ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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From the Pastor:

Clergy Update

I have recently received the good news that Fr. Rohan Galbao, SAC has been able to schedule the necessary appointments with the US Consulate in India to obtain his American Visa. While I don't want to count my chickens before they've hatched, as they say, it appears as though we will be able to welcome Fr. Rohan for Masses on the weekend of December 19-20. Just in time for Christmas! In January, Fr. Jason will return to India for approximately four weeks to renew his own Visa with the US Consulate, returning to Ohio just after Ash Wednesday. Beginning the first full week of Lent, I hope that we are fully staffed with clergy in the rectory. Given that timeline, I anticipate that Monday and Tuesday morning Confession and Mass will resume in Delphos the week of February 15, 2027. Don't forget to pray your one Hail Mary each day for an increase in vocations in the Diocese of Toledo. A group of parishioners gathers every Wednesday at 5:00pm in Delphos to "Pray for our Priests." And we certainly need it! Please consider joining in this time of prayer as your schedule permits—all are welcome!

Why do we exist? What do we do? What's next?

These questions have been at the heart of my discussions with the pastoral council as well as the staff members of our three parishes in Delphos, Landeck, and Spencerville since I arrived. As we navigate parish life and plan our ministries, we must know the answer to this question if our work as a community of faith is to be effective and life-giving. In reflecting upon the question "Why do we exist?" we discovered quite clearly that our parishes share the same decisive reason for existing as parishes: **To Lead Souls to Salvation in Jesus Christ**. That's it. That's the ballgame. Though each of our parishes expresses that mission according to our own personalities, histories, and community cultures, the mission is one in the same. A shoe factory exists to make shoes. A school bus exists to transport students. Our parishes exist to lead souls to Salvation in Jesus Christ.

How do we do that, though? What is it that we must do in order to lead souls to Salvation in Jesus Christ? Pouring through the activities and ministries at all three parishes, the categories are the same: Worship God, Make Disciples, Show Mercy. If the goal is Jesus Christ, an encounter with Him is essential. We must have an active spiritual life expressed first and foremost in authentic communal worship. Having encountered Christ in our prayer and worship, we respond to His command to go and make disciples of all nations. We must first be disciples (students) of Jesus Christ so that we can help others to become disciples of His as well. Finally, the world will know we are Christians by our love. Christian love is mercy in action—think of those corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Those must be the lifeblood the Body of Christ present here in our parish community. We lead souls to Salvation in Jesus Christ by worshipping God, making disciples, and showing mercy.

So what's next? We are certainly not starting from scratch! We have a long history of parish life and ministry in all three of our sibling parishes. Pope Leo recently explained the necessity of pastoral evaluation and missionary focus to the parishes of his diocese: "To evaluate, in the light of the Holy Spirit, means to pause, to revisit what has happened, to recognize what has borne fruit, to understand what has not worked, and to seek the reasons for this together." This is what I am asking of our pastoral council members, of our parish staff members, and indeed of all of you involved in the life of our parishes. As a particular goal for us in the coming year (beginning in Advent), my leadership team and I have decided to focus on what some call the "Sunday Experience" in our three parishes. The Second Vatican Council teaches us that "the sacred liturgy does not exhaust the entire activity of the Church…nevertheless the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows." Thus keeping in mind all of the many activities that go on in our three parishes, in the coming year, we will pay special attention to the goal of **Making Sunday a Beautiful Encounter with Jesus Christ.** I look forward to exploring this thematic goal and growing together in faith in this coming year.

Last Weekend's Gifts
November 15, 2026

Total Offering: $ 2,074.00

Sunday Envelopes: $ 1,558.00
Maintenance: $ 91.00
Loose Offering: $ 286.00
PSR: $ 21.00
All Saints: $ 1.00
Camp. for Human Devel: $117.00

Thank You!

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, Nov. 22nd	10:30 am	Kent Keeran Werner Balster
Wednesday, Nov. 25th	6:30 pm	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday, Nov. 29th	10:30 am	Fallen away Catholics
Wednesday, Dec. 2nd	6:30 pm	Lenore & Albert Otte



Landeck Thanksgiving Day Mass
There will be a 9 am Mass in Landeck on Thanksgiving Day. What a great way to thank God for all the wonderful blessings in your life.

Forester Meeting
There will be a Forester Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7 pm at the Landeck Forester Hall.

Ministry Schedule

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 22~ 10:30 a.m. Mass		**First Sunday of Advent November 29~ 10:30 a.m. Mass**	
Commentator	Bev Wisher	**Commentator**	Dorothy DeVilbiss
Reader	Cristy Wilker	**Reader**	Sharon Keeran
Communion Distributors	Kathy Goecke Dave Butorac Mike Lammers **Choir:** Bill Wisher	**Communion Distributors**	Colleen Richmond Jim Bowersock Mary Ellen Lenhart **Choir:** Kathy Goecke
Servers	Reagan Mack Chase Vandemark Cooper Bowersock	**Servers**	Sam Goecke Maria Goecke Kate Goecke
Money Counters	Rick & Kathy Keller Mark & Kathy Goecke	**Money Counters**	Rick & Kathy Keller Mark & Kathy Goecke
Mass Set-Up	Bill Wisher	**Mass Set-Up**	Ben Wilker

Feast of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe/Consecration Renewal

Today is the last Sunday of this church year, on which we will renew our parish's consecration to the *Sacred Heart of Jesus.* This is a prayer by which we entrust our parish, and all its members, to the Heart of Christ. It is an act of love for the Lord, who has loved us first and called us into being. We offer Him all of our lives: joys, sufferings, thoughts, words and actions. In living this Consecration, we truly do "all for the glory of God" and realize that we belong to Him completely. It is a most fitting way to claim Christ as our Lord and King and strive to do His will (that is, to become holy) by being faithful to our Baptismal call. By renewing this Consecration together today, we strengthen the spiritual bonds that unite us as St. John the Baptist Parish community.

First Penance

Four of our PSR students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday evening. Pictured here with our pastor, Fr. Jeff Walker, are Ethan Lucas, Hadley Fleck, Rose Goecke and Jolene Goecke. We are grateful to Reagan Goecke for preparing the children for this milestone in their life as Catholics.



Upcoming Events:

November 25 – **6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Holy Mass** This is a beautiful opportunity, on Thanksgiving eve, to thank God for all His blessings during the past year. All are welcome!
November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent, Lighting of First Candle on Advent Wreath
December 5 – 7:00 a.m. Rorate Coeli Mass in Delphos (in Latin and English with Gregorian Chant)
December 8 – 6:30 p.m. **Holy Day Mass for the Immaculate Conception**
December 14 –7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Lessons and Carols at Delphos St John's; Joint choir of Spencerville and Landeck are participating / NO Landeck Monday night Adoration/Mass
December 20 – **9:30-10:30 am, 11:30-12:20 pm Morning of Mercy**, Sacrament of Reconciliation
December 24 – 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass for Christmas
December 25 – 10:30 a.m. Holy Day Mass for Christmas

A BLESSED THANKSGIVING WEEKEND! Why not start it off with **Holy Mass on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm** to express your gratitude to God for ALL the blessings of this past year? Jesus is here and would love to see you!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Have a great week filled with many blessings!

