

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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April 26, 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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## 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

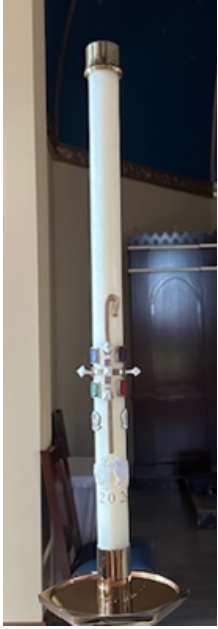
Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to schedule your wedding preparation and celebration.

**Please pray for...**Anita Bertsch, Eileen Bonifas, Sam Bonifas, Jon Brenneman, Myra Carpenter, Janice Etkorn, Marilyn Heitz, Mike Hiatt, Linda Hoffman, Tom Klausung, Joan Mason, Brody Miller, Gerry Mueller, Jodi Parsons,

## **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

This year, our Paschal Candle has a Good Shepherd theme. Take a moment and look at it more closely! We see the Light of Christ burning above a shepherd's staff and several sheep. This is significant. Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He tells us Himself: "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and mine know me."

Throughout this year, whenever someone is Baptized or brought into church for his/her Funeral Mass, the Paschal candle is lighted and brings new hope to the onlookers. It is good during the Easter Season to reflect on the other symbols adorning the Candle: the 5 Wounds of Christ, (by His holy and glorious wounds may Christ guard and protect us) the Alpha and Omega (Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the end), the year 2026 (consecrating all time to God). In Psalm 23, a favorite of so many people, we know that, because it is the Lord who shepherds us, we are refreshed, guided, fed, anointed and given courage! What a gift! As we move through this Easter season, and the year ahead, let us rejoice – for we are the sheep of **His** flock!



## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Today we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to send laborers into his harvest. As you know, we pray at every one of our Masses for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please continue to pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call.

**Upcoming Dates from the Diocesan Vocations Office:** April 26: World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Good Shepherd Sunday) May 16: Evan Sekerak's Diaconate Ordination (Holy Rosary Cathedral) June 27: Deacon Andrew Messer's Priesthood Ordination (St. Joan of Arc) July 31-August 2: Quo Vadis High School Discernment Retreat August 2-3: Quo Vadis Junior High Discernment Retreat

## **Seminarian Evan Sekerak Ordained To Diaconate**

On Saturday, May 16, at 10:00 am at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Bishop Daniel E Thomas will ordain Evan Sekerak to the Transitional Diaconate. All the faithful are invited to this significant event on Evan's journey to priesthood. As you recall, he spent some time with us during his formation for active ministry. We congratulate Evan and promise our prayers during this last year before priesthood ordination.

## **Congratulations to our Newly Baptized**

We congratulate Delaney Jo Burgei, who will be baptized today after Mass. We also ask God's blessings on her parents, Andrew & Caitlin Burgei and her godparents, Alexander Burgei and Kirsten Wurst. May our prayers support Delaney as she grows in our Catholic faith.

## **Clean Up Day**

We are asking for volunteers to help with clean-up day and mulching. This is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, starting at 9:00 am until finished. Please bring rakes, gloves, shovels, etc. This is a great way to get outside and help beautify our grounds.

## **Thank You!**

The Landeck Foresters would like to thank TJ and Melanie Knippen for donating the hogs for our recent pulled pork meal. We would also like to thank TriCounty Accounting and Tax Service for the printing of the tickets. Thank you to all those who supported our fund raiser. We hope you enjoyed your food. We served over 520 meals. [There will be a Forester Meeting on Wednesday, April 29, at 7 pm.](#)

**Last Weekend's Gifts  
April 19, 2026**

**Total: \$2,905.00**

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,015.00  
 Maintenance: \$ 305.00  
 Loose Offering: \$ 509.00  
 Easter: \$ 50.00  
 Catholic Relief: \$ 1.00  
 Catholic Home Missions: \$ 5.00  
 Landscaping: \$ 20.00

**Capital Campaign  
\$ 385.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday ~ April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m.** – Bob Martin  
 Joe Youngpeter

**5:30 p.m.** - Herman Wienken

**Monday ~ April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 p.m.-** Clara Wienken  
 Mike Gasser

**Sunday ~ May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:30 a.m.** Tom & Janet Hiett  
 Virgil & Mary Renner  
 Don Renner

**5:30 p.m.** Celebrant's Intention

**Monday ~ May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 p.m.** – Dorothy Wienken  
 Dave & Peg Hiller's  
 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Ministry Schedule**

Sunday, April 26, 2026		Sunday, May 3, 2026	
<b>Sunday Rosary</b>	Mary Lou Paxton	<b>Rosary</b>	Crystal Flanagan
<b>Lectors</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading – Sue Radabaugh 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading – Ed Etzkorn	<b>Lectors</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading – Ed Etzkorn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading – Matt Etzkorn
<b>Gift Offering</b>	Bob Martin Family	<b>Gift Offering</b>	Sue & Leo Beining
<b>Commentator</b>	Jane Stirn	<b>Commentator</b>	Dave Meyer
<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Barry Stirn Lois Hemker Janet Bonifas Jann Bonifas (choir)	<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Pat Flanagan Casey Flanagan Matt Etzkorn Melanie Mueller (choir)
<b>Servers</b>	Owen Renner Mia Munoz Bella Hemker	<b>Servers</b>	Quinn Flanagan Addie Flanagan Lanie Flanagan
<b>Usher</b>	Barry Stirn	<b>Usher</b>	Dick Heitz
<b>Cantor</b>	Adult Choir	<b>Cantor</b>	Adult Choir
<b>Mass Set-Up</b>	Linda Martin	<b>Mass Set-Up</b>	Matt Etzkorn

<b>Projector</b>	Josh Mueller	<b>Projector</b>	Casey Flanagan
<b>Money Counters</b>	Barry & Jane Stirn Scott & Cheryl Warnement	<b>Money Counters</b>	Duane & Linda Schulte Randy & Nancy Bonifas

### Worship Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>
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, April 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup></b>
4:00 p.m. - 6:40 p.m. – Adoration	4:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. – Adoration
6:00 pm Confessions, 6:45 p.m. -Benediction	6:00 pm Confessions, 6:45 p.m. -Benediction
7:00 p.m. Mass	7:00 p.m. Mass

#### **Family Farms**

When Sister Immacolata came to Landeck, she had limited knowledge of farming. She soon learned a lot from our parishioners and developed a love of the land and the farming way of life. She was very impressed by the farms that had been owned by the same family for 100 years or more. Sister had said “when times get slow”, she wanted to complete a list of all the farms in the Landeck area that have reached this goal. So in honor of Sister Immacolata, we are asking families to fill out a paper located on the marble table in the vestibule if your family has owned the same farmland for 100 years or more. You do NOT have to be associated with the Century Farm Award through the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture. You do NOT have to be physically farming the land – we are looking for ownership. There may or may not be a homestead on the property. Any questions, contact Martha Miller @ 419-204-5429.

#### **Mother’s Day Mass Intentions**

Mother’s Day cards are now available in the back of church, each accompanied by a return envelope for you to share the names of your mothers. This will allow us, as a community, to honor and remember them in a triduum of Masses, scheduled for May 10, at 8:30 am, May 17, at 5:30 pm and May 24 at 8:30 am. As envelopes are returned, we will compile the names into a booklet which will be placed on the Blessed Mother’s Altar throughout the month of May. Envelopes must be returned to the Parish office by May 1.

#### **Sounds of Liberty:**

**An Evening of Revolutionary-Era Music Celebrating America’s 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Hosted by the Isaac Van Wart Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

at the First Presbyterian Church, 110 W. Crawford St. Van Wert. Special dramatic appearance



#### **A note from Sister Esther...**

If you are currently an Altar Server of Landeck St. John the the Baptist Parish, kindly fill in the form on the counter in the Server Sacristy. I need a current list of our servers. Thank you!

by Isaac Van Wart. Cookie reception to follow. Visit the Isaac Van Wart DAR – Van Wert, OH Facebook page for additional information.

**Café Team**

Landeck cafe team would like to invite all parishioners to a meal on Sunday April 26th, after the 5:30pm Mass, in the Landeck Church Basement. Come and enjoy chili, beef veg soup and sausage tortellini soup, sides and homemade desserts. We would love to see you there!

**St. Anthony's Garage Sale** ~ St. Anthony's (Columbus Grove) will be having their garage sale on **April 30th – May 2nd** (town wide garage sale weekend). Thursday and Friday will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday will be 9:00 a.m. until Noon. We will no longer be having a garage sale during the festival. The Parish and School need the shed for storage.