

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## **Sunday Morning Mass**

10:30 a.m.

## **Wednesday Evening Mass**

6:30 p.m.

## **Sister Parishes**

St. John the Baptist, Landeck  
(419) 692 - 0636  
St. John the Evangelist, Delphos  
(419) 695 - 4050

*August 23, 2026*  
*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in*  
*Ordinary Time*



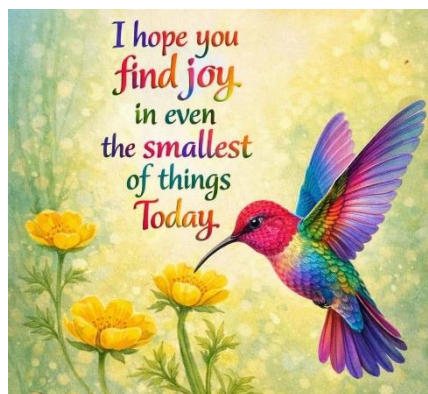
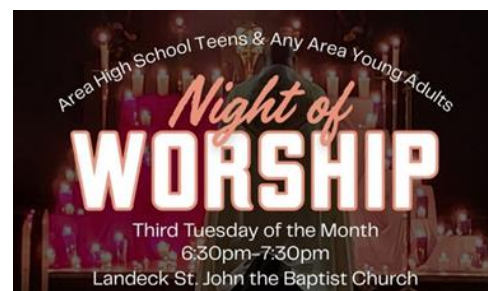
## **Diocese of Toledo Welcomes Nine New Seminarians, Largest Increase in 23 Years**

The Diocese of Toledo is celebrating a significant sign of hope for priestly vocations: nine new seminarians have been accepted to begin formation for the Diocese this fall — the largest single-year increase in 23 years. The nine men gathered Tuesday, Aug. 11, for an official “Signing Day,” marking the beginning of their journey

as seminarians for the Diocese of Toledo. They join 11 returning seminarians, bringing the Diocese to 20 men in priestly formation for the 2026-2027 year. The new seminarians come from parishes across the Diocese, from Mansfield and Bellevue to Sylvania, Oregon, Ottawa, Swanton, Van Wert, Port Clinton and Ottoville. All nine are entering the Propaedeutic Stage of priestly formation. This initial stage takes place before the Discipleship Stage and the formal study of philosophy. It introduces a new seminarian more deeply to the spiritual life while providing a solid foundation in human formation. Their arrival comes amid a broad diocesan effort to foster a culture of vocations and invite the faithful to pray intentionally for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood. The collaboration is one part of a broader effort already underway throughout the Diocese. For the past three years, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas has asked Catholics throughout the Diocese to make a simple but intentional commitment: pray one Hail Mary each day for an increase in priestly vocations and offer some form of fasting each Friday for that intention. That prayer continues this year alongside expanded efforts to help Catholics throughout the Diocese know their seminarians, encourage young men to discern the priesthood and make prayer for vocations a regular part of parish life. Among those efforts is the third annual [Walk for Vocations](#), Sept. 27-Oct. 1. Under the theme “Each Step a Prayer for More Priests,” priests and the faithful will make a more than 70-mile pilgrimage across the Diocese, praying specifically for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. The addition of nine new seminarians is a joyful beginning to a new year of formation — and an invitation to continue building a culture in which young men are encouraged to listen for God's call and given the support to respond generously. Please pray for these nine men, for all 20 Diocese of Toledo seminarians, and for the young men throughout our Diocese whom God may be calling to the priesthood.

## **Meet & Greet with PSR Teachers**

Mark your calendar now --for September 13 immediately after 10:30 Mass! Plan to enjoy donuts and coffee while learning more about our parish's PSR Program. Our teachers will be available to “meet & greet” everyone and share the wonderful things that we have planned for the coming year. It is an extremely important ministry of our parish: the faith formation of our elementary and high school students. We are called to equip our children and young adults for lifelong fidelity to Christ in the Catholic Church; to offer them the wisdom of the Scriptures, the power of the Sacraments, the heroism of the Saints. Come and learn how, together, we can provide *the best* for our young people.



### **INTERESTED?**

For more information, please contact:

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### **Dates:**

August 18<sup>th</sup>  
September 15<sup>th</sup>  
October 20<sup>th</sup>  
November 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 15<sup>th</sup>  
January 19<sup>th</sup>  
February 16<sup>th</sup>  
March 16<sup>th</sup>  
April 20<sup>th</sup>  
May 18<sup>th</sup>

High school teens and young adults are invited to our Tri-Parish Night of Worship on the third Tuesday of each month. Join us for an evening with the Lord through Exposition, Confessions, and Benediction from 6:30–7:30 PM at St. John the Baptist Church in Landeck, followed by fellowship in the parish basement until 8:15 PM.

## Last Weekend's Gifts

**August 16, 2026**

**Total Offering: \$ 1,744.00**

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,195.00

Maintenance: \$ 40.00

Loose Offering: \$ 231.00

Children's Loose: \$ 2.00

PSR: \$ 150.00

Assumption: \$ 126.00

**Thank You!**

### Mass Intentions:

**Sunday, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>** 10:30 am Al & Louise Kill  
Mark & Sharon Robey  
(50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Wednesday, Aug 26<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm Celebrant's Intention

**Sunday, Aug 30<sup>th</sup>** 10:30 am Celebrant's Intention

**Wednesday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>** 6:30 pm Celebrant's Intention

**Congratulations to Mark & Sharon Robey on 50 wonderful years of marriage!** May God continue to bless your love, faith, and life together. Wishing you many more years of joy, peace, and cherished memories. Happy Golden Anniversary!

*Wishing all the students and staff a great start to the new school year!*



## Ministry Schedule

| 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>August 23 ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass |                                                                      | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>August 30~ 10:30 a.m. Mass |                                                                             |
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| <b>Commentator</b>                                                      | Elisha Wiss                                                          | <b>Commentator</b>                                                     | Bev Wisher                                                                  |
| <b>Reader</b>                                                           | Tiffany Seibert                                                      | <b>Reader</b>                                                          | Ann Bonito                                                                  |
| <b>Communion Distributors</b>                                           | Ben Wilker<br>Alan Wynn<br>Marie Wynn<br><b>Choir:</b> Sharon Keeran | <b>Communion Distributors</b>                                          | Ann Bonito<br>Colleen Richmond<br>Bill Wisher<br><b>Choir:</b> Ericka Aller |
| <b>Servers</b>                                                          | Owen Klausing<br>Will Sensabaugh<br>Blake Sensabaugh                 | <b>Servers</b>                                                         | Sophia Seibert<br>Angel Seibert<br>John Burke                               |
| <b>Money Counters</b>                                                   | Colleen Richmond<br>Elisha Wiss                                      | <b>Money Counters</b>                                                  | Colleen Richmond<br>Elisha Wiss                                             |
| <b>Mass Set-Up</b>                                                      | Ben Wilker                                                           | <b>Mass Set-Up</b>                                                     | Scott Brown                                                                 |

## GriefShare

Come join us! Our support group offers help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. In our GriefShare group you will find understanding, guidance, relief and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief that is open to all adults in our area. Our next session begins on Tuesday evening, September 8, 2026 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Delphos St. John Ministry Center, located at 201 N. Pierce Street in Delphos. Registration can be completed at the GriefShare website at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) OR by contacting Kathy Ulm, program coordinator, at 419-516-3994 or Delphos St. John the Evangelist Ministry Center at 419-695-4050.

## Pope Leo XIV Encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) increasingly enters into our social, cultural and political circles, it is refreshing to read the 1<sup>st</sup> Encyclical of our American Pope: *Magnificent Humanity*. There are multiple articles available on line for your enrichment. In fact, the entire work is available there. To quote Father Tony Vera: "Google it." Our Holy Father has produced a powerful document, underscoring the inherent dignity and worth of every human being, made in the image and likeness of God. Yes, it is "magnificent" to be "human." We all know that we live in an age of artificial intelligence and digital technologies which are dramatically changing the way we work, communicate, learn, build relationships and even understand ourselves. As Christians, we are called to be builders of communion, artisans of peace and weavers of hope in this digital age. That is the central message of the Encyclical. To quote paragraph 15: "Ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human. We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed on us and revealed in its fullness on Christ. True progress always stems from a heart open to others, an intelligence willing to listen and a will that seeks what unites rather than what separates." Let us pause and ask ourselves in what ways we can refresh our lives in order to better understand our own "magnificence" as children of God!

### *Magnificent means--*

**Wonderful, Splendid, Remarkable,  
Tremendous, Marvelous, Awesome,  
Gorgeous, Noble, Gallant, Superb  
Sublime, Extraordinary, Glorious**

FEELING OVERWHELMED?  
STRESSED OUT?  
**YOU'RE NOT ALONE.**

Join other high school students as we journey through Stress Less: A Scriptural Journey from Anxiety to Peace by Steve Allgeyer. Together we'll discover how Scripture, prayer, and authentic conversation can help us find Christ's peace in the middle of life's stresses.

#### **Open to ALL High School Students!**

Whether you're from Delphos, Landeck, Spencerville, Van Wert, Lima, or anywhere nearby—you are welcome!  
Each month we'll explore a different real-life topic in a welcoming environment where faith meets everyday challenges.

#### **When:**

Mondays from 6:30–7:30 PM

Aug. 31 / Sept. 7 / Sept. 14 / Sept. 21 / Sept. 28

#### **Where:**

The Upper Room  
Corner of 2nd & N. Pierce St.  
Delphos, OH

Parking available near the convent.



**Questions or Ready to Register?**

Contact Wendy  
419-692-5373 ext. 3011  
Bring a friend. Everyone is welcome!

## *SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN*

### **Get ready for the second season of - SHE**

*She Shall Be Called Woman*, a program developed **for all women** by Paradisus Dei, is coming to **Delphos, Landeck and Spencerville**! This is a parish-based women's program that fosters a supportive environment for spiritual growth. It consists of two 9-week sessions— one in fall and one in the spring. Each meeting consists of a video, small group discussion and fellowship. Through dynamic speakers, meaningful prayer experiences and opportunity for enriching conversations, women of all ages (from 18 yrs and up) will gain deeper insights into Scriptural teachings, theological truths and practical wisdom. **SHE** is a formative journey you won't want to miss!

#### **Program Information**

**When:** Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** St. John the Baptist Church,  
Landeck Basement

**Beginning:** September 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

#### **For more information, contact**

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#### **For help registering, call**

Kathleen Wreede at: 419-695-4050 ext.  
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Register by dropping this off to the Ministry  
Center @ 201 N. Pierce St. Delphos, OH!

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online by  
QR code here!**

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**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

