

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve



St. John the Evangelist Church

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays by 7:00 p.m. to be published the following weekend
Email: bulletin@delphosstjohns.org

201 N. Pierce St., Delphos, OH 45833 / (419) 695-4050 / Emergency after-hours: (419) 513-0425



Advent

December 3, 2017 – December 24, 2017

The fourth candle is lit, and the prayer is said.

Priest: Lord, God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.

Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME II 2018 – DELPHOS RETREAT FOR WOMEN

St. John the Evangelist Parish will host a Welcome II, 2018 women's retreat (formerly Christ Renews His Parish "CRHP") on March 3 - 4, 2018. A spiritual renewal weekend designed to help individuals grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and with others in their faith community, Welcome II, 2018 is an excellent opportunity for Catholics to renew their understanding of the basic beliefs and traditions of their faith. Mark your calendars NOW to attend this weekend of spiritual growth for women. Limited space is available. Registration forms are located at all the doors of the church. Deadline to register is February 4, 2018. For questions or additional information, please contact June Gable at 419-234-3445 or Pam Hanser at 419-230-3321.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Delphos Eagles on Thursday, January 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To schedule your blood donation appointment, please call 1-800-Red-Cross, or go to redcrossblood.org, sponsor code "eaglesdel."

Eucharist
Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 12:15 p.m.
Weekend Masses
Saturdays - 4:30 p.m.
Sundays - 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Reconciliation
Weekdays 7:30 a.m.
Saturdays 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
May be scheduled by appointment

Baptism
1st Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
3rd Weekend of the Month during any of the Masses.
Please contact the Ministry Center to schedule pre-baptismal instructions

Anointing of the Sick
Communal celebrations in May and October. Sacrament may also be administered by request.

Matrimony
Please contact the Ministry Center at least six months in advance to schedule your preparation and celebration.

Liturgy Readings
December 31, 2017
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:22-40

Pastor Rev. Dennis Walsh frdenniswalsh@delphosstjohns.org	Business Manager Ted Hanf	Elementary Principal/Preschool Director Nathan Stant Elementary: (419) 629-8561 Preschool: (419) 692-9806
Associate Pastors Rev. Daniel Johnson frdanieljohnson@delphosstjohns.org Rev. Doug Taylor Frdougstaylor@delphosstjohns.org	Liturgical Coordinator Mary Beth Will mbwill@delphosstjohns.org Music Director Lynn Bockey	Jr. High/High School Principal Adam Lee (419) 692-5371
Deacons David Ricker, John Sheeran Fred Lisk – Senior Status	Dir. of Institutional Advancement Jeff Swick	

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Father Steve Blum has been nominated for all the volunteer work he has done throughout our St. John’s Parish and School. Father Steve loves to work outside and landscaping is one of his favorite hobbies. He has been interested in landscaping since 1988. When Father Steve was assigned to St. Francis DeSales of Toledo the grounds were in major need of improvement. Father Steve and his brother worked together to renovate and improve the entire area. For their efforts they received a commendation from the Mayor of Toledo. When Father Steve first retired to St. John’s he asked Neal if he could help with any of the landscaping, of course Neal said yes. Father Steve began to take care of the front of church by weeding, trimming the bushes, planting flowers and raking the leaves. As time passed Neil gave Father more responsibilities, he was in charge of beautifying the area around the new parking area by the Rectory. Father Steve’s love of landscaping and helping others did have its mishaps. Father thought he was helping the Sisters by spraying the weeds in their garden, little did he know it was asparagus that the sisters had planted. To make amends, he replaced all he destroyed. Father Steve feels a great sense of pride for the St. John’s Parish community. He enjoys spending time at the Annex with our preschoolers teaching them about St. Nick and the meaning of Christmas. He dresses up as a clown and performs magic tricks for the Elementary students and enjoys all the time he can give back to our St. John’s Parish. We want to say THANK YOU Fr. Steve Blum for all you do for our church and school, as you use your Time and Talents to provide Treasures for our St. John’s Parish.



When Father Steve is not gardening, this is what he looks like

CHIEF RECEIPT REMINDER

During the holiday season, with all the cooking, baking and gatherings, please don’t forget to turn your Chief receipts into the Ministry Office. Every little bit helps. Thank you!

Please Pray For:

The Sick: Braden Knebel, Kyle Mullenhour, Sally McCall, Ashton Michael Smith, Kermit Minnig, Sharon Hines, Carl German, Linda Miller, Vivienne "Sue" Warnecke, Connie Wieging, Patty Bridges, Tom Bridges, Joan Pulley, Duane Jacob Kuhlman, Sue Burnett Jettinghoff, Rose Kaverman, Alice Heidenescher, Barry Friemoth, Brad Friemoth, Carol Brinkman, Betty Osting, Paula German, Monica German, Dan Morris, Don (Lefty) Hoehn, John Williams, Veronica Luersman, Cheri Core, Carl Core, Ben Babcock, Judy Pohlman, Francis German, Mike Wrasman, Aria Nammour, Ed Zalar, Madonna Fischer, Steven Barkett, Jane Vermillion, Norman Hesselung, Mike Gallmeier, John Phillips, Scott Schnipke, Henry Kaufman, Carol Kunz, Bert Haunhorst, Dorothy Fisher, Bob Weber, Carol Graham, Lillie "Tiny" Fischbach, Nikki Recker, Karen Burgess, Clarann Gerdeman, Norma Hesselung, Alice Rayman, Eric Ulm, Paul Merschman

The Recently deceased: Dolores Spieles, Carolyn Fischer, Bill Looser, David Buecker, Norma Zalar

Those in the Armed Forces: Tyler Hayson, Christine Bemis Vermillion, Nate Vermillion, Mary Frances Bemis Sigler, Brian Huysman, John Zalar

****PLEASE NOTE: BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, THE ENTIRE PLEASE PRAY FOR LIST WILL BE DELETED AND STARTING ANEW. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KEEP YOURSELF OR A LOVED ONES NAME ON THE LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE MINISTRY CENTER AT 419-695-4050 of bulletin@delphosstjohns.org****

DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S BOYS BASKETBALL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

In recognition of 100 years of boys basketball, Delphos St. John's will recognize all former coaches, players, managers, trainers, cheerleaders and fans before the varsity game vs. Lincolnview on Saturday, February 3, 2018. All members of the Blue Jay basketball family are invited and encouraged to attend.

After the game all alumni, fans and friends of Delphos St. John's are invited to the Knights of Columbus Hall on Elida Avenue in Delphos to celebrate a "Century of Success". All are welcome. Snacks will be provided with refreshments available for purchase.

Please help us spread the word so all Blue Jay alumni, fans and friends can help us celebrate this milestone!

For more information please contact Aaron Elwer at St. John's High School at 567-204-2374

MUSTARD SEED

Visit Mustard Seed Gift Shop to Save 30% on ALL Advent and Christmas items through Saturday, January 6, 2018 (excluding Lighted Rosaries and Indoor/Outdoor Nativities). Mustard Seed Gift Shop is located behind St John Baptist Church in Glandorf. Normal business hours are Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Wed 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sat 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. They will be closed on Tuesday, December 26, 2017.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER (RAH) MEAL PACKING EVENT

February 11, 2018

Where: Delphos St John's All Saints Building 515 E 2nd St, Delphos

Time: Registration begins @ 12:30 p.m.

Meal Packing: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

We need 150 volunteers and \$7,200.00 to meet the 2018 goal of packing 25,000 meals. This is a family-friendly event. All are invited & welcome (Ages 4 - 104. Contact Ellen Ditto if babysitting is needed). A \$29.00 donation provides 100 meals.

Please pre-register and/or donate at:

<http://events.stophungernow.org/DelphosRAH>

Donations can also be made at First Federal Bank through the Carpenter's Ministry account. Any questions contact, Buzz or Ellen Ditto 419-233-3524.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday	December 30, 2017@ 4:30 p.m.	Sunday	December 31, 2017 @ 7:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Jodi Bennett, Brian Buettner, Joyce Day, Annita Flanagan*, Irene Hesseling*, Joyce Keipper, Anne Maas, Carl Maas, Jim Metcalfe, Greg Miller, Lonnie Miller, Robert Weinandy	Eucharistic Ministers	Pam Hanser*, Sandy Hellman, Wilma Humpert, Linda Klausing, Linda Martin*, Carol Odenweller, Joe Pohlman, Steve Recker, Becky Spieles, Mary Vonderwell, Mary Lou Wittler
Servers	Jason Gillespie, Erika Moenter, Kylee Moenter, Abby Stocksdale	Servers	Nathan Gable, Isaac Gable, Rachel Hellman, Colin White
Lector	Mandy Gerdeman	Lector	Dani Duncan
Greeters	Kevin Ardner, Bob Birkemeier, Kevin Dukes, Irvin Moenter, Brian Mueller, Chuck Shumaker	Greeters	Jerry Brickner, Mackenzie Fischbach, Ted Hanf, Rosie Hoersten, Neal Miller, Paul Pohlman
Cantor	Kelly Schroeder	Cantor	Archie Metcalfe
Sunday	December 31, 2017 @ 9:15 a.m.	Sunday	December 31, 2017 @ 11:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Buettner, Teresa Burnett*, Kennedy Clarkson, Tim Drewyore, Cindy Grothouse*, Pam Hickey, Denny Hickey, Fred Kollsmith, Tami Neumeier, Linda Noonan, Janet Rode, Janet Siefker, Collin Will, Cody Wright,	Eucharistic Ministers	Annette Brown, Kay Elling, Janet Foust, Karen Kahny, Jim Knebel, Corey Koverman, Samantha Kramer*, Stacey Kramer*, Cheryl Pelasky, LaDonna Peterson, Jeff Will
Servers	Reagan Clarkson, Halle Elwer, Hannah Elwer, Leah Hays	Servers	Sara Closson, Dillon Cross, Jenia Freewalt, Marcus Freewalt
Lector	Heather Bonifas	Lector	Lisa Schnipke
Greeters	Allison Buettner, Troy Elwer, Makayla Herron, Kim Honigford, Tom Honigford, Matthew Miller	Greeters	Angie Bonifas, Ray Bonifas, Hunter Bonifas, Maddy Jettinghoff, June Link, Jeff Moorman
Cantor	Gene Siefker	Cantor	Haley Rode
Monday	January 1, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.		
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeff Bockey, Jerry Brickner, Judy Fischer, Annita Flanagan, Rosie Hedrick, Sandy Hellman, Marjorie Jacobs*, Linda Martin*, Linda Noonan, Cheryl Pelasky, Kathleen Siefker		
Servers	NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED		
Lector	Nathan Pohlman		
Greeters	Dennis Hedrick, Rosie Hoersten, Gene Lauf, NOT FILLED		
Cantor	John Pohlman		

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

II – Wesley Sweigart and Stephanie Sweigart

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Wish for the New Year: The New Year is often a time of reflection, re-examining, setting goals, and looking ahead. It is the perfect time to reflect on your marriage relationship as well. If one of your goals is to deepen your love and enhance your marriage, a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend may be just what you're looking for. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are for married couples with good, great, and even so-so marriages who want to enrich their marriages, and are designed to expand and deepen the joys of married life. Weekends are a time to concentrate exclusively on one another, giving you the opportunity to enhance your communication, develop a deeper appreciation of each other and strengthen your bond. The next weekend being offered within the Diocese is scheduled for January 12-14, 2018 in Perrysburg, OH. For more information or to register for an upcoming weekend, please contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at [419-538-7210](tel:419-538-7210) or bcschroeder@bright.net.

THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT

PBS Movie on December 26, 2017. A 58-minute film documentary about Muslim-Christian Peacemaking narrated by Jeremy Irons. Watch TV guide. The 13th century saint is St. Francis of Assisi who visited the Muslim Sultan. What can we learn today about the two religions living peacefully together? (*Some scenes of violence may not be appropriate for children under 12*)

CALENDAR

<p>Sunday, December 24, 2017 <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 7:30 a.m. - Mass 9:00 a.m. - Early Childhood - CANCELLED 9:15 a.m. - Mass 10:20 a.m. - PSR - CANCELLED 11:30 a.m. - Mass - CANCELLED 4:30 p.m. - Children's Christmas Mass 7:30 p.m. - Christmas Mass 12:00 a.m. - Midnight Mass</p>	<p>Monday, December 25, 2017 <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>No School</i> 9:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass 7:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration - CANCELLED</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 26, 2017 <i>Ministry Center Closed</i> <i>No School</i> 7:30 a.m. - Confessions 8:00 a.m. - Daily Mass 7:00 p.m. - Cantors - Church</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 27, 2017 <i>No School</i> 6:30 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group 7:30 a.m. - Confessions 8:00 a.m. - Daily Mass 12:15 p.m. - Mass 5:00 p.m. - Shepherds of Christ Prayer Group - Church 6:45 p.m. - Bingo - Little Theatre 7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting - Ministry Center</p>
<p>Thursday, December 28, 2017 <i>No School</i> 7:30 a.m. - Confessions 8:00 a.m. - Daily Mass 7:00 p.m. - RCIA - Ministry Center 7:00 p.m. - St. Vincent DePaul - Ministry Center</p>	<p>Friday, December 29, 2017 <i>No School</i> 7:30 a.m. - Confessions 8:00 a.m. - Daily Mass</p>
<p>Saturday, December 30, 2017 7:30 a.m. - Confessions 8:00 a.m. - Daily Mass 8:30 a.m. - Catholic Men's Fellowship 8:30 a.m. - Rosary for the Respect of All Life - Church 3:30 p.m. - Confessions 4:30 p.m. - Mass 7:00 p.m. - Bingo - Little Theatre</p>	<p>Sunday, December 31, 2017 <i>Holy Family</i> 7:30 a.m. - Mass 9:00 a.m. - Early Childhood - CANCELLED 9:15 a.m. - Mass 10:20 a.m. - PSR - CANCELLED 11:30 a.m. - Mass</p>
<p>Monday, January 1, 2018 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>No School</i> 9:00 a.m. - New Year's Day Mass 7:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration - CANCELLED</p>	

LYNN'S MUSIC NOTES

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent AND Christmas Eve! I hope you have had a prayerful Advent Season to prepare for Jesus' birth. Sunday, December 24th is a marathon day for our priests and musicians celebrating Advent at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m. Masses with a break to prepare (maybe eat and take a nap) for the joyous Christmas Eve liturgies! Welcome home to those returning to Delphos for Christmas. May the first gift of the Incarnation be for creating time to enjoy your families and loved ones. Thank you to our many dedicated liturgical ministers and musicians for providing prayerful liturgies this weekend. Go home, get some rest and enjoy your own silent night with those you hold close.

OUR GIFT TO GOD

December 17, 2017

Adult Offering	\$ 17,334.34
Anonymous	803.35
School Offering	105.07
November Direct Deposit	9,301.50
November EOffering	<u>3,979.63</u>
Total	\$ 31,523.89

Thank you for your generosity!

WINTER FELLOWSHIP EVENT – NATIVITY SCENE CONTEST

We wanted to thank all of you for the support and work that was put into this past weekend's Winter Fellowship Event. Our Elementary students, teachers and staff worked very hard to produce 18 wonderful and creative displays. Their Time and Talents were shared by all. Thank you to our faculty & staff, all our students and all our parishioners for supporting our young Blue Jay's. There were 681 total votes placed for the People's Choice segment of the contest. The winner with 114 votes was Mrs. Neidert's 6th grade class, display number 7. They received \$100.00 to be used for their classroom. The winners of our judged categories are as followed. All three classes won \$50.00 to be used for their classroom;

Most Creative - Sister Joella 2nd Grade Class, display number 3

Most Detailed - Mr. Gerker 3rd grade class, display number 18

Judges Choice - Mrs. Koverman 2nd grade class, display number 17

We were blessed with a special surprise for all of the classrooms at the assembly on Monday morning. An anonymous donation of \$900.00 was given for all of the hard work and dedication that our teachers and students put into this activity. The donation will be divided between all 18 classrooms in the amount of \$50.00 per classroom. We are so very grateful and blessed to have such supportive and caring members of our St. John's family, thank you.

A special thank you to our PTO organization for sponsoring this wonderful event, as well as McDonalds of Delphos, Pat's Donuts & Cream and Harter & Schier Funeral Home for their donations. We look forward to our next Fellowship event in the Spring during the Easter Season. Thank you all again and from our Blue Jay family to yours, we bid you a safe and blessed holiday season with your loved ones.

Mrs. Neidert 6th Grade – People's Choice



Sister Joella 2nd Grade – Most Creative



Mr. Gerker 3rd Grade – Most Detailed



Mrs. Koverman 2nd Grade – Judges Choice



