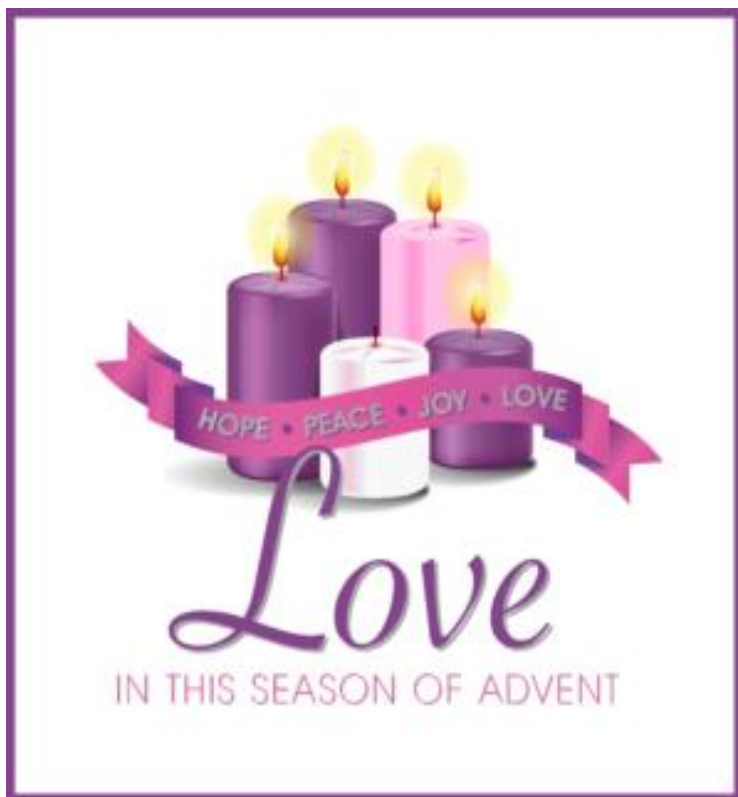


St. John the Baptist Church

14755 Landeck Rd. Delphos, OH 45833

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020



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Rev. Tony Vera

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Monday: 7:00 p.m.



Reconciliation

Sunday:
8:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick

Call: (419) 695-4050
(419) 302-4497

Baptism

Please call four months prior to your child's Baptismal date.

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule pre-baptismal instructions.

Matrimony

Please contact Sister Immacolata at least six months in advance to schedule your wedding preparation and celebration.

Communion Calls

Parishioners unable to attend Church and wish to have Communion brought to them, please call Sister Immacolata

Christmas Masses

This year, Christmas Eve Masses will be ticketed at all 3 parishes. Tickets will be distributed to parishioners after weekend Masses during Advent. Once the allotted number of tickets available for a particular Mass have been claimed, parishioners will have the option of choosing tickets for another Mass time. Using tickets ensures parishioners (in advance) that the Mass they attend will be able to safely accommodate them/their family while following CDC and diocesan guidelines. The Christmas Schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve and Day Masses

Landeck, St. John the Baptist Church

Thursday, December 24, 2020 at
3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
(No tickets needed)

Spencerville St. Patrick's Church

Thursday, December 24, 2020
4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
(No tickets needed)

Delphos, St. John's the Evangelist Church

Thursday, December 24, 2020 at
3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.,
and midnight.

Friday, December 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
(Tickets needed)

***YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ENTER CHURCH
FOR ANY CHRISTMAS EVE MASS.***

2020 Contribution Forms

Contributions forms will be mailed the end of January. If you wish to make a contribution for the year 2020, please do so by the end of the year. Any contribution will be a great help as we look at many repairs that are needed through our capital campaign.

Matching Gifts

Here at Landeck, we are continuing a matching gifts program that is assisted by you, our parishioners, in collaboration with your employer. To help jumpstart our potential for matching gifts, you as an employee must ask for a form from your employer and we, Saint John the Baptist Church will fill out the form for you to return to your employer. Whatever money is donated by you, a certain percentage, as established by your employer, will be matched and donated to our parish. Please pray and consider this opportunity to give back to the parish! All proceeds will go to our capital campaign fund.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Katrina Etkorn and Brett Schwinnen on their beautiful wedding yesterday. May God grant them many years to love God and each other. Please keep these newlyweds in your daily prayers as they begin their life together.

Holiday Fresh Sausage

A reminder for all those who already ordered sausage that you can pick up your sausage on Monday December 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 at the Forester's Hall. The cost is \$10.00 per package.

Masses

If anyone is in need of a Mass, we have many Monday evening and Sunday at either 8:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. Masses available. Please stop by the parish office or put a note in the collection basket. A donation for Mass is \$10.00. Masses are a beautiful gift for the living and deceased as well as a birthday, anniversary, or a special intention.

Remembrance

The family of Dick Etkorn wanted the Landeck parishioners to know that he passed away on December 13th in Wapak. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Dick Etkorn was formerly from Landeck.

A Message from Sister Immacolata

Thank you for your prayers for me and please keep them coming. The thyroid surgery scheduled for December 17 had to be cancelled! During my pre-op testing, a tumor was discovered on the right side of my throat. It had to be biopsied and will be studied more closely to determine the next steps. Meantime, we will wait, pray and hope in the Lord!

Last Weekend's Gifts December 13th

Total: \$3,681.00

Sunday Envelopes: \$1,800.00
Maintenance: \$332.00 Loose \$20.00
Immaculate Conception: \$72.00
Christmas: \$1,250.00
Retirement of Religious: \$207.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**Capital Campaign for this week:
\$3,000.00**

Religious Education Coordinators

Preschool: Shelly Kroeger

Kindergarten: Dave Kroeger

First grade: Liv Carpenter and
Noel Warnement

Third and Fourth grade: Tess Rahrig, Rileigh
Rahrig, and Avery Rahrig

Fifth grade: Ruthie Hammons

Junior High: Matt Etkorn

Confirmation: Martha Miller

Children's/Youth Group Choir: Brenda
Gallmeier, Louise Haunhorst, Jamie Rahrig,
and Mary Jane Youngpeter

Mass Intentions

(Sunday) December 20th

8:30 a.m. – Logan Hamilton

5:30 p.m. – Stan Mozingo

(Monday) December 21st

7:00 p.m. - Arthur and Thelma Hoersten
Sister Marietta Kill
Eileen Lause

(Thursday) December 24th Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m. – Al Bonifas
Marie Etkorn
Cynthia “CJ” Etkorn

4:30 p.m. – Frank Youngpeter
Al Bonifas

6:00 p.m. – Rocko Carion

(Friday) December 25th Christmas Morning

9:00 a.m. – For all living/deceased parishioners

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, December 20, 2020	
Sunday Rosary	Ken and Kathy Miller
Lectors	1 st Reading – Penny Kill 2 nd Reading – Jennifer Carpenter
Commentators	Joe Rode
Communion Distributors	Ruthie Hammons. Karen Stant, Barry Stirn Choir- Shelly Kroeger
Servers	Chloe Kroeger Aiden Kroeger
Cantor	Jamie Rahrig
Usher	Dick Heitz
Mass Set-Up	Matt Etkorn
Money Counters	Dick and Marilyn Heitz Steve and Lois Hemker

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~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

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20 th	Thursday , Christmas Eve December 24 th Mass
8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. – Confessions	3:00 p.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. – Mass	4:30 p.m. Mass
5:30 p.m.- Mass	6:00 p.m. Mass
Monday, December 21st	Friday, Christmas Day Morning Mass
4:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. – Adoration	9:00 a.m. Mass
6:45 p.m. – Benediction	7:00 p.m. Mass

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Advent has been a time for all of us to prepare for the coming of our Lord. On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Gospel from Luke tells us of the monumental way in which God allowed for this preparation to take place and confirms that the Messiah is truly going to come into the world. **The Annunciation** was that event, and the role of Mary was essential. Mary said, **“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”** These words may be the most important she ever said! The reason why is because her *fiat*, her **“YES”** to God, officially opened the door for fulfilling the prophecy of the Messiah’s coming and allowing God’s plan of salvation to be accomplished. **MARY’S “YES” CHANGED THE WORLD FOREVER!** Without it, who knows where we and our world would be today? Thankfully, we do not have to worry because our Lord fulfilled His first coming, we are part of His kingdom here on earth through our baptism, and we will hopefully one day join Him forever in the heavenly kingdom.

Mary’s *fiat* allowed-the Son of God to take on human flesh and dwell among us. What occurred at the Annunciation was only possible through God’s grace and Mary freely permitting God to work within her by the power of the Holy Spirit. While we may not have been born without original sin like Mary, her *fiat* is something that we can reflect on, and strive to follow in our own daily lives. Do I truly say “Yes” to God and His will for my life? How often do I freely allow God to work within me? Do I invite God into my heart and mind, every single day, or do I keep Him out? Let us prepare ourselves to one day receive the gift of eternal life which God desires for all of us.

As we approach Christmas, let us always say “Yes” to God, permit Him to work within us every day, and freely allow ourselves to receive and embrace our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in our hearts and minds! May the Lord bless and protect all of you throughout this upcoming Christmas season and new year!

In Christ,

Seminarian Brad McNeal