Welcome to

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

201 N. Pierce Street Delphos, OH 45833 • 419-695-4050 delphosstjohnparish.org



HOLY MASS

Weekday Masses

Monday-Sature	day 8:00 a.m.	
Wednesday		

Weekend Masses

RECONCILIATION

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

MINISTRY CENTER HOURS

School Year Hours Monday-Friday8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

If you are interested in Baptism, Confirmation, or Holy Matrimony, please contact the Ministry Center to meet with a member of our pastoral staff and begin the formation process.

Marriage preparation must begin at least six months before your intended date.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is located in the Ministry Center at 201 N. Pierce Street, and is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

PARISH SCHOOL

Preschool 722 S. Jefferson Street Delphos, OH 45833 419-692-9806

The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated publicly at set times thoughout the year and may be scheduled individually with the Ministry Center. In case of an emergency, you may call the Ministry Center and press "1" to reach the priest on-call.

Elementary School 110 N. Pierce Street Delphos, OH 45833 419-692-8561 Junior High & High School 515 E. Second Street Delphos, OH 45833 419-692-5371

LITURGICAL UPDATES

PARISH STAFF

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LITURGY READINGS

February 16, 2025 Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26

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"

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 10, 2025		<u>Friday, Febru</u>	Friday, February 14, 2025		
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention	8:00 a.m.	+ Louis Jettinghoff		
Tuesday, February 11, 2025		<u>Saturday, Fel</u>	Saturday, February 15, 2025		
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention	8:00 a.m.	+ Florence Serraino		
Wednesday, February 12, 2025		4:30 p.m.	+ Alfred Schmit		
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention	<u>Sunday, Febr</u>	<u>uary 16, 2025</u>		
12:15 p.m.	† Don McGue	7:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention		
Thursday, February 13, 2025		9:15 a.m.	+ Deacon Dave Ricker		
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Sophia Becker, Lisa Davis Bemis, Daniel Bertling, Nicole Betz, Ken Blankemeyer, Tracey Boberg, James Bodnar, Gordon Brendle, Marcey Brickner, Teresa Burnett, Robert Etgen, Janice Etzkorn, Carolyn Fisher, Rosie Fortener, Mary Ann Franklin, Barry Friemoth, Jim Friemoth, John E. Friemoth, June Gable, David Gonyea, Dan "Beeze" Grothouse, Mary Grothouse, Don Heitz, Joann and Tom Hempfling, Tom Hickey, Sharon Hines, Angela Hoehn, Jackie, Madelyn Jones, Allan Kerns, Denny Kill, Shelly Klausing, Braden Knebel, Laura Krietemeyer, Sharon Lawrence, Linda Miller, Mike Minnig, Millie Minnig, Minnie Moenter, Moon Nammour, Barb Recker, Sue Reddy-Bemis, Martha Reddy-Lehman, Alissa Rice, Becky Richardson, Sue Maas Ricker, Gwen Rohrbacher, Tracy Rowland, Amy Schulte, Mike Sherry Family, Winifred Siefker, Tina Vance, Donna Vogt, Mark Wannemacher, Chad Weber, Darrell Wieging, Mel Williams, Michele Wittler, Jenna Ziegler

The Recently Deceased: Ruth A. Schimmoeller, Shirley A. Siefker, Mary R. Mullen

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Grayson Joseph, son of Garrett Nagel & Cierra Brunk Vander Kenneth, son of Shawn & Cierra Brunk

OUR GIFTS TO GOD! February 2, 2025		
Adult Offering	\$	8,360.48
Anonymous	\$	722.00
School Offering	\$	126.26
Initial Offering – Church	<u>\$</u>	5.00
Total	\$	9,213.74

Thank you for your generosity!

OUR SCHOOL/PARISH

THIS WEEK IN PARISH HISTORY



Our church originally had four confessionals. Two were in the back and two were located in the transepts. The two in the transepts were mounted with statues. The one in the north transept had a depiction of Mary holding Jesus after the crucifixion with two praying angels. The south confessional had the "Mission Cross" with the corps and INRI still used today. On either side of the Cross was

John and the sorrowful mother. These were donated by Matthias Geise, Herman Lang, and Mr. (John or Mathias) Bockey. The statues and confessionals were removed around 1944.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR SCHOOL/PARISH

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY

The family of Father Hunyor wants to celebrate his entry into the "fabulous 40's." This milestone birthday party will take place on Saturday, February 22, in the basement of Landeck St. John the Baptist Church. Father's family wants us to join them, after their family dinner, for an enjoyable evening together – from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Mark your calendar now!

SGO - SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATION

As last year, you will again have the ability to direct your tax dollars to support St. John the Evangelist Catholic School through a Scholarship Fund of the Diocese of Toledo – a Scholarship Granting Organization or SGO.

As we develop the plan to get additional information to you, we wanted to, at the very least, get you thinking about this as 2025 is here and tax preparation will be underway before we know it.

Reminder: With the SGO, a taxpayer will receive a tax credit up to \$750.00 for State income taxes paid. A tax credit will not exceed the taxes paid or \$750.00, whichever is less. Married couples filing jointly may give up to \$1,500.00. The tax credit for married couples filing jointly will not exceed the taxes paid or \$1,500.00, whichever is less. We do suggest you consult your tax preparer on how you would benefit from this tax credit.

Again, additional information will be coming soon! However, if you would like to take advantage of the SGO now, you may do so online through this QR code and follow the steps necessary. Be sure to select St. John, Delphos (to ensure 100% of your donation stays with us):



Further questions may be directed to our Advancement Office at 419-692-5371, ext. 4210 or by emailing advancement@delphosstjohns.org. **Thank you to all who take advantage of this!** This is a State tax credit that directly reduces the amount you owe in taxes (and a potential Federal tax deduction) and **every dollar will be given back to Delphos St. John's families (if designated)**.

COMMUNITY

LANDECK CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS

Annual pre-Lenten meal will be carry-out only on Tuesday, March 4th from 3:30-7:00 p.m. Meal consists of pulled pork, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans, dinner roll, pickle & cookie. Everyone is Welcome! Presale preferred. Tickets will be sold on Sunday after 8:30 a.m. Mass and in the Landeck Parish Office.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

MEXICO with Fr. Eric Mueller – February 10-16, 2026 catholicfaithjourneys.com/mexico2026



"Am I not here who is your Mother?" ... Join son of St. John Delphos, Fr. Eric Mueller, for a Marian pilgrimage of a lifetime! Visit Tepeyac Hill, the Shrine of Our

Lady of Guadalupe and view the miraculous tilma of St. Juan Diego, venerate the relics of Bl. Miguel Pro and Bl. Sebastian de Aparicio, and visit the famed Mexican heritage sites of Mexico City, Teotihuacan, and Puebla. Fr. Mueller will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass daily at many of these holy sites. \$2,569.00 per person (Land Only price – airfare from Detroit will be added once available) Visit our website above or call or text Maggie at xxx-xxx for info.

PARISH CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 9-16

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Fifth 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 – School 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Church 1:30 p.m. – Spanish Mass – Church

Monday, February 10, 2025

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin 7:00 a.m. – Confession – Church 8:00 a.m. – Mass – Church 8:30 a.m. – Rosary for the Respect for all Life – Church 7:00 p.m. – Band Boosters – Band Room 7:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration – Church

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time 7:00 a.m. – Confession – Church 8:00 a.m. – Mass – Church 6:00 p.m. – Men's Practice 7:00 p.m. – Cantors – Church 7:45 p.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Wednesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time 7:00 a.m. – Confession – Church 8:00 a.m. – Mass – Church 12:15 p.m. – Mass – Church 5:00 p.m. – Shepherds of Christ Prayer Group – Church 7:00 p.m. – School Council – Ministry Center

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Thursday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time 7:00 a.m. – Confession – Church 8:00 a.m. – Mass (grades K-6) – Church 3:30 p.m. – Mass at The Meadows of Delphos

Friday, February 14, 2025

Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop 7:00 a.m. – Confession – Church 8:00 a.m. – Mass (grades 7-12) – Church

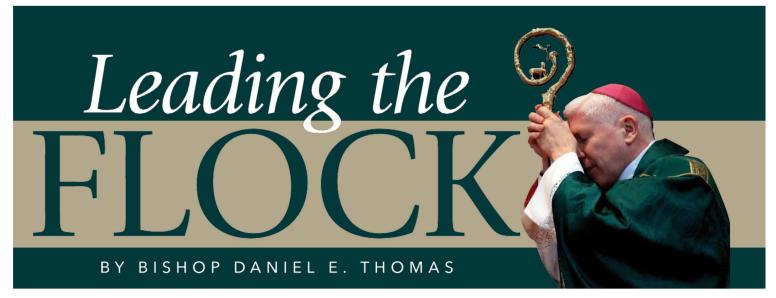
Saturday, February 15, 2025

Saturday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 p.m. Confession Church
- 8:00 a.m. Mass Church
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary for the Respect for All Life Church
- 8:30 p.m. Catholic Men's Fellowship Ministry Center
- 3:30 p.m. Confession Church
- 4:30 p.m. Mass Church

Sunday, February 16, 2025

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 – School 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Church 3:00 p.m. – Baptism Class – Landeck Church



"The Pursuit of the Common Good and Human Dignity: The Catholic Approach to Immigration"

As Bishop and Shepherd of the faithful in the Diocese of Toledo, I find it necessary to speak with

immigration laws is the right of every nation and is not in itself an affront to this dignity. Nations in their

clarity amidst the confusion and polarization that currently surrounds the issue of immigration, which has recently come to the forefront of our national discussion.

As recently reiterated by Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States



prudential judgment must discern how best to regulate their while borders maintaining the common good and for each respect person, both immigrant and native citizen. The Catechism of the Catholic Church lays out two balancing principles

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Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), "The Catholic Church is not aligned with any political party... No matter who occupies the White House or holds the majority on Capitol Hill, the Church's teachings remain unchanged." Immigration issues are complex and we must be diligent in offering and advocating for the Church's teaching, especially concerning the common good and each person's right to human dignity.

Catholic Social Teaching has as its first principle the affirmation that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and therefore possesses an inviolable dignity. Enforcement of just foreigner and the responsibility to regulate national borders) which must be held together in balance. The disregard or overemphasis of either principle will lead to a distortion of the Church's full teaching on this vital issue.

First:

"The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him" (CCC 2241). Flowing from this, we cannot affirm any immigration or deportation policy which:

- dehumanizes immigrants, legal or illegal, through hostile rhetoric or implies that they are anything less than children of God, made in His image and likeness.
- Detains immigrants indefinitely or deprives them of basic human necessities while in custody.
- permanently separates families, especially children from their parents, except where children are in danger of abuse.
- deploys excessive violence in enforcement of the law, except where needed to protect lives.
- The second principle, which balances the first, states: "Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens" (CCC 2241).

Because of this, we must reject any immigration policy (or lack thereof) which:

- encourages or normalizes illegal immigration.
- leads to de-facto "open borders," which harm the common good of both

immigrant and native citizen by facilitating the grave sins of violent crime, human trafficking and drug trafficking.

- exploits immigrants for cheap labor, which degrades their dignity and depresses the wages of native citizens.
- implies that immigrants, whether legal or illegal, have no responsibility to serve the needs of their host country or obey its laws.

As faithful Catholics and responsible citizens, we are duty-bound to pray for unity and to advocate for just immigration laws that prioritize the common good and protect the human dignity of each person. You are encouraged to contact your elected officials and urge them to uphold our nation's laws without compromising our Catholic principles.

Christ founded the Church, his Mystical Body, to be "the pillar and foundation of truth" (1 Timothy 3:15) amidst a chaotic and sinful world. We stand firmly upon this pillar, trusting our Lord to enlighten our minds, direct our hearts, and lead us to the fullness of truth. Only in this balanced pursuit of truth, enabled by God's grace, can we hope to defend the common good and the human dignity of all peoples, both immigrant and native citizen.

+ Deniel Stemen

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo February 3, 2025

Further Reading:

- Statement of Archbishop Broglio on Executive Orders Signed by the President <u>https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/statement-archbishop-broglio-executive-orders-signed-president</u>
- "Human Dignity is Not Dependent on a Person's Citizenship or Immigration Status" <u>https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/human-dignity-not-dependent-persons-citizenship-or-immigration-status</u>
- USCCB Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples
 <u>https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/catholic-teaching-on-immigration-and-the-movement-of-peoples</u>

DELPHOS, OHIO

COMMUNITY

PATRIOTISM ESSAY CONTEST

The 4th Degree K of C is accepting "patriotism" essays from High School Seniors. Applications are available from high school guidance counselor. Essay deadline is February 12, 2025.

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ANNUAL HOSPICE NIGHT OUT

We will be having our 28th Annual Hospice Night Out on February 15th at Ottawa Knights of Columbus. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. Questions about tickets and/or donation questions can be directed to Sherolyn Torres at Putnam County Home Care & Hospice office by calling 419-523-4449.

SPRINGS IN THE DESERT

Infertility can be an isolating experience, impacting our marriage and other relationships, and testing our faith. If this is your experience, you're not alone! We invite you to join with others walking this path in a small group for women. We will be guided by materials from Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry, and our group will be a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility and loss through prayer, sharing, and reclaiming our identities as beloved daughters of God. We will be hosting an introductory "Come and See" meeting on Thursday, February 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. Subsequent meetings will then be held on the first Thursday of each month. All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are welcome! For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at xxx-xxxxxxx or lauratenwalde@gmail.com or Wendy Schimmoeller at xxxxxx-xxxx or itwendy@gmail.com. It is our honor to walk with you!

THE SERRA CLUB OF LIMA

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thursday, February 13 at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45 p.m. followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Matthew Etzkorn, VP of Mission for Mercy Health-Lima speaking on "Vocation in Health Care." Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra Club are welcome to attend as guests. If interested in attending, please respond to Kathy at xxx-xxx no later than Tuesday, February 11.





Exodus 90

Thank you to our Parishioners who attended the Faith, Family, Football event featuring Elvis Grbac. Thank you for your support to promote Men's Fellowship at St John the Evangelist and our Sister Parishes. Opportunities remain available for men to participate in our Parish Subscription of Exodus 90. Please scan the QR to add your name and contact info so you get started in this

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transformative Spiritual Exercise.

Catholic Men's Fellowship

The Parish is encouraging participation in our Men's Fellowship Bible Study. Please scan this QR code to add your name and contact info. There is an existing group who meets the first and third Saturday after the Delphos St John's 8am Mass we are interested in expanding dates and times to accommodate your schedule.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 15-16				
	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – 4:30 p.m.	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - 7:30 a.m.		
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Denise Gerdeman, Deacon Gene Honigford, Margie Ostendorf, Kathy Pugh, Robert Weinandy, Cory Werts (sub req.), Dianne Will, Karen Martin – Back Paten	Ron Baumgarte, Mark Clement, Kayla Hageman, Anita Lindeman, Charlie Luersman, Deacon John Sheeran, Nate Stant		
SERVERS	Grayson Elwer, Ethan Hunt, Collin Hunt	Eli Stant, Lydia Stant, Kennedy Sterling		
LECTOR	Mandy Gerdeman	Lois Steyer		
GREETERS	Deb Fischer (sub req.), Mark Fischer (sub req.), Aubrey Metzger, Brian Mueller, Dave Ostendorf, Ashley Youngpeter	Ed Klima, Jeff Lindeman, Alaina Martin, Gary Smith, Joanne Smith, Jackson Wiechart		
CANTOR	Donna Pohlman	Chris Rode		
SACRISTAN	Cory Werts	Archie Metcalfe		
	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - 9:15 a.m.	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - 11:30 a.m.		
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Sylvia Altenburger, Cassandra Baumgartner, Cindy Birkmeier, Mark Bockey, Tori Bockey, Baylee Vonderwell, Jackie Wrasman	Dave Clark, Karen Kahny, Mary Klopfenstein, Deacon John Sheeran,Victoria Swick, Erica Vorst, Andy Walpole		
SERVERS	Olivia Bockey, Alyssa Sunderhaus, Alayna Wrasman	AJ Martz, Drew Martz, Keenan Martz		
LECTOR	Rosie Hedrick	Jared Hufford		
GREETERS	Leah DeVelvis, Shawn DeVelvis, Logan Duncan, Tom Honigford, Kim Honigford, Madison Schnipke-Patton	Anika Freewalt, Patty Gerberick, Ava Hershey Shellie Kundert, Avery Suever, Kaylie Sunderhaus		
CANTOR	Men's Schola	Nicole Pohlman		
SACRISTAN	Archie Metcalfe	Dave Clark		

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