

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## **Emergency Needed**

Contact Sister Immacolata

## **Mass Times**

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Monday 7:00 p.m.

## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

## **Reconciliation**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.  
Monday 6:00 p.m. - 6:40 p.m.

## **Anointing of the Sick**

419-695-4050

## **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.

*January 5, 2025*  
*Epiphany of the Lord*

**Please pray for...**Anita Bertsch, Sam Bonifas, Mike Dickreide, Janice Etzkorn, Leonard Etzkorn, Tony Kahle, Dave Kroeger, Marilyn Heitz, Linda Hoffman, Tom and Darlene Klausing, Fr. Bob Kill, Joan Mason, Joan Minning, Gerry Mueller, Jodi Parsons, Patti Poling, Kenzie Ray, Ann Rees, Kristy Ringwald, Dorothy Trentman and Hailey Wannemacher.

**Epiphany of the Lord...**is the Christian feast observed on January 5, 2025. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means, "**to shine upon,**" "**to manifest,**" or "**to make known.**" Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism follows it.

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

#### **Christ's Baptism Foreshadows Our Own**

At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do. In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary--not for Him, but for us.

### **Women of Welcome**

Save the Date - The Women of Welcome will be having their Annual Retreat on April 5-6, 2025. This is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help women grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and others in their faith community. More details to follow. You do not want to miss this opportunity. Mark your calendar for April 5-6, 2025.

### **CLCs**

The CLCs would like to collect used/new Christmas Cards. (Please remove anything written in them) The CLCs members have sent over 1,000 cards to our Veterans in Ohio hospitals. We have a small basket at the entrance of our Church for cards.

### **Prayer Request**

This Wednesday, January 8, Sister Immacolata will be having some important blood tests and scans at Cleveland Clinic. She deeply appreciates your continued prayers for her, and for all those, both 'on and off' our prayer list, who are undergoing medical treatment.

### **Cards of Thanks**

The family of Dolly Honigford would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you. From the Mass, to memorials and flowers, the hugs, deep concern and the wonderful luncheon. We deeply appreciate it.

May God Bless each and every one of you.

Ken, Barb, Carol, Sue and families

### **Poinsettias Pick-Up**

The Church looked very beautiful for our Christmas celebrations! Thank you to everyone who contributed their artistic talents, time and financial contributions to make it possible. We are very grateful for the memorial offerings for the poinsettias. Since the Christmas season ends on January 12<sup>th</sup> the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we will remove the Christmas decorations the following *Thursday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.* Please come to help if you can!

Anyone who would like a poinsettia plant for your home, please feel free to take it after Mass on Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, or from the choir steps throughout the week. Thank you!

### **Serra Club**

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thursday January 9 at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Brother Dan Hall, CSsR, who serves at Lima St. Gerard Parish. Brother Dan will be speaking on: "Living the Vocational Call as a Brother with the Redemptorist Order." Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra Club are welcome to attend as guests.

### **FAITH, FAMILY, FOOTBALL...Men...mark your**

**calendars!** In an effort to promote men's faith formation, former Super Bowl, Pro-Bowl, and University of Michigan quarterback Elvis Grbac will be at St. John the Evangelist Church in Delphos on January 12 at 6:00 p.m. 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. Adoration and confession will be available following Mr. Grbac's remarks. There is no fee for this event. All are welcome.

### Last Weekend's Gifts

December 22, 2024

**Total Offering: \$ 10,309.40**

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,678.00

Christmas: \$350.00 Children's Loose: \$10.00

Retirement for Religious: \$270.00

Loose: \$ 158.00 Maintenance: \$7,843.40

**Capital Campaign for this week:  
\$15,336.45**

December 29, 2024

**Total Offering: \$ 4,386.00**

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,812.00

Children's Loose: \$2.00

Christmas Envelopes: \$2,010.00

Loose: \$252.00 Maintenance: \$250.00

Immaculate Conception: \$5.00

Initial Offering: \$5.00

**Capital Campaign for this week:  
\$437.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Mass Intentions

**(Sunday ~ January 5<sup>th</sup>)**

8:30 a.m. – Living and deceased parishioners  
Bill and Norie Hemker

5:30 p.m. – Carol Hohman

**(Monday ~ January 6<sup>th</sup>)**

7:00 p.m. – All those buried in our cemetery

**(Sunday ~ January 12<sup>th</sup>)**

8:30 a.m. – Ed LaFontaine  
Janet Hiatt  
George Wienken  
Arlene Bockey

5:30 p.m. – Cindy Wright

**(Monday ~ January 13<sup>th</sup>)**

7:00 p.m. – Agnes Wienken  
Rosie Hart

### *Ministry Schedule*

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 5 <sup>th</sup> ~ 8:30 a.m. Mass		The Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 12 <sup>th</sup> ~ 8:30 a.m. Mass	
<b>Sunday Rosary</b>	Mary Lou Paxton	<b>Sunday Rosary</b>	Crystal Flanagan
<b>Gift Offering</b>	Hemker Family	<b>Gift Offering</b>	Hiatt Family
<b>Lectors</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading – Carl Weber 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading – Diane Bonifas	<b>Lectors</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading – Ben Rahrig 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading – Rileigh Rahrig
<b>Commentator</b>	Catherine Heitz	<b>Commentator</b>	Joe Rode
<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Pat Flanagan, Casey Flanagan, Barry Stirn Choir: Melanie Mueller	<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Shelly Kroeger, Chloe Kroeger, Tess Rahrig Choir: Linda Schulte
<b>Servers</b>	Lanie Flanagan Quinn Flanagan Ezra Erickson	<b>Servers</b>	Hannah Etzkorn Alissa Gallmeier Mia Munoz
<b>Cantor</b>	Children's Choir	<b>Cantor</b>	Adult Choir
<b>Usher</b>	Carl Renner	<b>Usher</b>	Carl Renner
<b>Projector</b>	Josh Mueller	<b>Projector</b>	Megan Hoersten
<b>Mass Set-Up</b>	Matt Etzkorn	<b>Mass Set-Up</b>	Ken Miller
<b>Money Counters</b>	Rabbit and Jann Bonifas Carl and Kathy Renner	<b>Money Counters</b>	Rabbit and Jann Bonifas Carl and Kathy Renner

## *Worship Schedule*

<b>Sunday ~ The Epiphany of the Lord, January 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday ~ The Baptism of the Lord, January 12<sup>th</sup></b>
8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. – Confessions	8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. – Confessions
8:30 a.m. – Mass	8:30 a.m. – Mass
5:30 p.m. - Mass	5:30 p.m. - Mass
<b>Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup></b>
4:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. – Adoration	4:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. – Adoration
6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m. –Confessions	6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m. –Confessions
6:45 p.m. -Benediction	6:45 p.m. -Benediction
7:00 p.m. Mass	7:00 p.m. Mass

### *More Important Information*

#### **Ottoville Altar Rosary Society**

Free: BINGO (senior citizens) sponsored by Ottoville Altar Rosary Society Wed. Jan 29th from 1-2 pm in the Ottoville Parish Center K of C room. Parking and entrance off of US 224 west of the Parish center building. Snacks provided. RSVP by Mon Jan 27th to #419-453-3513.

(If Level 1 snow emergency- Cancelled)

#### **Landeck License Plates**

We have a great opportunity to purchase aluminum front license plates for our vehicles. They sell for \$10 each. There's an option for either a red or a blue trim. Checks are payable to Landeck Community Committee. The proceeds of this sale will be used to pay for the annual bill from AEP for the Christmas lights on Landeck Rd and around the corner to Kill. If interested, contact Catherine Heitz, Sue Beining or leave a message in the Parish Office.

#### **GRIEFSHARE**

Are you searching for hope and healing after the death of a loved one? The GriefShare program, sponsored by **Landeck St. John the Baptist, Delphos St. John the Evangelist, and Spencerville St. Patrick**, will offer a 12-week session beginning on Thursday evening, January 9, 2025 thru March 27, 2025 from 6:30- 8:00 p.m. at the Delphos St. John Annex. No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful, confusing process. A GriefShare group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief.

At this support group program, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. No matter how long it's been, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited to attend. You may attend all of the sessions, or come when you can; however, the more sessions you attend the better your experience will be. This program will be facilitated by volunteers from our parish. To register or get more information on how GriefShare may be of benefit to you or someone close to you, contact the St. John's Ministry Center in Delphos (419-695-4050), The Landeck Church office (419-692-0636) or a CORE leader of our GriefShare team. Kathy Ulm 419-516-3994 Christy Schwinnen 419-234-3727 Tamie Reindel 419-236-4052