

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Mass 6:30 p.m.

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.



*April 27, 2025  
Divine Mercy Sunday*

## Today's Mass Intentions are for Bernard Wilker and Alice Davis

### **Mother's Day ~ Mass Remembrance Card**

At the main entrance of the Church, Mother's Day intention envelopes are available to forward the names of your mothers so that we, as a community, can remember them in a Triduum of Masses. We will create a booklet that will be displayed before the altar as a way of holding our mothers (living and deceased) in prayer during their special day of remembrance. Please return all envelopes by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Serra Club**

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thursday, May 8, at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Mitch Wilson from St. Paul's Outreach, speaking on the history, mission and fruits of the work of SPO. Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra Club are welcome to attend as guests. If interested in attending, please respond to Kathy at 419-303-0339 no later than Tuesday, May 6.

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### **Landeck Foresters Meeting**

There will be a Foresters meeting at the "Landeck Forester's Hall" at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!

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### **Café Team**

TODAY Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Landeck 5:30pm Mass Cafe team would love to welcome you to a meal after Mass. Down in the basement, there will be Chili soup, brats, and hot dogs. Along with sides and desserts. All are welcome!

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### **Mass Offerings**

If anyone would like a Mass offered, we have Sunday and Wednesday evenings open at either 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Please stop by the parish office or put a note in the collection basket. The requested donation is \$10.00. Masses are a beautiful gift for the living and deceased as well as for a birthday, anniversary, or special intention.

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### **Reminder... Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

6:30 p.m. Mass with our PSR classes

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Adoration

7:00 p.m. Rosary After Mass

7:50 p.m. Benediction

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Today, April 27<sup>th</sup> is Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska. In 2000, St. Pope John Paul II canonized Faustina and said, "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called Divine Mercy Sunday." The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. In the image, Jesus is shown as raising his right hand in blessing and pointing with his left hand on his chest, from which flows two rays: one red and one white. Red for the Precious Blood of Jesus and the other for the "Water" which flowed from His Heart on Good Friday. The whole image expresses the charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy." The words often accompanying this image are "Jesus, I trust in you!" The Chaplet of Divine Mercy has become a powerful prayer for obtaining mercy for oneself, others and the whole world.

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### **Masses for Our Holy Father, Pope Francis**

This coming week, our Catholic Communities of Landeck, Delphos and Spencerville will offer special Holy Masses for the repose of the soul of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. We encourage you to come and join in prayer with the 1.4 billion Catholics throughout the world who will be entering into a 9-day period of mourning. A Mass for the Dead will be offered for him at the following times and days: Monday-Landeck at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday – Delphos at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday – Spencerville at 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday – Delphos at 8:00 a.m.

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### **IRA Contributions**

For our parishioners who donate using their IRA. Please ask your financial institution to include your name on the check stub or in the memo of the check. Due to privacy laws, financial institutions will not provide us with the name of the donor. If you would, please call the Parish to let us know your IRA donation is coming so we can be on the lookout for it. God Bless!

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### **New Windowsill Covers**

Thank you to Irene Klausing for designing a beautiful and meaningful new set of covers for our church windowsills. Be sure to take a look at all of them and note the variety of titles by which Jesus is presented for our prayer!

### Last Weekend's Gifts

April 20, 2025

**Total Offering: \$ 3,304.00**

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,017.00

PSR Envelopes: \$5.00

Good Friday: \$ 342.00

Easter Envelopes: \$1,545.00

Loose: \$365.00

Parish Development Goal:

Total \$83,000

Received as of April 24<sup>th</sup> \$34,030

**Thank You!**

### DIOCESE OF TOLEDO IN COMPLIANCE FOLLOWING SAFE ENVIRONMENT AUDIT

The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (Charter) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance. Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth. The last 3-year audit was conducted in September 2024 and all audited Articles within the Charter were found to be compliant. The next on-site audit will be conducted in 2027.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

#### Please pray for...

Mel and LouAnn Klima, Tony Kahle, Tom Klausing, Rory Krouskop, Bob Lammers, Hailey Wannemacher and Tom Wiss.

### Ministry Schedule

Second Sunday of Easter April 27 <sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass		<u>First Holy Communion</u> Third Sunday of Easter May 4 <sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass	
<b>Commentator</b>	Bev Wisher	<b>Commentator</b>	Dorothy DeVilbiss
<b>Reader</b>	Ann Bonito	<b>Reader</b>	Charlotte Goecke
<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Kathy Goecke Colleen Richmond Jim Bowersock Choir: Bill Wisher	<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Dave Butorac Mike Lammers Mary Ellen Lenhart Choir: Ben Wilker
<b>Servers</b>	Luke Butorac Reagan Mack Noah Stewart	<b>Servers</b>	Sam Goecke Aliyah Minch Cory Wannemacher
<b>Money Counters</b>	Brian and Gina Clement Brad and Sharon Keeran	<b>Money Counters</b>	Scott and Pam Brown Pat Warnecke
<b>Mass Set-Up</b>	Allen Merricle	<b>Mass Set-Up</b>	Henry Wiss

**(Reflection by Father Jay ~Christ is Risen - He is truly Risen!)**

Today we celebrate the last day of the Octave, the eight days following Easter Sunday. Easter is such a big feast that there are eight days in which we celebrate Easter as a solemnity. However, the season of Easter lasts all the way till Pentecost, Easter is a 50-day-long celebration! Why? Because Easter is such an important part of our Faith. The cornerstone truth of our Catholic Faith is that the tomb was empty on Sunday morning.

What exactly is the cornerstone truth? It's more than just the fact that the tomb was empty. It has to do with the significance of the empty tomb. The significance of the empty tomb is that Jesus Christ the Son of God died and in doing so destroyed death and opened the gates of Heaven for our salvation. Heaven was closed off to us because of Adam and Eve's sin. We were unable to enter heaven but because of Christ's Cross, death, and resurrection, Heaven has now been opened to us.

During the Easter Vigil, we sing the *Exsultet* which has a line in it that says "Oh Happy fault of Adam that merited us such a glorious Redeemer" What this line is saying is that this sin of Adam which closed off heaven for us, which has caused every human being to be born with original sin is a GOOD THING! How can this be true? The sin which has passed sin to all mankind is good because through it we have received a redeemer like no other! Through a great sin, God has worked even greater good. We have earned the Son of God as our redeemer! God has taken our place and died for us and brought us to life!

What this means to us today is that God can always bring about life! Often in our sinfulness we feel like we are unworthy or that God could never except us because we are sinful. But the truth of the empty tomb is that God has literally taken the greatest sin and brought about the greatest good from it! He brought about life from death! The sin of Adam merited Jesus as our Redeemer! God can take our own sins and bring about good! So there is no sin that is too great for him! He can make all things new!

This truth of Easter is very much connected to today's feast of Divine Mercy. God's mercy is so great that there is no sin that cannot be overcome by the resurrection! So let us rejoice that we have such a glorious and merciful redeemer! We encourage you all to approach God with a new hope - the hope of the resurrection- that no matter what we have done we can find mercy forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ! This is the significance of the tomb! This is why the empty tomb is the cornerstone of our Faith.

Christ  
THE LORD  
— is Risen