



St. John the Evangelist Church

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SCRIP CARDS: FOR ALL YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING NEEDS!

Looking to go shopping for those awesome holiday deals? You can purchase Scrip cards for your shopping and gift-giving needs! Gift cards make great Christmas gifts, and when you use Scrip through St. John's, a percentage of your purchase goes back to help our students and school. Scrip cards can be purchased at the Ministry Center during regular hours, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or after any weekend Mass at St. John's. To place an order for Christmas, please have your Scrip orders in by Monday, December 18th for guaranteed arrival on Thursday, December 21st. The Ministry Center will be open for SCRIP sales from 9:00 a.m. until Noon on Saturday, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

BLACK FRIDAY SCRIP - PLAN AHEAD

The last order before Thanksgiving will be placed on Monday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m. These cards will arrive Wednesday November 22nd. The Ministry Center will be closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Make your plans early for your SCRIP needs.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Come join your friends, neighbors and parish family for a quaint evening of fellowship as the CL of C's host this year's Advent by Candlelight on Sunday November 26th, 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Create your own table design, share your favorite desserts and drinks, all while embracing the real meaning of the holiday season. Coffee will be provided. To reserve your table please contact Sue Hempfling at 419-236-6429.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK FAIR

The St. John's Book Fair will be taking place on Monday, November 27 - Thursday, November 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Friday December 1st from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will be having our Family Event on Tuesday, November 28 from 4:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. It will be located in the High School Media Center, next door to the Library.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

The Society will be accepting non-perishable food donations at the 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass. There will be baskets at each door of church. You will also find collection envelopes for monetary donations. There will be no meeting for St. Vincent de Paul Society in December. Thank you for your generosity in helping us meet the needs of the community!

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 "CHRP") 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.

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
 November 26, 2017
 Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26- 28
 Matthew 25:31-46

Pastor

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Our Delphos St. John's Parish is founded on the support and dedication of volunteers. To show our gratitude for all those who donate their "TIME – TALENT – TREASURE", we will be spotlighting their service and commitment to our St. John's family. If there is someone who you feel has made a major impact on our parish or school through volunteering their Time and Talent we want to acknowledge them. Please contact the Ministry Center and leave your name and number, as well as the name and information for whom you are nominating, we will contact you for more details.

LYNN'S MUSIC NOTES

In today's Gospel from Matthew, the Master says to his servant, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." I think of what it will be like when we are greeted in heaven? I pray that I'm welcomed with those same words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Many of the readings lately have mentioned servant/service and light. We can share Christ's light in us when we are servants to one another. We all have different gifts and each one of us is needed (in our families, among our friends, in the workplace, in our parish). The excuses of "I'm too young, I'm too old, I don't have the time, I've never done that before" are worn out. Think of all the opportunities, relationships, and memories you could have experienced if you took a chance to serve in the community and parish?

OUR GIFT TO GOD

November 12, 2017

October Direct Deposit	10,146.50
October My EOffering	4,305.62
Adult Offering	\$ 16,955.48
Anonymous	1,101.00
School Offering	<u>103.07</u>
Total	\$ 32,611.67

Thank you for your generosity!

ECUMENICAL PROGRAM

On Monday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m. at Delphos St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Delphos Ministerial Association will present an evening of music and reflections to prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth. Soloists and groups from various churches are involved as well as young people from Jefferson and St. John high schools. Come and prepare your heart for Christmas!

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 Wiegand, 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 Hesselting, 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, Lois Blankemeyer, Clarann Gerdeman, Neil Jettinghoff, Norma Hesselting, Alice Rayman

The Recently Deceased: Nancy Stant

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

'TIS (ALMOST) THE SEASON

Remember getting ready for Christmas when you were a child? From decorating the tree to baking cookies, each moment brought you excitement and joy. Preparing for Christmas can be as joyful as it was then. Don't let this be just another Advent where you get distracted and busy. Rediscover the joy in the season with the Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a way that will allow you to have a Christmas as memorable and joyful as when you were a child. You will receive short inspirational videos, practical tips and real-life stories of Hope. Sign up at DYNAMICCATHOLIC.COM/ADVENT.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be bowling on Sunday, November 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Delphos Recreation. The cost is \$7.00 which includes an hour's worth of bowling and shoe rental. Anyone in grades 7th to 12th are invited to attend. See you there!

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

III – Luke Price and Tiffany Recker

II – Cody Hattery and Lauren Heing

MUSTARD SEED GIFT SHOP

The Mustard Seed Gift Shop is Keeping Christ in Christmas! They have been asked by many when Christmas items will be on display. Because The Mustard Seed Gift Shop wants to take this time to express their Thanksgiving for the many blessings we have all been given, Christmas items will be out on display on and after Saturday, November 25. Happy Thanksgiving from Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located in Glandorf, behind St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AT ST. RITA'S

Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy, and bringing Holy Communion to people in the hospital is a great way to practice this. St. Rita's Medical Center is looking for volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to share the sacrament with patients and are especially in need on the weekends. The Medical Center would provide orientation and training. If you are interested in serving the sick, please contact Deb Miller, Spiritual Care Officer Coordinator at 419-226-9481. Thank you!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Thursday		November 23, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.		
Eucharistic Ministers	Jan Bockey, Barry Friemoth, Mandy Gerdeman, Rosie Hedrick, Sandy Hellman, Makayla Herron, Denny Hickey, Marjorie Jacobs*, Cheryl Pelasky, Mary Lou Rode*, Eloise Shumaker	Servers	Reagan Clarkson, Melanie Gerdeman, NOT FILLED	
Lector	Brian Buettner	Cantor	Guys For God Victoria Recker	
Saturday		November 25, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m.		
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Buettner, Ed Collins Sr.*, Joyce Day, Ed Ezzelle*, Denise Gerdeman, Dorothy Grone, Karen Grothouse, Irene Hesseling, Pat Holden, Joyce Keipper, Jeanne Loomis, Merlin Trentman	Servers	Adam Bockey, Richard Cocuzza, Sydney Eley, Jason Gillespie (sub req.)	
Lector	Mandy Gerdeman	Greeters	Abby Hensley, Larry Hoersten, Dave Ostendorf, Mike Schimmoeller, Angie Utrup, Mark Utrup	
Cantor	Contemporary Group	Sunday	November 26, 2017 @ 7:30 a.m.	
Eucharistic Ministers	Jane Backus, Kevin Backus, Jessica Bertling, Allison Buettner, Dale Holdgreve, Joyce Holdgreve, Kim Honigford*, Connor Hulihan, Kestley Hulihan, Doris Neumeier, Jessica Odenweller, Laura Osting, Tricia Patton, Dave Roach, Laura Roach*	Eucharistic Ministers	Roger Calvelage, Elaine Evans*, Paula Hellman, Sandy Hellman, Wilma Humpert*, Linda Klausing, Baylee Lindeman, Anita Lindeman, Carol Odenweller, Steve Recker, Cole Reindel	
Servers	Ellie Csukker, Grant Csukker, Elizabeth Gerow, Brady Grothaus (sub req.)	Servers	Rachel Hellman, Trent Lindeman, Anna May, Lucas Metcalfe	
Lector	Rosie Hedrick	Lector	Dani Duncan	
Greeters	Hannah Bockey, Ben Dickrede, Matt Dickrede, Arnie Fischer, Jayna Friemoth, Barb Smith	Greeters	Doris Bockey, Joe Bockey, Isaac Gable, Todd Gable, Cathy Hemker, Gary Hemker	
Cantor	Amanda Arnold, Choir	Cantor	Maribeth Gable	
Sunday		November 26, 2017 @ 9:15 a.m.		
Eucharistic Ministers	Jane Backus, Kevin Backus, Jessica Bertling, Allison Buettner, Dale Holdgreve, Joyce Holdgreve, Kim Honigford*, Connor Hulihan, Kestley Hulihan, Doris Neumeier, Jessica Odenweller, Laura Osting, Tricia Patton, Dave Roach, Laura Roach*	Eucharistic Ministers	Annette Brown, Kennedy Clarkson, Sharon Closson, Kay Elling*, Madison Ellis, Mark Hammons, Maddy Jettinghoff*, Dawn Ledyard, LaDonna Peterson, Abby Stocksdale, Patricia Williams	
Servers	Ellie Csukker, Grant Csukker, Elizabeth Gerow, Brady Grothaus (sub req.)	Servers	Reagan Clarkson, Audrey Ferguson, Adam Fischer, Paige Gaynier	
Lector	Rosie Hedrick	Lector	Cheryl Pelasky	
Greeters	Hannah Bockey, Ben Dickrede, Matt Dickrede, Arnie Fischer, Jayna Friemoth, Barb Smith	Greeters	Karen Edelbrock, Mike Edelbrock, Mykenah Jackson, Mitchell Kahny, Corey Koverman, Betty Vorst	
Cantor	Amanda Arnold, Choir	Cantor	Youth Choir	

CALENDAR

<p>Sunday, November 19, 2017 <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 7:30 a.m. - Mass 9:00 a.m. - Early Childhood - Elementary School 9:15 a.m. - Mass 10:20 a.m. - PSR - Elementary School 11:30 a.m. - Mass 3:00 p.m. - Baptism Class - Church</p>	<p>Monday, November 20, 2017 7:30 a.m. - Confessions 8:00 a.m. - Daily Mass 8:30 a.m. - Rosary for the Respect of All Life 6:30 p.m. - Little Angels by MMP2 - School Basement 7:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 p.m. - Marketing Meeting - Ministry Center</p>
<p>Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:30 a.m. - Confessions 8:00 a.m. - Daily Mass - K-12 Thanksgiving Mass 1:30 p.m. - Early Dismissal 1:45 p.m. - Youth Choir - Church 7:00 p.m. Cantors - Church 7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir - Church</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 22, 2017 <i>No School - Thanksgiving Break</i> 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. - Contemporary Group Practice - Church 7:00 p.m. - Finance Meeting - Ministry Center</p>
<p>Thursday, November 23, 2017 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> 7:30 a.m. - Confessions 8:00 a.m. - Daily Mass</p>	<p>Friday, November 24, 2017 <i>No School - Thanksgiving Break - Ministry Center Closed</i> 6:30 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group - Ministry Center 7:30 a.m. - Confessions 8:00 a.m. - Daily Mass 2:30 - Mass - Sarah Jane 3:30 p.m. - Mass - Vancrest</p>
<p>Saturday, November 25, 2017 7:30 a.m. - Confessions 8:00 a.m. - Daily Mass 8:30 a.m. - Rosary for the Respect of All Life - Church 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Delphos Recycling - Pacific Pride 2:00 p.m. - Price / Recker Wedding - Church 3:30 p.m. - Confessions 4:30 p.m. - Mass 7:00 p.m. - Bingo - Little Theatre</p>	<p>Sunday, November 26, 2017 <i>Christ the King</i> 7:30 a.m. - Mass 9:00 a.m. - Early Childhood - Elementary School 9:15 a.m. - Mass 10:20 a.m. - PSR - Elementary School 11:30 a.m. - Mass - Hall of Fame 12:30 p.m. - Hall of Fame Luncheon - All Saints Gym</p>

LIMA CHAPTER OF MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

The Lima Chapter of Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, will be held on December 2, at the Old Barn Out Back. Our speaker will be Carol Fox a member of Immaculate Conception Parish in Port Clinton, Ohio. Registration 9:30 a.m. please call Kay Smith at 419-339-8971 by November 28. Cost is \$10.00 which includes, breakfast, speaker, and handouts!

THE SERRA CLUB OF LIMA

Come be our guest November 30 for Mass, dinner and a talk. Michael Schoenhoffer who is Executive Director of Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties will be talking on "Heroin Problem in Lima". The evening is sponsored by The Serra Club of The Lima Area, which exist to promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We will begin with Mass at 5:45 at LCC high school. For more information or to make reservation please call Marilyn at 567-204-4745.

K OF C BLOOD DRIVE

A Blood Drive will be held at the K of C Hall located at 1011 Elida Ave. on Wednesday, December 6 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to redcrossblood.org, sponsor code "kofcdel" to schedule your donation appointment.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We will be decorating the church for Christmas with beautiful Poinsettias. The cost is \$10.00. If you would like to purchase one, please fill out this form and place it in the collection with your payment or deliver it to the Ministry Center by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18th.

Purchaser's Name:

In Memory of/In Honor of (circle one):

“CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY” CRAFT SHOW AND BAKE SALE

Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society

Will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2017

From 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, New Bavaria

(St. Rt. 108 South of Holgate to Road Y)

Lunch Served All Day

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PORT CLINTON, IS ONCE AGAIN HOSTING A BUS FOR THE MARCH
FOR LIFE THIS JANUARY 2018**

When: January 18 – 20th, 2018

Where: Departs from Port Clinton to Washington, DC

Early Bird Rate (by Dec. 12th) \$220 per person

Cost: Regular Rate (after Dec. 12th) \$240 per person (Double Occupancy)

Includes: Bus, Hotel, Breakfast, Vigil Mass at Basilica, March for Life Rally, Sightseeing Saturday morning.

Sponsored by: ICSJ Respect Life Ministry Port Clinton/Marblehead

Contact: Judy Geiger to register: 419-341-1899, jgeiger747@gmail.com

Registration Forms available at the Ministry Center

DELPHOS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Delphos Community Christmas Project committee sincerely thanks each person and group who has made any contribution in the past. Last year, 331 children living in the Delphos school district were provided with toys and clothing and 150 fruit plates were delivered to our elderly and shut in residents. Food baskets were also provided for 147 families.

The committee begins its work in early November. The names of those in need come in, the families are interviewed, and their needs are established. After this, the shoppers go to work!

We deliver the gifts and fruit plates with the help of St. John and Jefferson students. Our delivery day this year will be Thursday, December 21st, 2017.

The names of children needing clothing and toys, families needing food, and shut-ins to be remembered with a fruit plate, should be sent to: Delphos Community Christmas Project, General Delivery, Delphos, Ohio 45833. Monetary donations may also be sent to the same address. Thank you for helping the less fortunate in our community. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Edna Fischer, chairwoman (419-692-8818).

SAINTS ADALBERT AND HEDWIG PARISH TO HOLD ANNUAL WIGILIA EVENT

Our annual Polish Christmas Eve dinner, in Polish Wigilia, will be held on **Saturday, December 9** after the 4:00 PM Mass in the Saint Adalbert School Hall, corner of Lagrange and E. Oakland Streets in Toledo's Polish International Village. In the true Polish tradition, we will serve a meatless dinner serving foods from the fields, forests and waters. We will feature fish, beet soup, meatless gołąbki and pierogi among other items! There will be opłatki, prayers, Christmas carols (Kolędy) and a performance by the Echoes of Poland. Please join us for this celebration of our Lord's coming. There will be no charge but any free-will donation you wish to make will be accepted. Reservations **MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE** as seating is limited and must be made no later than **Sunday, December 3** by calling Jim at [419.509.8050](tel:419.509.8050).

A NOTE FROM FATHER DENNIS
ADDRESSING ANTI-CATHOLIC LETTER ON CARS AFTER MASS

One thing that should be expected of being Catholic in America is that we as a Church can be the object of ridicule, discrimination, bigotry and anti-Catholic rhetoric. It has been said that anti-Catholicism in America is one of the last acceptable forms of discrimination.

After the 9:15 Mass on November 5th, an anonymous person placed an eight page letter on all the cars surrounding Church. While people have asked if I know the source of the letter, it is clear that the author of the letter is unable to defend his comments since he did not sign the letter. It is easy to hurl insults while seeking shelter behind the cloak of anonymity. From parts of the letter, it appears to have come from the 7th Day Adventists community.

I am sure that it will probably not be the last time such things happen. As a Catholic missionary once told me “It is clear in some christian denominations if they could not bash Catholics they would have nothing to talk about.” However, I would ask that our Catholic community keep the following points in mind:

First, we should receive such attacks as a sign of validation regarding our faithfulness to the Gospel. As St. Luke states in his Gospel: *Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way* (Luke 6:22-23).

Second, Catholics must be prepared to defend the Catholic faith. However, we do so with gentleness and in truth. The author of the letter quoted a lot of scripture but nearly all of it was quoted out of context. He uses a strategy called “proof-texting”. This dubious method of understanding Sacred Scripture begins with a premise and then seeks to find scriptural proofs to fit his premise. In other words, he makes the scripture say what he wants it to say rather than what it actually means. We Catholics should continually prepare ourselves through constant study so that we not fall prey to deceitful practices. As St. Peter says: *Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame* (1 Peter 3:15).

Thirdly, be proud! You belong to the Catholic Church. Through it many have attained the heights of holiness and are great witnesses to the richness of our great tradition. On any given day, our Church feeds more people, educates more people, nurses and treats more people than any government, organization, or other church in the world. No other church, government program or organization has lifted whole generations out of poverty as quickly and efficiently as the Catholic Church has done in the past 100 years in our country. While the letter writer may reference the scandals of individuals in the Church throughout its history, the Church, as the Body of Christ, has remained incorrupt and ever-faithful. For that we have much to be proud.

So when it happens again (and it will happen again as it has for hundreds of years in our country), throw the letter away and offer a quiet prayer for the misguided author but also pray for your fellow Catholics who need strengthened in their faith.

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