of Lima, passed away Monday, September 11, 2023, at 12:40 a.m., at The Greens of Lima. Fr. Howe was a 1944 graduate of Napoleon High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy, from 1944-1946. He entered the seminary in 1947 completing his seminary education at Sacred Heart Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN, Saint Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, IN and Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Toledo at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, on May 26, 1956. In 1956, he was exemplified into the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus. His first assignment was Norwalk St. Mary's as associate pastor, from 1956 until 1967, then associate pastor at St. John's, Lima in 1967. He was named pastor of St. John's in 1969. In 1977 until 1983 he was pastor of St. Mary's, Norwalk and St. Alphonsus, Peru. From 1983 until 1985, he was pastor in St. Mary's, Tiffin and 1985 until 2001, pastor of St. Rose of Lima, in Lima, OH. He retired and continued his priestly ministry at St. Rita's Hospital and assisted parishes in the Dioceses of Toledo and Cincinnati. In Lima, he started the Church People for Change and Reconciliation and also started the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. He was a member of the Literacy Council, Lima Rehab Project, Housing for the Elderly and helped to establish Lima Towers and Pilgrim Place. He began the first Neighborhood Association in Lima-Kibby Corners and North End Neighborhood Association, and established the Samaritan House of Lima. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Rose Parish or to Samaritan House.

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO IN COMPLIANCE FOLLOWING SAFE ENVIRONMENT AUDIT

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The past year's audit was a data collection process, examining the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the Charter following the audit. The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and to contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or write to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1

	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 – 4:30 p.m.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – 7:30 a.m.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Barry Friemoth, Denise Gerdeman, Bonnie Merschman, Rachel Rahrig, Elaine Schimmoeller, Dianne Will, Kathy Pugh – Back Paten, Pat Holden – Dishes	Ron Baumgarte, Mark Clement, Isaac Gable, Nathan Gable, Zach Gable, Paula Hellman, Kayla Hageman – Dishes
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CANTOR	John Pohlman	Maribeth Gable
	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – 9:15 a.m.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – 11:30 a.m.
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SERVERS	Austin Arnold, Emma Bockey, Andrew Bockey	Drew Boggs, Faith Cross, Mya Kill
LECTOR	Rosie Hedrick	Carl Wehri
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