

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**  
**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

## **PASTOR**

Rev. Jeff Walker

## **ASSOCIATE PASTORS**

Rev. Thomas Hunyor  
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## **PARISH MANAGER**

Sister Immacolata, SCC  
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## **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.

# Today's Mass intention is for Helen Lenhart

## Gift for Bishop-Elect Walsh

A large lighted Rosary, for outdoor display, was presented to Bishop-elect Walsh on behalf of St. Patrick's Parish. We are grateful to the generous donors, Ken and Karen Shafer and family.

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## Basement Renovation Update

The new sliding walls, creating rooms for PSR and other parish activities in our basement, have arrived this past week and will be installed in the near future. Our gratitude to Dan and Irene Klausing, K Building and Elgin for this gift. We are deeply appreciative as well to all the other generous parishioners who are investing their time, talent and treasure in the basement renovation, which will enhance our church for the future. We are hoping to be able to epoxy the floor in October, and are depending on our parishioners' response to parish needs through the "development fund" which will make it possible to accomplish that goal. As we all know, the good God is never outdone in generosity!

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## Sisters Celebrate 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In the back of church, you will find several copies of the magazine "Impelled by Love." It details the celebration of the Sisters of Christian Charity here in the United States and other interesting information about the Congregation, founded on August 21, 1849 by Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt. Sister Mary Edward was invited to play the organ on the actual anniversary in Paderborn, Germany, which included Sisters from North and South America.

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## "Spiritual Bouquet" for Bishop Thomas 10-year Anniversary

In celebration of Bishop Daniel E. Thomas' 10-year anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, we are building a "spiritual bouquet" to present to him. You are invited to offer prayers, Holy Hours, Masses, Fasting, or Acts of Charity in thanksgiving for Bishop Thomas' ten years of service in the Diocese of Toledo. Visit [toledodiocese.org/10years](http://toledodiocese.org/10years) to send in your offerings for the spiritual bouquet. They will be presented to Bishop Thomas on October 22, 2024. *Please note: **This will be a surprise for Bishop Thomas! Please do not mention it to him.***

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## Lima Chapter of Magnificat Breakfast

The Lima Chapter of Magnificat, a Ministry for Catholic Women, will be on Sept 7, 2024. Located in the St. Charles Church Basement, on 2200 W. Elm St., Lima. Our speaker will be Father Kent Kaufman, from St. Charles Catholic Church. Contact Marianne Farley, Treasurer at 419-234-6286 if interested. Cost is \$15.00. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. Breakfast at 10:00 a.m.

## Congratulations!

Heartfelt Congratulations to Jenna Kahle and Anthony Venturella who were joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony here at St. Patrick's yesterday. May their lives be blessed with God's endless love and our prayerful support each day!

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## Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Patrick,

Praised be Jesus Christ! I'm honored to have been named as the new pastor of St. Patrick Parish here in Spencerville. Since I have not yet mastered the art of being in more than one place at a time, our tri-parish arrangement of clergy does not permit me to be with you for Holy Mass this first weekend as pastor. I wanted to drop you this note, instead, to let you know that the people of St. Patrick are very much in my thoughts and in my prayers this weekend, as you have been since my appointment was announced in July. I look forward to seeing you all next Sunday and getting to know you all over the coming months and years. I thank you in advance for your patience as I learn many new names, many new faces, and many new places. I pray that I will be a good shepherd for you and that together we will grow in faith, hope, and love of God and neighbor. See you next weekend!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Jeff

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## This Week in Parish History

This weekend as we welcome Fr. Jeff Walker, we'll take a look at the history of his home town, Custar, Ohio and the parish of St. Louis. St. Louis was formally established as a parish by German and French settlers in the rural village of Lewisburg, Ohio in 1864. One year later, Lewisburg was renamed Custar after General Custer, the railroad misspelled the name and the signs were already made so the spelling remains incorrect. A small frame church was built in 1864 and later burned. The cornerstone of the current Gothic style church was laid in 1889. The parish has a school, which at one time was served by the Sisters of Notre Dame.



~Written by Jack Bockey

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## Prayers Requested

Sister Immacolata will be receiving a chemo treatment at Cleveland Clinic this Tuesday, September 3. Your prayers, as always, are deeply appreciated!

### **St. Vincent DePaul Volunteers Needed**

If you love your neighbor as yourself as Jesus commanded, please join us in helping your neighbors of Delphos in need. The St. Vincent DePaul Society is looking for new members to help with furniture sales and assisting the less fortunate with food donations and financial assistance of rent and utility payments. Members are needed to man our storage building on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on an assigned rotation, meaning you'll only have to work once approximately every 3 months. Please call Chuck Shumaker at (419) 230-3700 for more information or come out to our building located in the high school parking lot next to the cemetery during the hours above. Our meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Ministry Center at 7:00 p.m.

We are also in need of good used furniture that we can sell, no mattresses, bed frames or appliances please. Drop off during open hours only as we cannot accept or keep items left outside our building. Furniture should not be torn, broken, or excessively stained. Thank you.

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### **Eucharistic Minister Preparation**

If you would like to be prepared to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, or need a refresher course, please call Sister Immacolata.

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### **Back-to-School Shopping**

If anyone is shopping for school supplies and would consider donating some to our parish religion classes, we would greatly appreciate it. It's at this time of year they are usually on sale! If, instead of supplies, anyone would like to offer a monetary contribution to support our PSR program, we would appreciate that as well. This will allow us to purchase materials which the individual teachers need for their classrooms. Needed items include boxes of tissues and Clorox wipes! There will be a box in the back of Church for your kind donations.

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### **Phone Call from the Sisters**

If you, or someone you know, would appreciate receiving a phone call regularly from one of our Sisters, kindly let us know. We want to stay in touch, and often someone alone or homebound would enjoy the opportunity to "chat a bit" or "share a prayer-need." Kindly let Sister Mary Edward or Sister Immacolata know if this is something you, or a family member/friend, would enjoy! We would be honored to make these calls and share life together.

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**RCIA...**Would you or someone you know be interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about what Catholics believe? If so, Sister Immacolata, and the RCIA team would like to invite you to join us for RCIA. RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and is for anyone (adult or child 7 years old or over) who is unbaptized and is open to the possibility of becoming Catholic or just wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. We also welcome baptized non-Catholics and baptized adult Catholics who have not yet received their Confirmation and/or First Communion. If you or someone you know would be interested in more information or would like to sign up, please contact Sister Immacolata ([sccjoy@yahoo.com](mailto:sccjoy@yahoo.com)) visit, or call the Parish House at 419-692-0636. We look forward to walking with you on your journey of faith!

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### **2024 CENTURY FARM AWARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

Catholic Charities is now accepting applications for Century Farm Awards. This award designation honors Catholic families who have maintained a farm or homestead within their family for at least 100 years in the Diocese of Toledo, emphasizing well-preserved working farms.

Applicants must submit a registration form, copies of old deeds, and pictures to support claims. The information submitted must show family residence and ownership of a farm for at least 100 years in the Diocese of Toledo.

Applications should be submitted no later than Friday, October 4, 2024.

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will celebrate a Mass honoring Century Farm Award recipients at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 66 Chapel Street, Monroeville, Ohio 44847.

For more information or to request the registration form, please contact: Paula J. Kidney at (419) 214-4898 or email: [pkidney@toledodiocese.org](mailto:pkidney@toledodiocese.org).



### Renowned Catholic Speaker

Save the date! On Tuesday, September 10, Delphos St. John is hosting an event with Catholic speaker Jason Evert. Jason has traveled 6 continents and spoken to more than 2 million people. You won't want to miss this event for teens and parents!



**(Don't forget to use coupon codes for \$15 off tickets for teens!)**

### MASS ON THE ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo celebrates the gift of marriage with the annual Mass on Anniversaries of Marriage. If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2024 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass on Sunday, October 27, 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo.

Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit: [www.toledoanniversarymass.org](http://www.toledoanniversarymass.org).

### Ministry Schedule

22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sepetmber 1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Mass Liturgy- 10:30 am		23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sepetmber 8 <sup>th</sup> ~ Mass Liturgy- 10:30 am	
<b>Commentator</b>	Scott Brown	<b>Commentator</b>	Dorothy DeVilbiss
<b>Reader</b>	Kathy Keller	<b>Reader</b>	Jamie Butorac
<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Deacon John Ericka Aller Ann Bonito Choir: Sharon Keeran	<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Jim Bowersock Kathy Goecke Bill Wisher Choir: Mary Ellen Lenhart
<b>Servers</b>	Cooper Bowersock Aliyah Minch	<b>Servers</b>	Luke Butorac Noah Stewart
<b>Money Counters</b>	Ann Bonito Ben and Cristy Wilker	<b>Money Counters</b>	Ann Bonito Ben and Cristy Wilker
<b>Mass Set-Up</b>	Don Wiechart	<b>Mass Set-Up</b>	Bill Wisher

~If there is something you would like placed in the parish bulletin, please contact the Parish Office no later than **Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.** prior to the weekend you want your information published.

Parish Development Goal: Total \$83,000  
Received as of August 31<sup>st</sup>: \$14,616

**Thank You So Much!**

### Last Weekend's Gifts August 25, 2024

**Total: \$1,574.00**  
Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,137.00  
Loose: \$220.00  
PSR: \$20.00  
Music Ministry \$ 197.00

**Thank You!**