



# LENT

*"Behold, now is a very acceptable time;  
behold, now is the day of salvation."*

2 COR 6:2

*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.

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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

## DELPHOS ST. JOHN PARISH

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

8:00 a.m. † Norene Trentman Murphy  
12:15 p.m. † Bob Bockey

**Friday, March 1, 2024**

8:00 a.m. Jim Oakey

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

8:00 a.m. The Living and Deceased  
Members of the Anthony  
and Marian Laviola Family  
4:30 p.m. † Jerry Krouse

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

9:15 a.m. People of Our Parishes  
11:30 a.m. † Alex Wehri

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**The Sick:** Sophia Becker, Lisa Davis Bemis, Ken Blankemeyer, Tracey Boberg, James Bodnar, Gordon Brendle, Marcey Brickner, Madalyn Donaldson, Dolly Elzey, Janice Etkorn, Carolyn Fisher, Rosie Fortener, Mary Ann Franklin, Mary Freund, Barry Friemoth, Jim Friemoth, John E. Friemoth, June Gable, Herb Gerdeman, David Gonyea, Carol Graham, Dan "Beeze" Grothouse, Mary Grothouse, Joann and Tom Hempfling, Tom Hickey, Sharon Hines, Angela Hoehn, Madelyn Jones, Shawn Kimmert, Shelly Klausing, Donna Klinger, Braden Knebel, Laura Krietemeyer, Sharon Lawrence, Harry Liebrecht, Terry Martin, Dave Merschman, Linda Miller, Millie Minnig, Minnie Moenter, Mary Mullen, Amy Musser, John Phillips, Barb Recker, Sue Reddy-Bemis, Martha Reddy-Lehman, Alissa Rice, Becky Richardson, Tracy Rowland, Amy Schulte, Winifred Siefker, Tina Vance, Donna Vogt, Mark and Sue Wannemacher, Chad Weber, Darrell Wieging, Mel Williams

**The Recently Deceased:** Louis E. Jettinghoff

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

## OUR SCHOOL/PARISH

## ALL ARE WELCOME AT LANDECK CHURCH

**February 25, 2024 after 5:30 p.m. Mass**

Recently, The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith promulgated a document entitled *Fiducia Supplicans*. It has been widely reported by secular media that the document permits the blessings of same sex couples. While it does recognize the blessing of same sex couples, it does not recognize nor validate same sex unions. The Church has not changed its teaching on the Sacrament of Marriage as a Sacrament that unites a man and woman and is ordered to life. The document has more to say about the nature of blessings and who can receive a blessing. As the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith has stated, the document neither validates nor changes anything. However, much of the secular media has not reported it that way. Reporting by the media has confused many Catholics.

Fr. Dennis will offer a few remarks on the document on February 25 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in Landeck. He will offer clarification on what the documents say and what it doesn't say. He also will offer a few remarks on a Catholic perspective on the war in Ukraine and also the current conflict in Israel and Gaza.

The comments should run 45 minutes with 15 minutes for questions.

## SNOW SHOVELING ASSISTANCE

The Delphos St. John's High School Athletes for Christ group is offering snow shoveling services to the elderly/those in need this winter. If you or someone you know in the Delphos area is in need of assistance clearing sidewalks/driveway this winter, please contact Mr. Mike Knott at mknott@delphosstjohns.org or call 419-692-5371, ext. 4206.

## LITURGY READINGS

**Mach 3, 2024**

Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
John 2:13-25

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**February 18, 2024**

Adult Offering	\$	7,927.37
Anonymous Offering	\$	999.00
Student Offering	\$	71.58
January Direct Deposit	\$	13,026.50
January MyEOffering	\$	9,440.33
January PayPal	\$	108.32
January IRA	\$	27,836.15
Total	\$	59,409.25
Matching Funds –Eaton	\$	235.95

*Thank you for your support!*



**OUR SCHOOL/PARISH**

**ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED IS NOW AVAILABLE!**

Using a smart phone, go to Google Play or the App Store to download the Listen Everywhere app. Once the app is downloaded, go to your phone's settings to connect to the church's Wi-Fi labeled "Hearing Assist." Then you return to the Listen Everywhere App, click on "VENUE SCAN." Press the play button to begin. If you want to stop, press pause. Hearing aids that are connected to Bluetooth may experience a lag in the audio signal. There is a smart device in the priest sacristy that parishioners without hearing aids can use. Ear buds are provided.

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

Spring is just around the corner!! So it's time for the Delphos St. John's Annual plant and flower sale! Lots of options to choose from: geraniums, begonias, petunias, vegetables and PLENTY of hanging baskets! The sale is now through March 7. Online sales available until March 11 at midnight. Delivery is on May 7 – just before Mother's Day! Please contact any band member to place an order. Any questions, please contact Sue Vonderwell at xxx-xxxx. Please support our Blue Jays Band!!

**FERTILITY AWARENESS**

Marriage is forever. Learn how to keep it that way and grow in your relationship at the same time by checking out natural family planning! A class series is starting Thursday evening, March 7th. For more information, contact Jeff & Bridget Bockey at delphosnfp@gmail.com or xxx-xxxx or go to www.ccli.org to register.

**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 \$15.00. Please fill out this form and put it in the collection or return it to the Ministry Center by Friday, March 22, 2024.

Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of / In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**LENTEN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL DAYS**

March 1 and 2, 2024 are the Lenten days marked for our three "sister-parishes" in Delphos, Landeck and Spencerville to celebrate the EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL. This wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth, taking place at Delphos St. John's, includes time for Adoration, Guided Meditation, Personal Prayer, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions (at the top of each hour). This "Revival" will also serve as Delphos St. John's Lenten "Day of Grace." Clear your calendar now for some sacred time to encounter Jesus! The schedule, which spans both the "First Friday" and "First Saturday" of March, is as follows:

**Friday, March 1, 2024**

**ADORATION**

- 9:00 a.m. Begins after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Guided Meditation
- 2:00 p.m. Guided Meditation with music (DSJ students attending)
- 5:00 p.m. Soft Reflection Music
- 5:45 p.m. Litany of Humility
- 6:45 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

CONFESSIONS will begin at the top of each hour.

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

**ADORATION**

- 9:00 a.m. Begins after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Guided Meditation
- 1:00 p.m. Soft Reflection Music
- 2:00 p.m. Litany of Humility
- 2:45 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS will begin at the top of each hour.

**THIS WEEK IN PARISH HISTORY** *By Jack Bockey*



In the late summer of 1876 or 1877, (the date is not known for sure), Fr. Brem left Landeck to return to his home country of Switzerland. It was on this trip that he purchased the painting of St. John the Baptist. In October, 1876, the parish house caught fire and burned to the ground destroying all the parish records and its contents. Fr. Brem returned in December 1876 or 1877. In 1878, the bishop of the Diocese of Little Rock, AR succeeded in getting Fr. Brem to come to Arkansas to start parishes. He founded a catholic church in the small town of Atkins and another church in the town of Conway. Eventually having become blind, he returned to his home country of Switzerland where he founded another parish and died in 1892. The photo is of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Atkins.

## PARISH CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 3

**Sunday, February 25, 2024***Second 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 – Delphos Elementary School  
 10:30 a.m. – Mass – Spencerville Church  
 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

**Monday, February 26, 2024***Monday of the Second Week in Lent*

6:00 a.m. – Lenten 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) – Church  
 7:00 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024***Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent*

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

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024***Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent*

6:00 a.m. – Lenten Mass – Delphos Church  
 7:00 a.m. – Finance Committee – Ministry Center  
 8:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 12:15 p.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 5:00 p.m. – Shepherds of Christ Prayer Group – Delphos Church  
 6:00 p.m. – Adoration – Spencerville Church  
 7:00 p.m. – Benediction – Spencerville Church  
 7:30 p.m. – PSR Mass – Spencerville Church  
 7:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross – Delphos Church

**Thursday, February 29, 2024***Thursday of the Second Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m. – Mass (K-6th Grade) – Delphos Church  
 6:30 p.m. – RCIA

**Friday, March 1, 2024***Friday of the Second Week of Lent*

*Day of Grace*  
*Lenten Eucharistic Revival Days*  
 6:00 a.m. – Lenten 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  
 9:00 a.m. – First Friday Adoration

**Saturday, March 2, 2024***Saturday of the Second Week of Lent*

*Day of Grace with Adoration*  
 8:00 a.m. – Mass – Church  
 8:30 a.m. – Rosary for the Respect for All Life – Church  
 8:30 a.m. – Catholic Men's Fellowship  
 3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation – Delphos Church  
 4:30 p.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

**Sunday, March 3, 2024***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 – Delphos Elementary School  
 10:30 a.m. – Mass – Spencerville Church  
 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

## COMMUNITY

**WELCOME RETREAT VII FOR WOMEN****April 13-14, 2024**

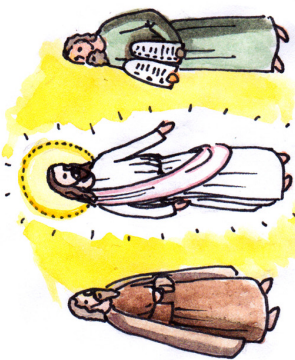
Women from St. John the Evangelist Parish in Delphos, St. John the Baptist Parish in Landeck and St. Patrick Parish in Spencerville are hosting a Women's Welcome Retreat on April 13 and 14, 2024, at Delphos St. John. This is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help women grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and others in their faith community. It's 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 the doors of the Church for the next few weeks. Deadline to register is March 22, 2024. For questions or additional information, please contact Audra Miller at xxx-xxxx or Lisa Recker at xxx-xxxx.

Please join us on April 13 and 14 as we all grow in our faith together... We hope to see you there.

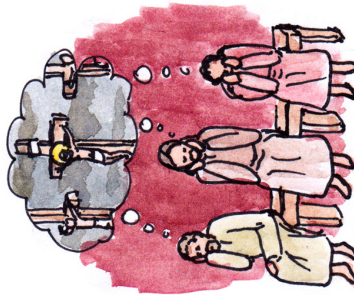


# Jesus Shows His Glory

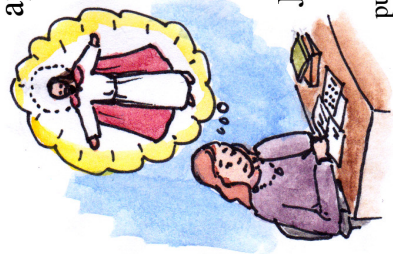


Jesus knew He was going to die, and He knew the apostles were going to be afraid. So He decided to show some of them something that they would not be able to forget. He took Peter, James and John up a mountain and suddenly He became dazzlingly bright, like the sun! The apostles were terrified. Then Jesus began to talk with Moses and Elijah, who stood beside Him.

Afterwards, Jesus told Peter, James and John not to tell anyone what had happened until after He rose from the dead. They were confused because they didn't understand that Jesus had to die. But now they knew that Jesus was not just a normal man. They had seen some of the awesomeness of God.



Later on, when Jesus was taken away and killed, the apostles were very sad. But some of them knew something amazing about Jesus. Like those apostles, when we are having a hard time we just need to think about Jesus. He is awesome and amazing, and waiting for us to come to Him in Heaven. The bad times will come, but Jesus is always there- we just need to remember Him!



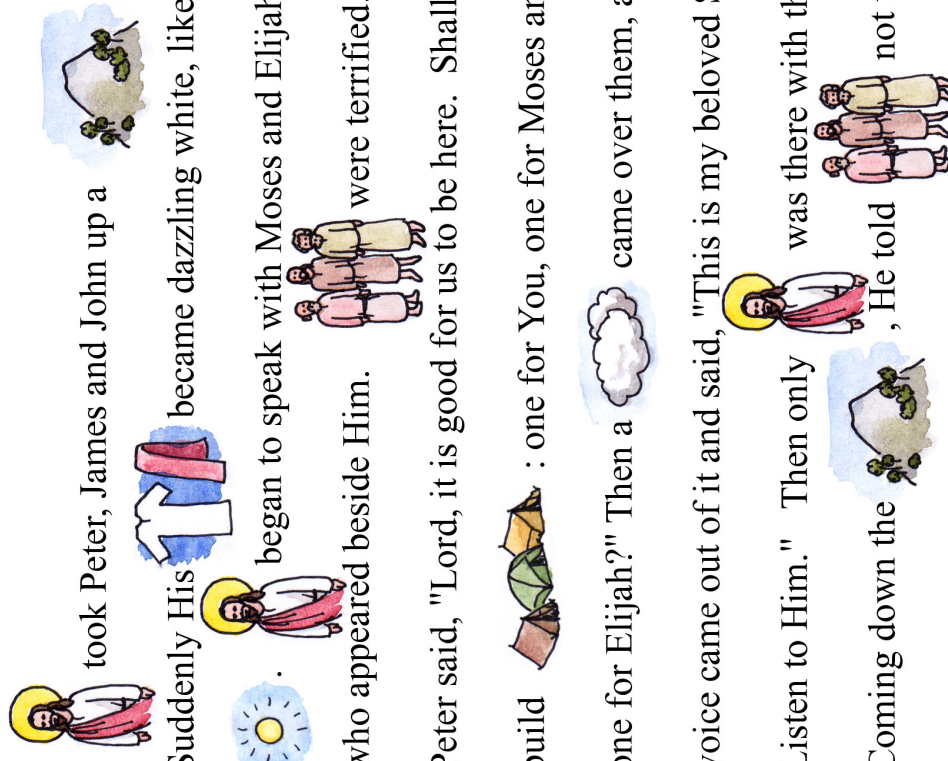
Answers to Abraham Puzzle: Yes! He stopped him and sent a sheep instead.

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

# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent  
February 25th, 2024

took Peter, James and John up a mountain. Suddenly His face became dazzling white, like the sun. He began to speak with Moses and Elijah, who appeared beside Him. They were terrified. Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we build a tabernacle here: one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah?" Then a cloud came over them, and a voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Then only Jesus was there with them. Coming down the mountain, He told the apostles not to tell anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.



Use the pictures to help read the story from today's Gospel reading!



# Saint Oswald

## February 28

OSWALD WAS BORN IN THE 900'S. HE WAS FROM A DANISH FAMILY, BUT WAS RAISED BY HIS UNCLE IN ENGLAND, THE ARCH-BISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

HE STUDIED AND BECAME A BENEDICTINE MONK AND THEN A PRIEST IN FRANCE.

WHEN HE WENT BACK TO ENGLAND HE WAS MADE A BISHOP.

OSWALD WORKED TO CORRECT ABUSES, SINCE SOME MONASTERIES HAD BECOME TOO RICH.

HE FOUNDED NEW MONASTERIES AND ENCOURAGED GOOD STUDYING.

WHEN AN ENEMY KING DESTROYED A MONASTERY, OSWALD WENT TO SAVE THE RELICS FROM THE RUINS.

KNOWN FOR HIS KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY, EVERY DAY IN LENT HE WOULD WASH THE FEET OF TWELVE POOR MEN. HE DIED ONE DAY JUST AS HE FINISHED WASHING THEM!

SAINT OSWALD WAS ONE OF THE HEROES OF THE MONKS IN ENGLAND. HE KNEW THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE HOLY MEN PRAYING, WORKING AND STUDYING TO STAY CLOSE TO GOD AND TO KEEP THE PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH CLOSE TO GOD. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A MONK OR A NUN?

# ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE PUZZLE

Do the math! Answer the math problems to find the right words to fit in the spaces to answer the questions!

God wanted to test Abraham's faith.  
He told him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

Did Abraham trust in God?  $3-3=$  \_\_\_

Did God let Abraham sacrifice his son,  
or did he stop him?

He  $3+4=$  \_\_\_ and  $6+4=$  \_\_\_ a  
 $5-1=$  \_\_\_

$5-3=$  \_\_\_  $1+5=$  \_\_\_

- 0 YES
- 1 NO
- 2 SHEEP
- 3 COW
- 4 SENT
- 5 KILLED
- 6 SHEEP
- 7 STOPPED
- 8 BURNED
- 9 SWORD
- 10 HIM





## COMMUNITY

## DELPHOS CANAL COMMISSION

## Boatman's Breakaway Breakfast Fundraiser

On Sunday, March 10, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Delphos Eagles, 1600 East Fifth Street, Delphos. Ticket prices are \$15.00 presale or \$16.00 at the door, 12 years old and younger are \$6.00 which includes one trip through the buffet line plus coffee, water or juice. For tickets, call xxx-xxxx or stop by the Canal Museum.

LEIPSIC ST. MARY  
LENTEN MISSION

Leipscic St. Mary Lenten Mission with **Dominick Albano** runs from **March 4-6 beginning each night at 7:00 p.m.** The theme of our Lenten Mission is **FINDING HAPPINESS, GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR HAPPY LIFE.** Everyone wants to be happy, but many people struggle to find the happiness that they feel like they were made for. **Please consider inviting a friend, family member or co-worker to come with you to the Parish Mission.** While we all hope to be spiritually recharged, we also have the mission to invite others into our faith community to welcome them and help them to come closer to Jesus. **We hope all can join!**



## BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Delphos Eagles on Thursday, February 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To schedule your blood donation appointment, please call 1-800-Red-Cross, or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code "eaglesdel."

## LENTEN TUESDAYS AT SPENCERVILLE

St. Patrick's is featuring Tuesday Evening "Soup and Stations" again this year, followed by a period of Eucharistic Adoration. Homemade Soups (usually 3 kinds) will be served in the Church basement from 5:00-6:10 p.m. with Stations of the Cross being prayed in Church at 6:15. Following Stations, Adoration will be available until 7:15. We invite you to join us in this Lenten opportunity for an evening of socializing, reflection on Christ's Passion, and personal spiritual growth. Come for a time – or for all of the evening!

CELEBRATE THE SPRING EQUINOX  
WITH ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS

For many, Spring is a time of rejuvenation and new life after a long, dark winter. All are invited to welcome Spring in a ritual celebration of the Spring Equinox from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Weber Retreat and Conference Center.

The celebration is facilitated by Esther Kennedy, OP, a Dominican Sister of Adrian, Michigan, as well as a spiritual director and retreat leader who leads monthly days of mindfulness. Come celebrate, pray, wonder anew, and dance Spring's welcome. Bring a poem, a story, or a treat to share. The celebration is free and open to all. Registration is not required.

Weber Center is on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters Motherhouse, Adrian, Michigan. Travel East on Siena Heights Drive, passing 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.

## DIOCESE

## CANONICAL BANNIS

In Anticipation of Ordination to the Priesthood for The Diocese of Toledo. After significant formation and discernment, the following seminarians are requesting to be considered for Ordination as Priests:

## Jacob Livecchi &amp; Christopher Turner

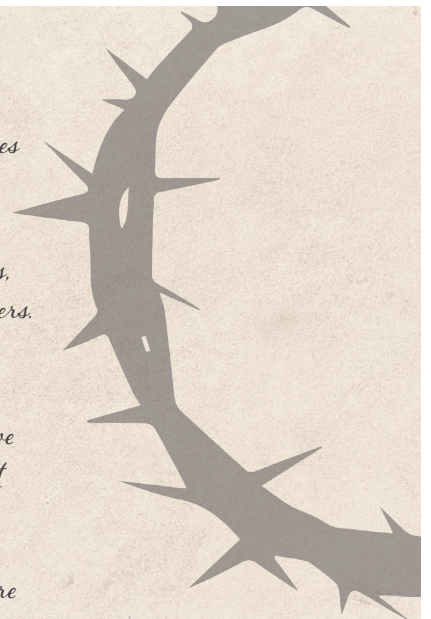
Before these candidates are called to Holy Orders by Bishop Daniel Thomas, the People of God are to be asked about their worthiness. Therefore, if you are aware of a reason why they should not be ordained, please contact: Very Reverend Philip Smith, Office for Diocesan Priestly Vocations, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Email: [psmith@toledodiocese.org](mailto:psmith@toledodiocese.org).

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.

God of Love,  
Through this Lenten  
journey, purify my desires  
to serve You.  
Free me from any  
temptations to judge others,  
to place myself above others.  
Please let me surrender  
even my impatience with  
others, that with Your love  
and Your grace, I might  
be less and less absorbed  
with myself, and more  
and more full of the desire  
to follow You, in laying  
down my life according to  
Your example.





## Second Sunday of Lent: Listening for the Voice of God



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

**WORK OF MERCY:** Bear Wrongs Patiently

**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to recognize the voice of Jesus in my life

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

*Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze.*

*Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.*

**ASK FOR THE GRACE:** Jesus, help me to trust you are speaking to me and to recognize your voice.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

**“I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore.” (Genesis 22:16–17)**

**REFLECTION QUESTION** — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

The Lord often asks difficult things of us, especially if our hearts have wandered away from him. However, he always blesses us more than we could have ever imagined when we follow his promptings. What is one concrete blessing in your life Jesus has given you after you chose to listen to and follow him?

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.

**“Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, ‘This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.’ Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.” (Mark 9:7–8)**

**REFLECTION QUESTION** — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

Gazing upon the Eucharist, recognize that Jesus is with you. The Father tells us in this Gospel reading that Jesus is his beloved Son. Is there an area of your heart that still struggles to believe that this is really God's beloved Son, present in a most special way in the Eucharist? Ask Jesus to help you see his face and hear his voice in the Blessed Sacrament.

*Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.*

**CLOSING PRAYER** — O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Second Sunday of Lent)

**SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION** — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your desire to recognize Jesus and to hear his voice more clearly in the Eucharist, trusting that he will bless you abundantly as you follow him more closely.

**LOVE IN ACTION** — Most of us have family, friends, or coworkers that do not understand our belief that Jesus is truly present and communicates himself to us in the Blessed Sacrament. This can be a deep source of suffering, but bearing this patiently and praying for their conversion can be an occasion of grace and peace for both them and you! This week, consider choosing one person in your life who does not believe in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and pray daily for them to encounter Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE: MARCH 2 & 3

	SATURDAY, MARCH 2 – 4:30 p.m.	SUNDAY, MARCH 3 – 7:30 a.m.
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Annita Flanagan, Barry Friemoth, Deacon Gene Honigford, Karen Martin, Donna Pohlman, Ashley Youngpeter, Ann Wrasman – Back Paten, Sister Susan Faist S.N.D. – Dishes	Mark Clement, Dani Duncan, Isaac Gable, Zach Gable, Charlie Luersman, Linda Martin, Jean Weber – Dishes
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<b>LECTOR</b>	Mandy Gerdeman	Regina McClure
<b>GREETERS</b>	Alivia Hines, Greg Miller (sub req.), Lonna Miller (sub req.), Irvin Moenter, Sandy Rostorfer, Sydney Rostorfer (sub req.)	Doris Bockey, Joe Bockey, Nathan Gable, Jeff Lindeman, Jerry Luersman, Claire Martz
<b>CANTOR</b>	John Pohlman	Maribeth Gable
	SUNDAY, MARCH 3 – 9:15 a.m.	SUNDAY, MARCH 3 – 11:30 a.m.
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