

St. John the Baptist Church

14755 Landeck Rd. Delphos, OH 45833

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020



Pastor

Rev. Dennis Walsh

Associate Pastors

Rev. Scott Perry 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.

Congratulations

We congratulate Dick and Dolly Honigford on the celebration of their 67th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless them as they live out the call and sacrament of Matrimony. We also pray for their children and grandchildren as they reflect the love and generosity of Dick and Dolly in their own lives.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies or gave a monetary donation for our religion classes. We are extremely grateful!

Support Our Retired Priests!

Please consider a donation to the Perpetuate The Gift appeal. Your gift directly assists our retired diocesan priests. After a priest retires, typically in his 70s, he is responsible for his personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. All funds contributed between September 19, 2020 and December 31, 2020 assists our assessed parish contribution to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 or placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made online by selecting the **Give** tab at www.toledodiocese.org. If you would like to give a gift of stock or designate a bequest to help our retired priests, please contact Brian Doyle at 419-214-4951 or bdoyle@toledodiocese.org **THANK YOU!**

What is “Priesthood Sunday?”

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. On September 27, parishioners are encouraged to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and offer support for our pastor Fr. Dennis Walsh and other priests who have served our parish. Consider sending Fr. Dennis Walsh, Fr. Tony Vera and Fr. Scott Perry a note or card of appreciation for their dedication and leadership to our parish. It also might be nice to include a note to encourage our seminarian Brad McNeal as he prepares for priesthood. Priesthood Sunday was established in 2001 to honor Priesthood in the Church and recognize those who are called to this life of service. **(We will place a basket, on the marble table, in the entrance of the Church if anyone would like to write our priests and seminarian a card and we will deliver them this week)**

**Forester Meeting on Tuesday,
September 29, at 8:30 P.M.
Please plan to attend.**

Message to all Eucharistic Ministries

I am very grateful for your service to our parish. As we try our best to keep everyone safe and continue to have Mass in our parish, we are asking all Eucharistic Ministers to please sanitize your hands when you first enter the sanctuary and **after** you receive Holy Communion and place your mask back on. By doing this, we hope to assure that everyone is as sanitized as possible before distributing Communion. Thank You for your patience.

Delphos St. John’s 108th Fall Festival (October 17/18)
Dinner tickets are now on sale for the Delphos St. John’s 108th Fall Festival on October 17 and 18. Home-cooked chicken and beef dinners with all the trimmings are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children (5th grade and younger). All tickets will be pre-sold. Carry-out only dinners will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. Enter the high school east parking lot by the St Vincent de Paul building. You will not need to get out of your car, the meals will be delivered to you. We will have volunteers there to direct traffic. We will have money raffle tickets and instant bingo tickets available for purchase while you are waiting in line. Get your chance to win part of the \$6,000.00 drawing to be held Sunday, October 25 live at 7:00 p.m. on the Parish website. The event is open to the public! You will be helping to support the mission at St. John’s School. Dinner tickets, and raffle tickets may be purchased at the Ministry Center, high school and elementary school offices. Or mail your check to: St John’s Festival, 201 N Pierce St, Delphos, OH 45833. Specify if you want adult or student tickets and if you want Saturday or Sunday tickets. We will mail you your dinner tickets. We look forward to serving you on October 17 and 18.

Cabbage Cutting

Please come and help cut cabbage for our upcoming “Sausage and Sauerkraut” dinner! If you have some time to give to an evening of “work and fun,” you are welcome to come to Jo and Jake Miller’s home on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00 p.m. A great big THANK YOU to Jo and Jake for hosting this event. This year because of Covid and not being able to gather in large groups we are considering having an outdoor drive-thru. We will keep you posted.

(Mark your calendars; “Sausage and Sauerkraut” dinner will be on Sunday, November 8th)

**Last Weekend's Gifts
September 20th**

Total: \$1,309.00
 Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,010.00
 Loose \$ 41.00
 Maintenance: \$ 258.00

**Thank you for your generosity!
 Capital Campaign for this week:
 \$985.00**



Mass Intentions

(Sunday) September 27th

8:30 a.m. – Robert Klaus
 Dick and Dolly Honigford 67th
 wedding anniversary

5:30 p.m. – End of abortion

(Monday) September 28th – Vincent Clement (7th day)

(Sunday) October 4th

8:30 a.m. – Eugene Youngpeter

5:30 p.m. – Blessings on our students in Delphos
 Saint John and Jefferson

(Monday) October 5th – Rocko Carion

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, September 27, 2020		Sunday, October 4, 2020	
Sunday Rosary	Terry Knebel	Sunday Rosary	Dorothy Bonifas
Lectors	1 st Reading – Melany Knippen 2 nd Reading – T.J. Knippen	Lectors	1 st Reading – Jennifer Carpenter 2 nd Reading – Carl Weber
Commentators	Joe Rode	Commentators	Terry Knebel
Communion Distributors	Janet Bonifas, Ed Paxton, Linda Schulte Choir- Sue Honigford	Communion Distributors	Mike Berelsman, Barry Stirn, Cheryl Warnement Choir- Andy Miller
Servers	Casey Knippen Jenna Rode	Servers	Liv Carpenter Noel Warnement
Cantor	Norb Renner	Cantor	Adult Men Choir
Usher	Bob Trentman	Usher	Keith Fischbach
Mass Set-Up	Linda Martin	Mass Set-Up	Rick Stant
Money Counters	Dick and Marilyn Heitz Rick and Karen Stant	Money Counters	Larry and Nancy Kroeger Jeff and Linda Martin

~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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 27th	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 4th
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
Monday, September 28th	Monday, October 5th
4:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. – Adoration	4:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. – Adoration
6:45 p.m. -Benediction	6:45 p.m. -Benediction
7:00 p.m. Mass	7:00 p.m. Mass

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been just around a month since I began my time here for my pastoral internship year and want to thank you for your warm welcome and support you have already shown me! As part of my time here, one of the things I would like to do is provide all of you with a brief reflection each month over the Gospel for a particular Sunday. As a result, I would like to reflect on this weekend’s Gospel for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time which comes from Matthew 21:28-32.

In the Gospel, we hear the parable of the two sons being shared with the chief priests and elders. In it, we hear a contrast in both the words and actions by the two sons. The first son says to his father that he won’t go work on taking care of the vineyard, but he ends up going to do the work. His words first showed disobedience, but his action afterwards showed obedience to his father. The second son says that he will go work on the vineyard, but he ends up not working at all. His words showed obedience, but his action showed disobedience to his father. It is determined that the first son truly did his father’s will by actually going to work. In addition, Jesus goes on to tell the chief priests and elders that tax collectors and prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God before them. How could that be the case? How could people that are living lives of great sinfulness of greed and lust be ahead of the chief priests and elders? The answer rests in the conversion that took place in their minds and hearts; a change in their will and intellect that has led them to turn to Christ. The tax collectors and prostitutes came to follow and believe Jesus. St. Matthew was once a tax collector himself. However, he would go on to have a change of mind and heart and would go on to follow our Lord and be one of his apostles. The chief priests and elders on the other hand do not change their minds nor follow Jesus.

Based on this Gospel that we hear this weekend, a question to ask ourselves is whether or not we are allowing ourselves to have our minds and hearts be transformed by Christ? Is Christ the one that we are truly following, or are we following a path that whatever we personally believe to be right is actually best? Do our words and actions each day bring us to a closer relationship with our Lord, or do they lead us further away from Him and fall into greater sinfulness? Just as the one son went on to be obedient to his father, we too are all called to be obedient to God throughout life. Doing so is part of who we are and what we believe, and we know this because we pray about it every time in the Our Father when we say, “thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”. We are God’s creatures, His children, and as such, we have been specially created to be obedient towards Him, to follow His will for our lives, and to have a relationship with Him. God didn’t create us because He needed us, but rather He created us out of love and we need Him.

Following God’s will throughout life is not always an easy thing to do as we are human beings and are susceptible to falling into sin. However, it is us sinners who the Lord comes to and wants us to have a change in mind and heart. Our Lord will help us, but we must freely allow ourselves to trust in Him and that requires a change of mind and heart. We will have our times of failures and difficulties in life, but when we allow our minds and hearts to follow God’s will rather than solely our own, we will then grow in our relationship with Him and lead to greater holiness. May we each take a little time each day to reflect on our own lives, humbly acknowledge our weaknesses and failures, and allow ourselves to open our hearts and minds even more to Christ than what they may be. Our lives are a continuous spiritual journey and what an amazing journey it is when we follow God’s will and keep Christ close! It is truly a joy and a blessing to be here with all of you this year!

In Christ,
Seminarist Brad McNeal