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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
23RD 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

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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 intentions are for Gene Lenhart, Margaret Lenhart Fischer and Frank Lenhart

Welcome Father Jeff Walker

With joy and gratitude, we welcome Father Jeff Walker, our new pastor, who will celebrate Holy Mass here at St. Patrick's today. We pray for him in the words of the Irish Blessing: "May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon you. May the rain fall softly on you. May the hand of God uphold you." We look forward to getting to know Father Jeff and hope he is with us for many years!

New Church Windowsills

Please take a moment to notice the brand new wooden window sills which have been made and installed throughout the church. These replace the tile sills, which were beginning to break and show their age. A skilled woodworker in our parish, who asked to remain anonymous (but whom you might easily guess) is responsible for this wonderful new addition. The wood is a perfect match with our sanctuary furniture. So beautiful! And so appreciated!

Basement Renovation

Work continues on our ground floor renovation! The sliding walls have been delivered and will soon be installed, after which a thorough cleaning of the entire room, including the kitchen (and all the cupboards) will be needed. The ceiling tiles also need to be installed. After that, our PSR classrooms can be set-up and readied for class.

Sisters Celebrate 175th 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.

Praise and Worship Mass

The Landeck 5:30 pm Praise and Worship Cafe team would like to welcome all parishioners to join us for a delicious meal, after the Landeck 5:30 pm Praise and Worship Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Jeff Walker. Come meet our new pastor. And then join us down in the basement for taco bar with homemade sides and dessert. Love to see you!

Mark your Calendars

September 25th ~ First religion Class
October 8th ~ Making Apple Dumplings
October 27th ~ Apple Dumpling Luncheon

"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 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.*

PSR Mass To Begin on October 2

Our first PSR class will be on Wednesday, September 25th. Because of the need to prepare the basement area, arrange the furniture and install the ceiling tiles and new technology for classrooms, we are delaying opening for two weeks. On the memorial of the Guardian Angels, Wednesday, October 2, we will open this year's PSR first evening Mass. Meanwhile, we urge all our parents and students to be faithful to Sunday Mass throughout September and focus on living our faith more fully during this third *Year of the Eucharistic Revival—the year of mission!*

Celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Today

Today, September 8, the Church traditionally celebrates the birthday of the Blessed Mother. Although this memorial falls on a Sunday this year and therefore is replaced by the Sunday Liturgy, we can all take some quality time as a family during the day to honor her, pray to her and celebrate her life. "May the Mother of Jesus and our Mother always smile on your spirit, obtaining for it, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing!" (Padre Pio)

This Week in Parish History



Within two months after the tornado (Landeck Church) destroyed the church in March of 1948, the architects, McLaughlin & Keil of Lima were contracted to design a new church on the old foundation. The building of the church began in August by the Peterson Construction company of Buckland, Ohio. During this time Mass was held in the auditorium of the Landeck school
~Written by Jack Bockey

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.

Rescue Project (Acts XXIX) The Rescue Project is a 7-week experience of community, conversion, prayer and the story that is the Gospel. We are looking for volunteer couples from our parishes to be trained by Deacon John Sheeran and his wife, Sue, to explore and experience "Rescue" and eventually facilitate small groups in experiencing this Gospel way of "seeing reality." The Rescue Project was launched in 2022 and is an outreach of the Catholic apostolate of Acts XXIX, both founded by Father John Riccardi from the Archdiocese of Detroit. Please see Sister Immacolata if you are interested in this grace-filled experience.

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.

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.

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) visit, or call the Parish House at 419-692-0636. We look forward to walking with you on your journey of faith!

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.



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.

Ministry Schedule

23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8 th ~ Mass Liturgy- 10:30 am		24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15 th ~ Mass Liturgy- 10:30 am	
Commentator	Dorothy DeVilbiss	Commentator	Scott Brown
Reader	Jamie Butorac	Reader	Sharon Keeran
Communion Distributors	Jim Bowersock Kathy Goecke Bill Wisher Choir: Mary Ellen Lenhart	Communion Distributors	Mike Lammers Robin Lammers Terry Lammers Choir: Dave Butorac
Servers	Luke Butorac Noah Stewart	Servers	Owen Sensabaugh Will Sensabaugh Blake Sensabaugh
Money Counters	Ann Bonito Ben and Cristy Wilker	Money Counters	Ann Bonito Ben and Cristy Wilker
Mass Set-Up	Bill Wisher	Mass Set-Up	Ben Wilker

~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 September 1st: \$18,466

Thank You So Much!

Last Weekend's Gifts September 1, 2024

Total: \$1,436.00

Sunday Envelopes: \$817.00
Loose: \$101.00 Maintenance: \$319.00
Children's Loose: \$32.00
Altar/Liturgy: \$46.00
Catholic University: \$36.00
Music Ministry \$ 85.00

Thank You!