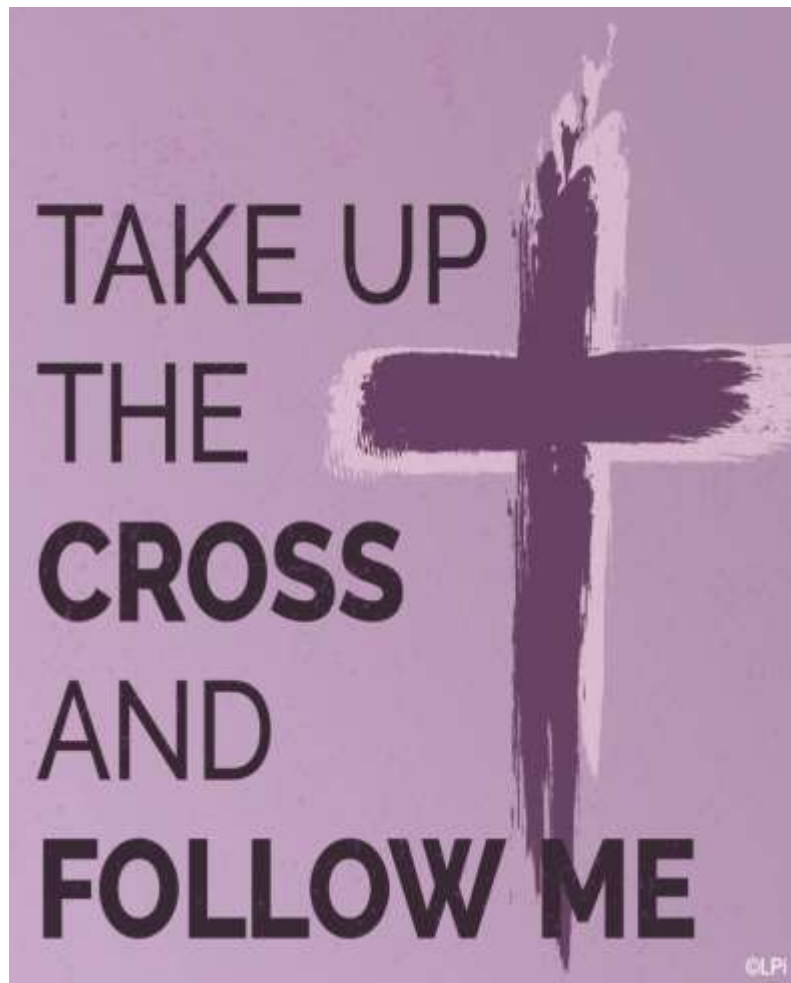


ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent*

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Mass 6:30 p.m.

Confessions 7:10 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Benediction 8:00 p.m.

PASTOR

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Sister Mary Edward, SCC

BAPTISM

Please call the parish office three months prior to your child's baptismal date to schedule pre-baptismal instructions.

MATRIMONY

Please contact Sister Immacolata at least six months in advance to schedule your wedding preparation and celebration.

Today's Mass Intentions are for Kay Burke and Danelda Robert

Change in Plans

Because of our 3 Sister-Parish Mission this week, our *Soup and Stations* on Tuesday will not begin until **next** week, March 18. We hope to see everyone here in Church for the second night of our Mission this Tuesday. It begins at 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN SOUP-er TUESDAYS

Our Tuesday night "Soup, Stations and Adoration will begin soon." For the past three years, we have provided a valuable opportunity to deepen our prayer life and build community through prayer and socializing during Lent. Volunteers are still needed to prepare "soups" for these meals. We are inviting you to think about preparing one (or more) of your "signature soups!" Sign-up sheets for volunteers to 1) make soups 2) set up/clear up after supper 3) participate in our Lenten prayer will be on the table in back of church.

Lenten Tuesdays from March 18 – April 8...

5:00 Soup-er Supper

6:15 Stations of the Cross

6:50-7:15 Eucharistic Adoration.

Wednesdays (Beginning March 12th)

6:10 pm Rosary

6:30 pm Mass followed by Stations (with PSR students) Adoration after Stations

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Confessions

8:00 pm - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Successful Chili-fest

A rousing "thank you" to everyone who contributed to the success of our first annual Chili-fest. All 15 entries were amazing and attendees had a tough time deciding on their "first choice!" The joyful atmosphere and community spirit, as well as the fantastic flavors of the chili and homemade desserts, created a very successful event. Kudos to chairpersons Mic and Cathy Lammers and Erica All4er, and to the set-up, clean-up and serving crews. **Congratulations, Reagan Goecke**, first place prize winner, who took home the golden spoon!

Feast of St. Patrick, Our Parish Patron

We are anticipating St. Patrick's feastday with a festive brunch after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, March 16. Anyone who is willing to donate a breakfast dish/food for the buffet or make a monetary gift, please contact either of the Sisters. As a parish, we want to remember and celebrate St. Patrick's missionary zeal and compelling life of faith, prayer and forgiveness. May we also imitate his strong, deep love for Christ, whom he prayed would "be at his right and left hand, before, behind, beneath and above him" in all his words and works!

CLCs...Landeck CLC is having a cash giveaway.

1st prize \$500 2nd prize \$200 3rd prize \$100
\$10 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased from any CLC member or at the Parish Office. Tickets on sale until March 31st.

Message from Father Jeff

I hope you're enjoying your last days before Lent and that you've taken some time to make a spiritual game plan for the coming Holy Season. I wanted to give you a bit of an update on what's going on with my recovery. I met with the PA in my surgeon's office last week. My wound is healing well and I am making some progress in leg control. My brace is still locked in the extended position and will be for the next 4-6 weeks, so that still presents some challenges.

Since that appointment, I've been practicing on stairs and working on gaining some independence. Right now, the plan is that I'll take up residence again in the Delphos rectory on Ash Wednesday. I will start Physical Therapy 2-3 times a week as soon as they can get me scheduled. I am still under orders to keep my leg elevated and iced more often than not and I am easily physically tired, so I will not be resuming a normal work schedule. While it's my intention to make myself available by email and phone. I won't be out and about every day nor am I able to sit in a chair easily and certainly not at a desk.

I'm really only at the beginning of my recovery. If I am lucky, I might be able to drive by the end of April. I will have the brace on my leg until June, and will not be considered "healed" and "free to resume all activities" until mid-August. I thank you for the patience and grace that you've shown in the last month since my fall. I truly appreciate all of your kind words, cards, flowers, and prayers. Prayers for a blessed Lent for us all. Yours in Christ, Father Jeff

"Living Bread" Mission for Eucharistic Revival

It starts tonight—our Mission for Eucharistic Revival! Father Jeff, our Pastor, will be teaching and inspiring us for the next three nights (March 9, 10, 11) with a Eucharistic message of beauty and grace. We hope to see our Church filled—starting at 7:00 p.m. A parish mission is a distinct opportunity for growing in faith! For all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Mission will count as your biennial Renewal, so you are expected to attend all three nights. Sign-in papers for you will be provided both in Spencerville and Delphos (March 24, 25 and 26). The three presentations are the same in both places, therefore you can attend in one place or mix- and -match locations.

Completing Vestment Orders

Our set of new liturgical vestments for priests and deacons is just about complete. We have a few remaining opportunities for purchase-dalmatics Anyone who is interested please see Sister Immacolata.

Living Bread

A Mission For Revival

THREE EVENINGS WITH FR. JEFF WALKER

Pray the Mass more actively.
Receive Communion more fruitfully
Adore the Lord more faithfully.


The Mission begins at **7:00pm** each evening.

The two missions will be identical, so feel free to mix-and-match locations.

The CATHOLIC PARISHES of
DELPHOS, LANDECK, and SPENCERVILLE
Saint John the Evangelist | Saint John the Baptist | Saint Patrick



REMEMBER
Sunday, March 9 - Spencerville
Monday, March 24 - Delphos



RECEIVE
Monday, March 10 - Spencerville
Tuesday, March 25 - Delphos



REMAIN
Tuesday, March 11 - Spencerville
Wednesday, March 26 - Delphos

Ministry Schedule

First Sunday of Lent March 9 th ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass		Second Sunday of Lent March 16 th ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass	
Commentator	Kathy Keller	Commentator	Elisha Wiss
Reader	Sharon Keeran	Reader	Tiffany Seibert
Communion Distributors	Dave Butorac Robin Lammers Terry Lammers Choir: Ben Wilker	Communion Distributors	Sharon Keeran Janessa Minch Sister Immacolata Choir: Ericka Aller
Servers	Sam Goecke Aliyah Minch Cory Wannemacher	Servers	Lillie Seibert Sophia Seibert Angel Seibert
Money Counters	Ann Bonito Dave and Jamie Butorac	Money Counters	Ann Bonito Dave and Jamie Butorac
Mass Set-Up	Scott Brown	Mass Set-Up	Allen Merricle

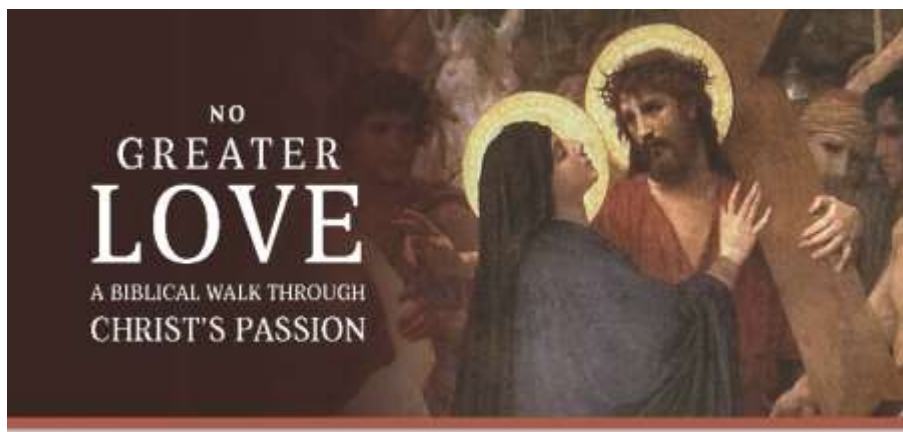


Our Parish History

In the 1840s, the construction of the Miami-Erie Canal drew many Irish immigrant families to Spencer Township, Allen County, Ohio. Some of the early families to settle were Delaney, Cook, Maloney, McMullan, McDonough, McKenna, and McCollister. These families were assisted by Fr. Patrick Henneberry, a Precious Blood missionary, in forming a parish. ~Written by Jack Bockey

Welcome Retreat VII for Women

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 5th and 6th, 2025, 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. Please see Sister if you would like a registration form. For questions or additional information, please contact Lisa Recker at 419-236-3108 or Rosie Hoersten 419-204-5701. Please join us on April 5th and 6th as we all grow in our faith together... We hope to see you there.



Dates – Times – Location

3/12/25, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, and 4/16

from 7PM-8:30PM

Landeck St. John Church Basement

Only five sessions during Lent. Each session includes a presentation, table discussions, and a 30 minute video.

Cost – Registration

\$30 covers cost of the book by Dr. Edward Sri and the workbook for the course

For More Information

Contact Matt Etzkorn at 419-549-2843
To register, contact Landeck Church at
419-692-0636 or email
churchoffice@stjohnthebaptistchurchlandeck.org

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Only a few followed him to Calvary.

What will you do?

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Last Weekend's Gifts

March 2, 2025

Total Offering: \$ 2,144.41

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,303.00

Maintenance: \$370.00

Children's Loose: \$15.41

Loose: \$415.00

PSR Envelopes: \$5.00

Central/Eastern Europe: \$36.00

Parish Development Goal:

Total \$83,000

Received as of March 2nd:

\$32,500



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