

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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.

PASTOR

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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.

*May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday
of Easter*

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY, OUR MOTHER



The Church dedicates the entire month of May to the Blessed Mother. This is a practice that has been going on for centuries. The ways in which Mary is honored are varied: through the recitation of the rosary or perhaps with a May Crowning, or a Procession, or setting up a special shrine or altar in her honor.

Usually, May devotions are accompanied with flowers, honoring Mary's beauty and virtues. Many Catholics also have the beautiful custom of setting up a 'home altar' honoring Mary, with a picture or statue of her, a candle, some spring flowers, and some time set aside-- to pray a decade of the rosary or some Hail Marys, or to read and share a passage from Scripture about her life.

Mary is truly our mother and watches over us, her children, in so many ways. Her life inspires us. She is a model of patience, surrender to God's will, joy, evangelization. She gives birth to Jesus in Bethlehem, brings on Jesus' first

miracle at Cana, stays with him throughout His Passion, stands at the foot of the Cross, prays with the apostles in the upper room after the Resurrection and anticipates God's plan for us all, eternal life in heaven, through the Assumption.

As we honor our earthly mothers during May, let us also honor our heavenly Mother, who leads us ever closer to Jesus, her Divine Son.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Last Sunday, April 26, our three second graders received their First Holy Communion. They are pictured here with Fr. Jeff Walker, pastor and Reagan Goecke, their PSR teacher who prepared them for this beautiful day in their lives.

Congratulations to Lauren Koenig, Jack Hemker and Stella Klausing!

DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S COMMUNION CLASS VISITS

This 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 26, 2026**

Total Offering: \$ 1,618.00

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 985.00
Loose Offering: \$ 180.00
Music: \$ 453.00

Thank You!

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, May 3rd 10:30 am Helen & Gene
Lenhart, Betty Lenhart Bland

Wednesday, May 6th 6:30 pm Garna Richeson
Frank & Helen Lenhart

Sunday, May 10th 10:30 am Mother's Day
Intentions

Wednesday, May 13th 6:30 pm Jacob Silverman
Sister Immacolata

LIFE-TEEN COOKOUT AND GAMES

If you are now in 8th grade or high school, you are most welcome to attend a Life-Teen cookout on Wednesday, May 6, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the convent parking lot at Delphos St. John's. Come, bring a friend or two, and join other area teens for an evening of fun and relaxation!

Ministry Schedule

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 3 ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass		Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10 ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass	
Commentator	Bev Wisher	Commentator	Dorothy DeVilbiss
Reader	Mary Ellen Lenhart	Reader	Cristy Wilker
Communion Distributors	Jim Bowersock Mary Ellen Lenhart Mike Lammers Choir: Dave Butorac	Communion Distributors	Terry Lammers Robin Lammers Alan Wynn Choir: Ben Wilker
Servers	Luke Butorac Noah Stewart Cooper Bowersock	Servers	Reagan Mack Sam Goecke Cory Wannemacher
Money Counters	Pat Warnecke Scott & Pam Brown	Money Counters	Pat Warnecke Scott & Pam Brown
Mass Set-Up	Henry Wiss	Mass Set-Up	Ben Wilker

IT'S OUR TURN TO HELP AT THE FOOD PANTRY

The *Spencerville Community Samaritan Food Pantry*, based at the Methodist Church, is asking our parish community for help with their food distribution on May 21. The local churches take turns doing this each month. Of course, we want to do as much as possible for this important local charity!

Here are some ways we can help:

- by donating non-perishable food items in the boxes at the church entrance
- by carrying groceries from the basement pantry to the waiting cars on May 21
- by making a monetary contribution at any time

Although all items are welcome, those MOST needed are: chicken broth, noodles, cake or brownie mix and paper towels.

Monetary donations can be made through Terry or Robin Lammers.

Any questions? Phone Lammers at 419-230-3744.

The Pantry is most grateful to Noah Stewart and Luke Butorac, our high school parishioners, who have helped load food each month for the past couple of years.

UPCOMING MAY EVENTS

May 5 – 2nd Grade First Communion Class from Delphos St. John's tours our church after being to Landeck St. John the Baptist Church.

May 6 - Make a Difference Day – students from Spencerville HS volunteering service indoors and outdoors at the parish

May 10 – Mothers' Day – we celebrate our mothers and those women in our families and communities who love and care for us

May 13 – Mass- May Crowning – Cookout and Games; last day of PSR

May 24 - Celebration of Mass for our HS Graduates of 2026 (with a meet and greet afterwards)

Seminarian Evan Sekerak Ordained To Deaconate

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 Deaconate. 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.

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

We realize that in the past, serving at the altar stopped with high school graduation. That is no longer the case. Father Jeff, our pastor, has requested that altar servers continue to serve until the age of 25. From Grade 5 to 25. This makes sense, since the older servers have a more mature understanding of what the Mass is and of their ministry within it. So, hopefully, our 2026 graduates who may be remaining in the area, will be able to continue in this ministry. Please let Gina Sensabaugh know if you can at least remain on for the summer.

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 see Mary Fell who is coordinating this event. Thanks so much!