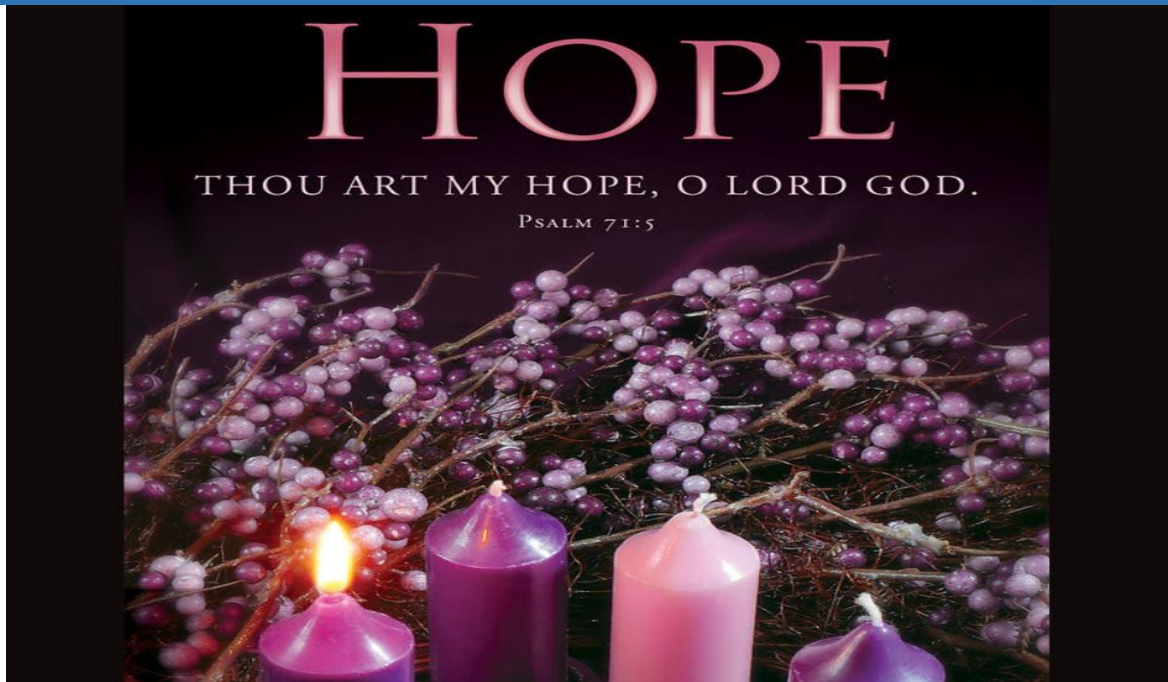


# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

## **Pastor**

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## **Parish Manager**

Sr. Immacolata, SCC  
570-815-1179

## **Parish Secretary**

Mary Lou Weber  
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## **Parish House**

419-692-0636

## **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.

## **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.

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**Please pray for...**Anita Bertsch, Sam Bonifas, 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, and Dorothy Trentman.

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful weekend to welcome Bishop Walsh back to our parishes in Delphos, Landeck, and Spencerville! Special thanks to all of the volunteers who made our liturgies beautiful last weekend and to all those who worked to make the reception at the Knights of Columbus hall a success. At his ordination Mass, Bishop Walsh mentioned that the most influential practice for his faith was instilled by his parents—to attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation without fail. We're going to have a special opportunity for grace coming up in just a few weeks...

December 7-9 is going to prove to be a busy few days! Bishop Thomas will be here that weekend to install me as pastor of all three parishes. I warmly invite you to join the Bishop and I for Holy Mass on Saturday, December 7 at 4:30pm in Delphos, Sunday, December 8 at 8:30am in Landeck, and Sunday, December 8 at 10:30am in Spencerville.

Monday, December 9 is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is normally celebrated on December 8, but because that falls on a Sunday of Advent this year, the Solemnity—and the obligation to attend Holy Mass—is transferred to Monday, December 9 this year. Since there are *two* days of obligation (Sunday of Advent and Monday Holy Day), that means you'll need to plan to attend *two* Masses during that three-day weekend.

Please note that the 4pm Mass on Sunday, December 8 will be in Spanish. This will be our annual celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to which the entire parish is invited! Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, ruega por nosotros!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Jeff

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### **Pictures with Santa**

Andrea Renner will be taking pictures for "Children/Family" with Santa during our breakfast on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

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### **Advent Booklets**

Our parish has purchased Advent booklets with daily reflections, practices, and prayers. I hope that you will use them to help grow closer to the miracle of the birth of Jesus! They are in the entrance on the marble table.

### **An Invitation To Share Our Faith**

We are looking for volunteer couples to teach our Baptism Classes. This is a graced opportunity to share our Catholic faith, while preparing new parents for their child's reception of this beautiful Sacrament. The time commitment would be about three times a year. Thank you to T.J. and Melany Knippen, who have been serving on this ministry. If you feel called to serve, please contact Sister Immacolata, who is available to share all the details with you!

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### **Blessed Advent - Happy New Year**

Yes, today we open a new Liturgical Year. The first Sunday of Advent ushers in another Year of Grace for all of us! The Readings are of Cycle C and appear each Sunday in your Hymnal. Take time to read and pray them! We note that the liturgical color is purple, with a 'pink' Sunday on the third one, called "Gaudate" (Rejoice), when the priest's vestment is a rose color. Advent is a season of preparation. We are directed to turn our thoughts to the coming of the Lord—as a Babe at Christmas and as Christ, King of the Universe, at the end of time. And also to open our eyes to His Presence—each and every day of our lives. You will notice an Advent Wreath in Church. Each week another of the four candles is lighted, signifying the passing of time. This wreath symbolizes the prayer, penance and good works which should fill our lives as we open a new Year and resolve to become better and more faithful followers of Christ. May our patience, prayer and extra opportunities for giving throughout these weeks of Advent open us to the fullness of joy in our hearts at Christmas.

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### **Dates To Put On Your Calendar!**

- Sunday, **December 8**, Bishop Daniel Thomas will be here at the 8:30 am Mass to install Father Jeff Walker as the new pastor of Landeck St. John the Baptist Parish. Immediately after Mass, Santa Clause will be here for Breakfast in the basement of Church from 9:30 am -1:00 pm.
- Monday, **December 9**, is the transferred Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass attendance is required. Mass will be at 7:00 p.m.
- 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.

**Last Weekend's Gifts  
November 24, 2024**

**Total: \$2,303.00**

Sunday Envelopes: \$2,075.00

Loose Offering: \$221.00

Children's Loose: \$7.00

**Capital Campaign for this week:  
\$999.50**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Mass Intentions**

**(First Sunday of Advent December 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**8:30 a.m.** – Isadore and Rose Siefker  
Eleanor Lengerich  
Dolly Honigford

**5:30 p.m.** –Blessing on all pregnant women

**(Monday ~ December 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**7:00 p.m.** – Marvin Brenneman

**(Second Sunday of Advent December 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**8:30 a.m.** – Janet Hiett  
Lauretta Kroeger Schaffer

**5:30 p.m.** – Hayden and Rita Kester  
Jim Kester

**(Monday ~ Immaculate Conception ~December 9<sup>th</sup>)**

**7:00 p.m.** – Cynthia Etzkorn

*Ministry Schedule*

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent December 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday Rosary</b>	Ginny DiSalle	<b>Sunday Rosary</b>	Keith and Julia Kleman
<b>Gift Offering</b>	Siefker Family	<b>Gift Offering</b>	Hiett Family
<b>Lectors</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading – Sarah Jamison 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading – Jennifer Carpenter	<b>Lectors</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading – Dave Meyer 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading – Sue Honigford
<b>Commentator</b>	Catherine Heitz	<b>Commentator</b>	Melany Knippen
<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Ron Bonifas, Mike Berelsman, Frank Minnig Choir: Karen Bonifas	<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Father Jeff Walker, Deacon Gene Steve Bockey Choir: Ken Miller
<b>Servers</b>	Owen Renner Luke Rode Lani Warnement	<b>Servers</b>	Olivia Bloom      Sophia Bloom Jacob Geier      Megan Kerner Aiden Kroeger      Isabella Miller Josh Mueller
<b>Cantor</b>	Jo Miller	<b>Cantor</b>	Adult Choir
<b>Usher</b>	Ed Paxton	<b>Usher</b>	Ed Paxton
<b>Projector</b>	Ellie and Leo Mueller	<b>Projector</b>	Curtis Mueller
<b>Mass Set-Up</b>	Martha Miller	<b>Mass Set-Up</b>	Ed Paxton
<b>Money Counters</b>	Dick and Marilyn Heitz Steve and Lois Hemker	<b>Money Counters</b>	Dick and Marilyn Heitz Steve and Lois Hemker

~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.

## Worship Schedule

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 8 <sup>th</sup>
8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. – Confessions	8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. – Confessions
8:30 a.m. – Mass	<b>8:30 a.m. – Bishop Thomas Mass</b>
5:30 p.m. - Mass	5:30 p.m. - Mass
<b>Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Immaculate Conception</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*

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

In appreciation for Sister Immacolata’s countless hours of work here in Landeck St. John the Baptist Parish and Spencerville, St. Patrick, 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 Mary or put money in an envelope marked Italy and drop in the collection basket. 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!

**Immaculate Conception Parish in Ottoville** is now accepting resumes for a Parish Secretary! We are seeking to fill this position as soon as possible. We are looking for a candidate with office and software experience and has a service-oriented disposition. Experience with Microsoft Publisher is also very helpful for the weekly parish bulletin work. This position is ideal for a candidate looking for a 25-30 hour per week job. This position is benefits eligible and is great for candidates who are looking for free afternoons and evenings and weekends off. Please stop by Immaculate Conception Parish Office to drop off a resume and pick up the job description and application.

Thanks, Jill Hablitzel

P.O. Box 29 189-A N. Church Ottoville, OH 45876

#### **Christmas Poinsettias**

Once again, we will be decorating the church for Christmas with beautiful poinsettias. The cost is a donation offering of whatever you feel is appropriate and can afford. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection with your payment 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. Birthday, Ann., Thinking of You, etc....)

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