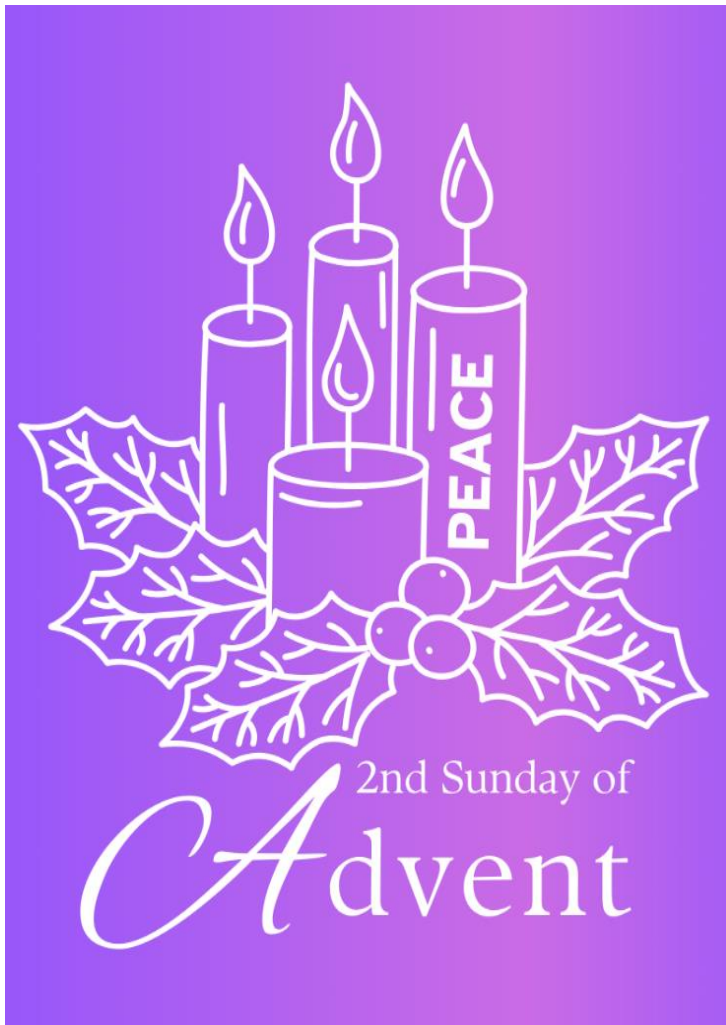


# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**DECEMBER 8, 2024**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

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

## **PASTOR**

Rev. Jeff Walker  
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## **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 Danelda Roberts

### Parishioners, Teens, and Young Adults of St. John the Baptist and St. Patrick.

My name is Wendy Gerstner and I am serving as the high school and young adult minister at St. John's in Delphos. I began working there in June. My husband, Ron and I have been together for 25 years and have 6 kids and 1 grandson. I have worked in ministry for 24 years now. I love watching what God does in the lives of teens and young adults and their families. Fr. Dennis was hoping that we could develop some opportunities within the 3 parishes that our teens and young adults could attend together going forward.

I have had the privilege of having coffee and getting to know Gina Clement, youth minister at St. Patrick's. I have spoken with Sister Immacolata on her wishes for the students at these parishes along with your newest pastor Fr. Jeff. I am excited to see where the Lord leads our teens and young adults!

### Here are some wonderful opportunities we have currently.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> large trip will be in January, to attend the annual March for Life in DC. Currently we have 26 high school teens signed up! This is a 3-day trip where the youth will be attending Mass, touring the National Basilica, the Monastery of the Holy Land, attending the Sisters for Life Event, and marching with tens of thousands from every faith, race, and age, in order to protect life from its tiniest start through its natural God given end. Payments to the bussing company are due in December.

Second on our list is Covecrest Life Teen Camp in Tiger Georgia! Father Dennis had this as a vision last year; however, we just couldn't squeeze it in with me just being hired. We will be taking a 12 passenger van. Students will enjoy 5 days of growth in their spiritual lives with Mass, Adoration, witness talks, and journaling. They will also have amazing activities including team building events, mud run, music, high ropes, games, and white water rafting!! AND our own Fr. Jeff will be there with us!!! This trip is in June; however, deposits are due ASAP. I only have 5 spots left.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> event is the Steubenville Youth Conference at Franciscan University in July. Students will experience dorm life with 2000 other teens from across the country for 2.5 days of amazing Catholic speakers and powerful witness talks. They will celebrate the sacraments each day and a live house band all weekend. I have 14 spots for this trip and deposits are due February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you!!

### Prayers and Congratulations

Today, we celebrate the Installation of Father Jeff Walker as our pastor. It is a day of gratitude and rejoicing for us! We thank God for the great blessing of Father Jeff's presence and priesthood and promise him our continued love, support and prayer. We thank Bishop Thomas for appointing Father Jeff as our pastor and "spiritual father." We also express deep gratitude to our Bishop for all that he does for us and for the entire Diocese of Toledo.

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### Landeck Santa Breakfast **TODAY**

#### Pictures with Santa

Andrea Renner will be taking pictures for "Children/Family" with Santa during the Landeck breakfast today from 9:30 -12:00.

\$5 per group/or single with Santa. Individually it would be \$10. All proceeds will go toward the Capital Campaign.

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### Christmas Shoebox Project

Thank you to everyone that prayed, shopped, wrapped and will help fill the boxes for the poor among us.

All items and donations must be turned in by **TODAY**, so that we can complete the project in a timely manner. Thank you for your wonderful generosity every year!

### Dates to Put On Your Calendar!

- **TODAY, December 8**, Bishop Daniel Thomas will be here at the 10:30 am Mass to install Father Jeff Walker as the new pastor of Saint Patrick Church.
- **Monday, December 9**, is the transferred Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass attendance is required.
- The Delphos Ministerial Group will host their annual Advent/Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm that evening at Delphos St. John's Church on December 9<sup>th</sup>. All are invited.

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### Faith, Family and Football

**Men...mark your calendars!** Former Super Bowl, Pro-Bowl, and University of Michigan quarterback Elvis Grbac will be at St. John the Evangelist in Delphos on the evening of January 12 to talk about the role of fathers and men's faith on their families and the community. He will discuss the evolution of his faith through a football career that reached the peak of winning a Super Bowl and the importance of that faith in raising his own family through the highs and lows of serious illness and athletic journeys of their own. More details to come!!!

## Improvements Continue

Our basement renovation continues with the dedication and generosity of our St. Patrick parishioners! Thank you all so very much! We will have TVs with internet installed in all of the classrooms by June, thanks to Dave Butorac. The work on updating the electricity and putting in new ceiling tiles is also progressing, thanks to our Maintenance Team, particularly Lynn and Mary Fell and Colt and Naomi Adams who are taking the lead on this project. If anyone wants to help, please know that you are welcome. With regard to the epoxy for the “new floor,” we will wait until the summer for that—when school is out. That will also give us more time to raise the \$27,000 cost. So, by the end of summer, our lower level will be bright, clean and “first class!” We are rightfully very proud of our parish. God bless us, every one!

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**Sunday, December 15, 2024 from 8am to 1:00pm**

Delphos Knights of Columbus Hall  
1011 Elida Road • Delphos, OH

K of C Annual *Breakfast with Santa* will be held on **Sunday, December 15, 2024 from 8am to 1:00pm** at the Delphos Knights of Columbus Hall. Breakfast buffet, all you can eat, with juice, milk & coffee and **gifts for the children!**



**Donations in kind will be accepted.**

Please call us at (419) 692-7731 if you have any questions or can help out. **This K of C sponsored event is open to the public.**

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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 December 12 at Lima Central Catholic. Mass will begin at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Fr. Simon Herrmann, OSB. Fr. Simon is a native of Findlay, Ohio and professed vows as a Benedictine monk in 2016. He is currently the Director of Youth and Young Adult Engagement at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana. He will be speaking on his own vocation path and young adult ministry. 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, Dec. 10.



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## Last Weekend's Gifts

**December 1, 2024**

**Total: \$1,621.00**

Sunday Envelopes: \$937.00

Loose: \$193.00

Children's Loose: \$49.00

PSR: \$3.00

Maintenance: \$432.00

All Saints: \$1.00

Camp. for Human Devel: \$1.00

Catholic Communications: \$5.00

**Thank You!**

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## A Note from Mary Lou Weber .....

In appreciation for Sister Immacolata's countless hours of work here in Spencerville, St. Patrick and Landeck St. John the Baptist Parish, we would like to send her on a well-deserved vacation to Italy to see some of her family. She always said, after we get the two churches complete, she would love to go to Italy. As we all heard from Bishop Walsh at Mass, we are collecting money to make this happen. If you would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please see Ann Bonito or Bill Wisher. If you want to write a check, please make it out to Sister Immacolata with Italy in the memo line. If you have any questions, please call the office. 419-692-0636. Thank you!

## Ministry Schedule

| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent<br>December 8 <sup>th</sup> ~ Mass Liturgy- 10:30 am |  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent<br>December 15 <sup>th</sup> ~ Mass Liturgy- 10:30 am |  |
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| <b>Commentator</b>  | Bev Wisher   | <b>Commentator</b>   | Elisha Wiss  |
| <b>Reader</b>   | Ann Bonito   | <b>Reader</b>  | Scott Brown  |
| <b>Communion Distributors</b>   | Father Jeff Walker<br>Deacon Gene<br>Ben Wilker<br>Choir: Janessa Minch  | <b>Communion Distributors</b>  | Ann Bonito<br>Marie Wynn<br>Alan Wynn<br>Choir: Ericka Aller |
| <b>Servers</b>  | Luke Butorac      Sam Goecke<br>Aliyah Minch      Lillie Seibert<br>Noah Stewart      Blake Sensabaugh<br>Cory Wannemacher | <b>Servers</b>   | Copper Bowersock<br>Owen Klausing<br>Reagan Mack             |
| <b>Money Counters</b>   | Bill and Bev Wisher<br>Alan and Marie Wynn   | <b>Money Counters</b>  | Bill and Bev Wisher<br>Alan and Marie Wynn                   |
| <b>Mass Set-Up</b>  | Ben Wilker   | <b>Mass Set-Up</b>   | Scott Brown  |

# THANK YOU!

Parish Development Goal: Total \$83,000  
Received as of December 6<sup>th</sup>: \$29,566

### Christmas Poinsettias

Once again, we will be decorating the church for Christmas with beautiful poinsettias. The offering is a donation of whatever you feel is appropriate and can afford. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection with your gift or drop it off at the Parish Office by **Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**Purchaser's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** (someone that has passed away)

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**In honor of:** (ex. For a Birthday, Anniversary., Thinking of You, etc....)

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