

St. John the Baptist Church

14755 Landeck Rd. Delphos, OH 45833

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 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.

Remembrance

All the flowers currently in church are donated in memory and thanksgiving for the life of Austin Weber, the son of Carl and Mary Lou Weber. We thank God for the gift of his life. Austin's brief life here on earth has forever enriched many lives and hearts.

Catechetical Sunday

Today is "Catechetical Sunday." On this special day, we pray for **all teachers**. We honor and bless all teachers in our parish for their outstanding commitment of passing on the faith to our children. Today, at the end of Mass, we will ask all teachers to please stand and receive a blessing as you continue to beautiful ministry of service.

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.

National Day of Prayer & Fasting

We invite the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo to join Father John Riccardo in prayer and fasting for God's mercy on our land and the healing and conversion of our hearts on September 24, 2020. To learn more...

www.actsxxix.org/national-day-prayer-fasting

Rosary Rally

Rosary Rally to "Support Our Police" will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, September 26 at Delphos Veterans Memorial.

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.

Mike's Food On Us

God said, "FEED MY SHEEP", and that's what we are doing! September 22, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Delphos Eagles.

"Mike's Food On Us" is a bi-monthly food distribution program for families in need here in Delphos. This program was conceived by Mike Gallmeier many years ago and was very important to him. In his memory, shortly after his death in 2018, with the generous support and encouragement of so many, The Mike Gallmeier Foundation was established by Foundation Principals, his wife Deb and his three sons, Shane, Travis and Kyle. The Foundation is dedicated to supporting entities and programs here in Delphos that were dear to Mike's heart. Our top priority is "Mike's Food On Us". The Foundation's mission is to keep his vision alive, honor his memory, and continue his legacy of offering a hand up.

Mike's vision lives on, thanks to everyone who gives so selflessly to make it happen! **Thank you!**

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 13th**

Total: \$2,718.00
 Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,440.00
 Loose \$ 3.00 Assumption: \$20.00
 Maintenance: \$ 255.00

Thank you for your generosity!
Capital Campaign for this week:
\$220.00



Mass Intentions

(Sunday) September 20th

8:30 a.m. – Austin Weber
 Gene and Margaret Youngpeter
 John Wannemacher
 Calista Miller
 Steve Honigford

5:30 p.m. – For respect of all human life from
 conception to natural death

(Monday) September 21st – Blessing on upcoming
 harvest

(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)

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, September 20, 2020		Sunday, September 27, 2020	
Sunday Rosary	Ken and Kathy Miller	Sunday Rosary	Terry Knebel
Lectors	1 st Reading – Sister Immacolata 2 nd Reading – Diane Bonifas	Lectors	1 st Reading – Melany Knippen 2 nd Reading – T.J. Knippen
Commentators	Jane Stirn	Commentators	Joe Rode
Communion Distributors	Karen Bonifas, Ann Grothaus, Martha Miller Choir- Ron Bonifas	Communion Distributors	Janet Bonifas, Ed Paxton, Linda Schulte Choir- Sue Honigford
Servers	Caden Meyer Stella Meyer	Servers	Casey Knippen Jenna Rode
Cantor	Jamie Rahrig	Cantor	Norb Renner
Usher	Bob Trentman	Usher	Bob Trentman
Mass Set-Up	Sister Immacolata	Mass Set-Up	Linda Martin
Money Counters	Dick and Marilyn Heitz Rick and Karen Stant	Money Counters	Dick and Marilyn Heitz Rick and Karen Stant

Worship

25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 20 th	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 27 th
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 21st	Monday, September 28th
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

DO NOT BE AFRAID (Words of Inspiration by Father Dennis Walsh)

Fear prevents us from making good decisions.

While we might have the wisdom to know the good, we don't always have the courage to **do** the good.

Fear can lead us to make foolish and bad decisions. These last several months have seen our nation in the grips of both fear and anxiety. We're fearful of a virus we know little about. The great confidence we've had in our medical industry has been shaken. We've witnessed cities across the country and world resort to protesting, looting and rioting. We've seen memorials and statues of once venerable figures toppled and removed.

Our media confront us with a very uncomfortable (but necessary) discussion on racism. Our political process seems to grow increasingly more toxic each year.

To quote Queen Elizabeth in an address to Parliament in 1992: "It has been an *annus horribilis* (a horrible year)."

To say the least, 2020 has been an *annus horribilis*.

Yet those who profess to be Christian know that even in the midst of all this, Christ is present. We recall the words of Jesus when the apostles were terrified at sea.

As Matthew tells us, *When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said, and they cried out in fear.*

But Jesus immediately spoke up. "*Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid.*" (Matt 14:26 ff)

These four words are abundant throughout Sacred Scripture.

In my own Catholic tradition, those words were echoed many times throughout the pontificate of Pope John Paul II. On the night he was elected Pope, he gave an address from the balcony of St. Peter Basilica to the crowds of Rome.

He concluded by telling the crowds, "Do not be afraid!" Other times he would say, "Do not be afraid, open your hearts to Christ."

He repeated these words to many people around the world, including his countrymen in Poland, suffering under communist oppression and to young people, struggling in a culture of secularism and relativism.

Fear is a natural part of life.

However, those who act rightly in spite of fear are real heroes. In this, our *annus horribilis*, we pray for the grace to transcend our fear and anxiety. Confident of the presence of Christ in our lives, we never need to be afraid.

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