ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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> 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 Rev. Jeff Walker jwalker@delphosstjohns.org

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Rev. Tony Vera frtonyvera@delphosstjohns.org

PARISH MANAGER Sister Immacolata, SCC sccjoy@yahoo.com 570-815-1179

MUSIC DIRECTOR 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.

March 2, 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Ash Wednesday~

Below are the Mass times at our "sister parishes"

Spencerville, Saint Patrick ~ 7:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Gene. This is not a Mass. Mass at 6:30 p.m. with PSR Students

Saint John the Baptist Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. Ashes will be distributed after the homily.

Delphos, Saint John ~ 6:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 12:15 and 7:30 p.m.

(Every Mass except the 6:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. will include the school children in Delphos)

Thursday Morning Mass Postponed

The new 7:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday mornings will **not** begin on March 6 as planned. Because of Father Jeff's fall and knee injury, we are not able to accommodate an additional Mass right now. Father really feels bad about the delay, but looks forward to the time when it will be possible. Keep praying for his full recovery!

Ash Wednesday

Can you believe that another Lenten Season is opening this week? This year, it is within the *Jubilee Year of Hope*. We hope it is a graced-filled time for our parish and each person and family within it. We will be having **Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes at 6:30 p.m.** with our PSR students. Right after Mass (as usual every Wednesday) there is time for Adoration and Confession, closing with Benediction at 8:00 p.m. An added opportunity for Ashes this year will be a Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Gene at **7:00 a.m.** This is not a Mass.

Go To Joseph!

March has traditionally been celebrated as the Month dedicated to St. Joseph. He is a model of hope and one of the church's greatest saints. Joseph was a man of inner strength and prayerful silence. He does not speak even one word in the Scriptures, but appears as someone who listens and obeys God's Word as it is made known to him. He is a "doer." He *does* God's will, even in difficult circumstances. Joseph does not have an easy life. The church recognizes his undying fidelity and love. He is the patron of families, for as head of the Holy Family he protected, cherished and followed his vocation to provide for Mary and Jesus.

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!

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 (a green, a pink, a white and a Marian Gothic), and a white cope. Anyone who is interested please see Sister Immacolata. Special thanks to all who have been a part of this project to enhance the dignity and beauty of our worship.

Children's Christian Book About Women In Bible

A beautiful new book for Children, "Mighty Women of the Bible," is now available through our parish. The book, written and published by Kim and TJ Recker, has an attractive illustration accompanying each story of these "mighty women"



of the Old and New Testament. Each story concludes with a simple, easily remembered prayer. Kim is the daughter of parishioners, Ken and Kathy Miller from Landeck. The cost is \$10. A sample book is available on the back table in church for your review.

Serra Club

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thursday March 13 at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Sr. Marcia Boes, OSF/T sharing her journey to religious life and also her experience serving 5 parishes merged into one. 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 419-303-0339 no later than Tuesday, March 11. LANDECK CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS ANNUAL PRE-LENTEN MEAL at the Forester's Hall <u>Carry Out Only</u>

<u>Tuesday, March 4th</u> 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**

~**Drive Thru Only~** \$10.00 Starting at 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tickets will be sold on Sunday after

CLCs

Landeck CLC is having a cash giveaway.

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

Welcome Retreat VII for Women

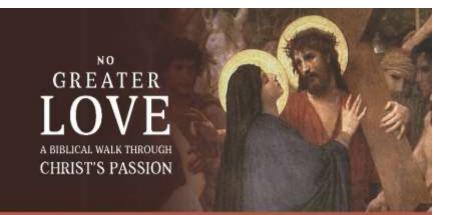
Women from St. John the Evangelist Parish in Delphos, St. John the Baptist Parish in Landeck and St. Patrick Parish in Spencerville are hosting a Women's Welcome Retreat on April 5th and 6th, 2025, at Delphos St. John. This is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help women grow in their personal 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

 5^{th} and 6^{th} as we all grow in our faith together...We hope to see you there.



Ministry Schedule

Eighth Week in Ordinary Time March 2 nd ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass		First Sunday of Lent March 9 th ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass	
Commentator	Scott Brown	Commentator	Kathy Keller
Reader	Jamie Butorac	Reader	Sharon Keeran
Communion Distributors	Jim Bowersock Kathy Goecke Mic Lammers Choir: Mary Ellen Lenhart	Communion Distributors	Dave Butorac Robin Lammers Terry Lammers Choir: Ben Wilker
Servers	Luke Butorac Reagan Mack Noah Stewart	Servers	Sam Goecke Aliyah Minch Cory Wannemacher
Money Counters	Ann Bonito Dave and Jamie Butorac	Money Counters	Ann Bonito Dave and Jamie Butorac
Mass Set-Up	Ben Wilker	Mass Set-Up	Scott Brown



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 Landock Church at 419-692-0636 or email churchoffice@stjohnthebaptistchurchland eck.org Thousands sought Jesus during his life. Only a few followed him to Calvary.

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Last Weekend's Gifts

February 23, 2025

Total Offering: \$ 1,561.00 Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,431.00 Children's Loose: \$41.00 Loose: \$87.00 PSR Envelopes: \$2.00

Parish Development Goal: Total \$83,000 Received as of February 28th \$32,500

Thank You!

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