

St. John the Baptist Church

14755 Landeck Rd. Delphos, OH 45833

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day December 24, 25 and 27, 2020



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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

Merry Christmas

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we cannot help but be filled with joy as we remember that God, “so loved the world that He sent his only begotten Son.” We use these days to thank God for the gift of Jesus, spend precious moments with our family and friends and gather around “the table of the Lord” to participate in the Eucharist. We use the “table” at our homes to recall the people that have gone before us, that have made our lives more blessed and to open gifts and eat our traditional foods with loved ones as we celebrate Light, Life and Love. Merry Christmas!

Christmas History Lessons

Beginning and End of the Christmas Season

The liturgical season of Christmas **begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 10th.** During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us.

Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany of Our Lord is the Christian feast observed on January 3, 2021. 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 is celebrated on the Sunday that 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.

2020 Contribution Forms

Contributions forms will be mailed at 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 the many repairs that are needed through our Capital Campaign.

Matching Gifts

Here at Landeck, we are continuing a matching gifts program that is supported 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.

Masses

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

Landeck Foresters Meeting

There will be a Foresters meeting at the “Landeck Forester’s Hall” at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 29th.

Last Weekend's Gifts December 20th

Total: \$5,899.00

Sunday Envelopes: \$5,670.00
Maintenance: \$80.00 Loose \$49.00
Christmas: \$80.00
Retirement of Religious: \$20.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**Capital Campaign for this week:
\$4,070.00**

Religious Education Coordinators

Preschool: Shelly Kroeger

Kindergarten: Dave Kroeger

First grade: Liv Carpenter and
Noel Warnement

Third and Fourth grade: Tess Rahrig, Raleigh 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

(Thursday) December 24th Christmas Eve

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

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

6:00 p.m. – Rocko Carion

(Friday) December 25th Christmas Morning

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

(Sunday) December 27th

8:30 a.m. – Mike Pohlman
Steve Goedde
Ralph Bonifas

5:30 p.m. – Bille Kroeger
Leonard and Bretha Kroeger

(Monday) Decemeber 28th

7:00 p.m.- Krishen Blake Luna

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, December 25, 2020 (9:00 a.m. Mass)		December 27, 2020	
Sunday Rosary	Recited Privately	Sunday Rosary	Martha Miller
Lectors	1 st Reading – Ed Etkorn 2 nd Reading – Martha Miller	Lectors	1 st Reading – Ben Rahrig 2 nd Reading – Sue Radabaugh
Commentators	Matthew Etkorn	Commentators	Jane Stirn
Communion Distributors	Ann Grothaus, Lois Hemker, Nancy Kroeger Choir- Tess Rahrig	Communion Distributors	Jane Bonifas, Nancy Kroeger, Tess Rahrig Choir- Melany Knippen
Servers	Chloe Etkorn Parishioner Needed	Servers	Raleigh Rahrig Avery Rahrig
Cantor	Choir	Cantor	Kathy Miller
Usher	Dick Heitz	Usher	Dick Heitz
Mass Set-Up	Ken Miller	Mass Set-Up	Linda Martin
Money Counters	Larry and Nancy Kroeger Jeff and Linda Martin	Money Counters	Jim and Jann Bonifas Barry and Jane Stirn

Worship

Thursday , Christmas Eve December 24th Mass	Sunday, December 27th, The Holy Family
3:00 p.m. Mass	8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. – Confessions
4:30 p.m. Mass	8:30 a.m. – Mass
6:00 p.m. Mass	5:30 p.m.- Mass
Friday, Christmas Day Morning Mass	Monday, December 28th
9:00 a.m. Mass	4:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. – Adoration
	6:45 p.m. - Benediction
	7:00 p.m. Mass

Why does Christmas matter?

Why does it seem like we hit repeat every year? It can seem like we yearly repeat the same day, over and over. When I was a kid, my sisters and I knew exactly how Christmas was going to run. We knew exactly who would be together for Christmas Eve dinner. We knew the exact time every year that we would go to Mass, head to my grandma’s house, and scarf down dinner to open presents. One of the most beautiful parts of Christmas was that it seemed to be a constant celebration that was just put on pause for 364 days until the next Christmas Eve. It always felt like Christmas was so important of a day that it demanded us to have these traditions. But, why? What makes Christmas this important? Why does Christmas matter?

Part of the answer to this is in what we cannot help but hear in every Christmas song. “Joy to the World! The Savior comes!” “Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the Newborn King!” “O come, all ye faithful!” The world cries out with joy at what Christmas morning hollers out to the world, “O night divine, O night that Christ was born!”

When God became man, he did not become part man and part God. The baby that was laid in the manger some 2,000 years ago did not just look like a human or was not just godlike; that baby is God.

Jesus Christ is both God and man; fully God and fully man. That means that God has taken up our humanity; Jesus Christ experienced joy, sadness, anger, happiness. Jesus was not born just so that He could be only part human; He was not born to have the good things of life in this world. In fact, it is the opposite; God chose to become human so that He could redeem humanity from the worst things in this world (our slavery to sin, our discouragement, our dissatisfaction with life, our timidity, and above all, death). God was born so that He could save us from all that destroys us. He did not come to save us from only part of what destroys us; He became fully man to bring true, full salvation.

He did not choose to become part human, but He has chosen to become fully human. So, He is not content when He has only part of us. God does not want portions of our lives. He wants us to be fully, entirely His, holding nothing back. It is only when we are entirely His that we can truly be free from what He has redeemed us from (our slavery to sin, our discouragement, our dissatisfaction with life, our timidity, and above all, death). Only when we are entirely His will we be able to fully receive the joy of Christmas day; a joy that celebrates the love of God who chooses to make humanity fully what we were made to become.