

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH



*April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday
of Easter*

MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Mass 6:30 p.m.

(Rosary 6:10 p.m.)

Adoration/Confessions

7:10 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Benediction 8:00 p.m.

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BAPTISM

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

MATRIMONY

Please contact the Parish House at least six months in advance to schedule your wedding preparation and celebration.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and also the First Communion Day of three young parishioners. What a perfect occasion for them to receive Jesus for the very first time! Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He calls us by name. We know His voice and follow Him. And where does He lead us? To the best water and food. In the Eucharist, Jesus gives us the very best food - His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine. How many times Jesus fed the people during his public life! He fed the multitudes with bread and fish, he fed the apostles on the evening of the Last Supper, he fed the 2 disciples who were headed for Emmaus on Easter night, he fed the apostles on the shore of the Sea of Galilee after the Resurrection. When we come to Holy Mass, Jesus feeds us at the table of the Eucharist. Just as a shepherd feeds his sheep and they listen to his voice, so, too, Jesus, our Good Shepherd, does not let us go hungry. As Psalm 23 proclaims, because it is the Lord who shepherds us, we are refreshed, guided, fed, anointed and given courage. What a gift! As we move through this Easter season, let us rejoice and give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist and renew our personal commitment to honor, adore and receive Christ, our Good Shepherd, with humility and love.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

We pray with gratitude today for Jack Hemker, Lauren Koenig and Stella Klausung, who are receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time! We rejoice with them, their parents and families, and their PSR teacher Erica Aller, who have all prepared them so well for this important milestone in their lives. May Jesus, the Good Shepherd, hold them in His arms and lead them ever closer to His Divine Heart.

ALLELUIA! OUR CHURCH BELL IS RINGING!

Our church bell has been repaired and is ringing again! Many thanks to Jeff and Tyler Goecke, who diagnosed the problem and repaired it. Actually, it was not the bell itself, but the ringer that needed attention. We are very grateful to Jeff and Tyler for their time and expertise. Through the ages, the ringing of a church bell holds deep spiritual significance. It signifies “the voice of the Lord” calling the faithful to worship. It serves as a reminder of God’s presence and an invitation from God to pause and pray. The sound is considered a “wake up” call for the soul to be mindful of God in the midst of life’s busy-ness.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord’s instruction to send laborers into his harvest. As you know, we pray at every one of our Masses for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please continue to pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call.

Upcoming Dates from the Diocesan Vocations Office: April 26: World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Good Shepherd Sunday) May 16: Evan Sekerak’s Diaconate Ordination (Holy Rosary Cathedral) June 27: Deacon Andrew Messer’s Priesthood Ordination (St. Joan of Arc) July 31 -August 2: Quo Vadis High School Discernment Retreat August 2-3: Quo Vadis Junior High Discernment Retreat

DELPHOS ST. JOHN’S COMMUNION CLASS VISITS

Next Tuesday, May 5, the second graders from St. John the Evangelist School will visit St. Patrick’s Church. The group and their teachers, about 60 in all, are making a pilgrimage day to Landeck and Spencerville to see both churches and learn more about them. We will share our church’s history and beauty, pray together, give a tour and enjoy a snack before they return back to Delphos. We welcome this opportunity for sharing our parish and mission with these First Communicants.



**Last Weekend's Gifts
April 19, 2026**

Total Offering: \$ 2,746.00

Sunday Envelopes: \$2,415.00

Maintenance: \$ 85.00

Loose Offering: \$ 195.00

PSR: \$ 51.00

Thank You!

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, April 26 th	10:30 am	Gene Lenhart, Frank Lenhart Margaret Lenhart Fischer
Wednesday, April 29 th	6:30 pm	Bob, Rose Mary & Jamie Bargmann
Sunday, May 3 rd	10:30 am	Helen & Gene Lenhart, Betty Lenhart Bland
Wednesday, May 6 th	6:30 pm	Garna Richeson Frank & Helen Lenhart

Ministry Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 26 th ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass		Fifth Sunday of Easter May 3 ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass	
Commentator	Elisha Wiss	Commentator	Bev Wisher
Reader	Jamie Butorac	Reader	Mary Ellen Lenhart
Communion Distributors	Ben Wilker Colleen Richmond Bill Wisher Choir: Kathy Goecke	Communion Distributors	Jim Bowersock Mary Ellen Lenhart Mikek Lammers Choir: Dave Butorac
Servers	Reagan Mack Owen Klausung Luke Butorac	Servers	Luke Butorac Noah Stewart Cooper Bowersock
Money Counters	Brad & Sharon Keeran Brian & Gina Clement	Money Counters	Pat Warnecke Scott & Pam Brown
Mass Set-Up	Allen Merricle	Mass Set-Up	Henry Wiss

**Making one person smile can change the world –
maybe not the whole world, but their world.**

YOU make a difference



*First Friday 24 Hour Adoration
April 30th and May 1st*



When
Adoration will take place on Thursday, April 30th, from 6:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Friday, May 1st.

Where
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
in Delphos, Ohio

From the hours
9:00 PM to 6:00 AM
please use the
Southside ramp door.

To sign up for a specific Holy Hour,
please sign up here:



or call at 419-695-4050
and ask for Jill or Kathleen.

Make a Difference Day

Spencerville High School will be serving the community with their annual “Make a Difference Day” on May 6. Our parish is again on the list for hosting a group of students. Anyone who is available and interested in working with our kids that day (indoors and outdoors), please sign up on the paper in the back of church. Thanks so much!

Mother’s Day Mass Intentions

Mother’s Day cards are now available in the back of church, each accompanied by a return envelope for you to share the names of your mothers. This will allow us, as a community, to honor and remember them in a triduum of Masses, scheduled for May 10, May 17 and May 24. As envelopes are returned, we will compile the names into a booklet which will be placed near our Blessed Mother’s Statue throughout the month of May. Envelopes must be returned to the Parish office by May 1.

Seminarian Evan Sekerak Ordained To Diaconate

On Saturday, May 16, at 10:00 am at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Bishop Daniel E Thomas will ordain Evan Sekerak to the Transitional Diaconate. All the faithful are invited to this significant event on Evan’s journey to priesthood. As you recall, he spent some time with us during his formation for active ministry. We congratulate Evan and promise our prayers during this last year before priesthood ordination.

Give Now to ACA!

If you have not yet done so, kindly consider offering a gift to our Bishop’s Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). The appeal supports our seminary program, retired priests, faith-support to college students, direct service to the poor and needy and many other ministries of “Hope in Action.” Our parish has already reached 87% of our goal and need only \$622.84 to reach the top! Thank you so much for your continued generosity!