ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 13, 2025 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Sister Immacolata at least six months in advance to schedule your wedding preparation and celebration.

Today's Mass intention is for Leonard Kill

Gifts/Memorials Available Now

Several items are available at this time for anyone who wishes to contribute to our parish's liturgical worship and devotional prayer. If interested in purchasing any item (or making a donation toward it) please see Sister Immacolata.

- +Processional and altar candles (4 of them; 2 have already been donated) at \$1800 for a set of 2
- +Outdoor prayer-bench to be placed near our Marian Grotto at \$813.20 (with engraving)

Any of these items can be engraved or inscribed as a memorial or in honor of a loved one or a family.

50th Anniversary Blessing



We Congratulate Steve and Beverly Uhlenhake as they celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary!

We congratulate them on this beautiful occasion in their lives and promise our prayers as they renew their vows and receive the Church's special blessing on the years ahead. We welcome them and their

family members and friends with joy today.

SUNDAYS 5-8PM SUNDAYS 5-8PM JUNE 22ND - AUGUST 10TH Not necessary to be present every week Randomized teams/brackets each week To register, Contact Wendy Gerstner 419-230-6992

Change the Date

The July "Song on the Lawn" has been changed from July 15 to Tuesday, July 22. We hope you are able to join us in singing God's praises and enjoying some music on a summer evening. The time is 6:30 p.m. with snack at 7:45 p.m.

Pope Leo XIV Delivers Video Message

A few weeks ago, on video, Pope Leo XIV addressed 30,000 White Sox fans at Rate Stadium in Chicago, who had gathered to celebrate the election of our firstever American Pope. His closing remarks were an invitation: "In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Christ, who is our hope, indeed calls all of us to come together, that we might be that true living example, the light of hope in the world today... Take a moment to open up your hearts to God, to God's love, to that peace which only the Lord can give us. To feel how deeply beautiful, how strong, how meaningful the love of God is in our lives. And to recognize that God in His generosity continues to pour out his love upon us. And as he gives us his love, he only asks us to be generous and to share what he has given us with others...and may God bless all of you, so that you might be beacons of hope, a sign of hope and peace throughout the world."

CAFÉ MEAL

Join us after the Landeck 5:30 Mass TODAY, July 13th, the Café Team invites you downstairs for a delicious meal. Enjoy a variety of slider sandwiches, fresh summer sides, ice cream, and homemade desserts. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend and share in the fellowship!

Gifts of the Spirit in Action ... Fortitude – Sr. Dorothy Stang SSND

On July 7th we celebrated the birthday of Sister Dorothy Stang, SSND, who gave her life for the rights of the indigenous peoples of Brazil. The natural resources of the Amazon rainforest were attracting loggers, ranchers, and land speculators, while indigenous farmers were losing land and the rainforest was being destroyed. Sr. Dorothy stood with the people to defend their land rights and with the earth that was being raped and ravaged by an appetite of greed and consumption. She became a martyr for human rights and environmental justice. Take a few moments to reflect on the inspiring life of Sr. Dorothy Stang who fought for the rights of marginalized people and for our suffering earth. May we join with others in the work of being good ancestors for future generations.

Last Weekend's Gifts
July 6, 2025

Total Offering: \$1,652.00

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,227.00 Maintenance: \$212.00

Loose: \$201.00

Children's Loose: \$12.00

Parish Development Goal: Total \$83,000

Received as of July 2nd: \$38,633.50

Thank You!

More important Information

Thank You for Prayers

Most of you may have heard that Sister Immacolata fell in our Landeck Church this past Monday and broke her femur. She was setting up the Church for Benediction and Holy Mass, missed the step by the Tabernacle, and fell down hard on her right side. Sister had successful surgery on Wednesday and a rod was placed in her right leg. She will continue rehab at Saint Rita's/Mercy Health and is most grateful for your prayers, thoughts and best wishes.

Meet an Ohio Resident on the Path to Sainthood

Did you know that an Ohio native has been named a Servant of God and that the Cause for her becoming a saint has been accepted by the Church? Rhoda Wise (1888-1948) was a resident of Canton, Ohio, who converted to Catholicism after being introduced to the Rosary. She suffered greatly for years under serious medical problems, including a permanently

injured foot and a 39-pound ovarian cyst that was surgically removed in 1932. Jesus visited Rhoda in her home. He appeared to her 20 times, often with St. Therese, who often visited her alone as well. During her life, some 300-500 people a week came to her home seeking help, and many healings were reported. One of them was received by Rita Rizzo (the future Mother Angelica of EWTN), who visited Rhoda and was advised to pray a novena to St. Therese, which she did. As a young woman, she was seeking help for a stomach ailment which had caused her suffering for years. She was healed overnight. The Diocese of Youngstown opened Rhoda's cause for canonization in 2016. Her home in Canton contains the chair which Jesus sat on when he and St. Therese visited her. In our intercessory prayer for Sister Immacolata, Rhoda is invoked as a special intercessor. It is a gift from God that our state of Ohio has been blessed with this holy wife, mother, convert and stigmatist (every First Friday she received the wounds of Jesus). You can discover more about Rhoda on the internet.

Ministry Schedule

15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 13 th ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass		16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20 th ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass	
Commentator	Bev Wisher	Commentator	Dorothy DeVilbiss
Reader	Christy Wilker	Reader	Mary Ellen Lenhart
Communion Distributors	Milk Lammers Alan Wynk Marie Wynk Choir: Colleen Richmond	Communion Distributors	Bill Wisher Mary Ellen Lenhart Janessa Minch Choir: Kathy Goecke
Servers	Reagan Mack Aliyah Minch Owen Klausing	Servers	Sam Goecke Aliyah Minch Cory Wannemacher
Money Counters	Brian and Gina Clement Tiffany Seibert	Money Counters	Brian and Gina Clement Tiffany Seibert
Mass Set-Up	Henry Wiss	Mass Set-Up	Cody Minch

Message from Father Jeff Walker...

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

We read in the Letter of St. James: "Are there people sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up."

Often confused with "The Last Rites," the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not just for the dying—it is for any Catholic whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. The purpose of this sacrament is to give sick persons the strength and grace to bear sufferings bravely and to fight against evil. This sacrament forgives venial sins and strengthens the sick person against temptations and anxiety. It is intended to bring about first and foremost the healing of the soul and, if it is God's plan, the healing of their body as well. With this in mind, it is very appropriate for Catholics to receive this sacrament at the beginning of a serious illness and not to deprive the sick of the graces of the sacrament until death seems likely or even imminent. This also allows for the sick person to be fortified by the graces of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion as well.

"The Last Rites" actually refers to three sacraments: the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Communion (called Viaticum). Though all three of those sacraments are repeatable, when they are received one final time before death, we refer to them collectively as "The Last Rites."

In order to provide the best pastoral care possible for our parishioners, priests are available to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick individually at any time. If you or a loved one is seriously ill, you are encouraged to call the Ministry Center to set up an appointment to celebrate the sacrament at your home, the hospital, or in church. Priests are also available on short notice for emergencies. A priest is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be reached by calling the Ministry Center (419-695-4050) at any time.

In addition to these individual celebrations of the sacrament, the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated



at least three times a year (one time at each of the parishes in Delphos, Landeck, and Spencerville) at a weekend Mass in which the larger church community is able to be present to offer prayer and petition for the sick. Anyone from any of the three parishes is welcome to attend the Mass for the Sick at any of the parishes. The upcoming dates for these special Masses for the Sick are as follows:

Catholics from any parish whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at this special Mass for the Sick.

So that we may plan accordingly, please let us know that you would like to be anointed at this Mass by calling the Ministry Center in Delphos at 419-695-4050 and registering.

Additional Masses for the Sick will be offered at the other parishes in September and February.

Sunday, July 13 at 8:30 am in Landeck, Saturday, September 27 at 4:30 pm in Delphos, and Sunday, February 8 at 10:30 am in Spencerville.