

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

September 6, 2026
23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

From a Mother's Prayer to Priesthood

Dear Parish Family of St. John the Baptist and St. Patrick, It has been a blessing to be with you these past two months. Many of you have kindly asked about my background and vocation, so I would like to share a little of my story.

I am Father Jason D'Souza, from Mangalore, India. I was ordained a priest in May 2016, and this year I am blessed to celebrate ten years of priesthood. I was born on September 24. I come from a family of four brothers. all settled in India, and my parents also live there. My parents are deeply devoted Catholics, and their faith has been the foundation of my vocation. I often say that I became a priest because of my mother's prayers. From childhood, my parents took us to church and taught us to love God and pray. Watching priests celebrate Mass and serve God's people planted a desire in my heart to become a priest. I had other dreams as well—I once wanted to become a lawyer—but God had a different plan. I eventually joined the Pallottines,



inspired by St. Vincent Pallotti and his dedication to bringing people closer to Christ. When I entered the seminary, my mother told me, "Once you enter the seminary, don't turn back. Do God's will, and God will bless you." Those words have stayed with me throughout my priesthood. After serving in two parishes in India, I came to the United States in September 2022. I am grateful for all that God has taught me through these years and for the people He has placed along my journey. Now, I am happy to be here with you at St. John the Baptist and St. Patrick. Thank you for your warm welcome, your kindness, and your prayers. I look forward to getting to know you better and walking with you in faith. God has guided my journey from a mother's prayer to the priesthood, and I am grateful that He has now made you part of that journey. Please keep me in your prayers, as I promise to keep you and your families in mine. God bless you all!

Fr. Jason D'Souza

Labor Day Blessing

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of work and for all who labor to support their families, serve their communities, and build a better world. Through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, may we always recognize the dignity of honest labor and use our gifts in service of others. May our work glorify You, our rest renew us, and our lives reflect the love of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meet & Greet with PSR Teachers

Next Sunday, September 13, immediately after 10:30 Mass, plan to enjoy donuts and coffee while learning more about our parish's PSR Program. Everyone is invited. 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. Come and learn how, together, we can provide *the best* for our young people.

Why am I Catholic?

Open to all area young adults, ages 18–34.

Have you ever wondered why, as Catholics, we do what we do—or how to explain who we are and what we believe to family and friends?

Then this series is for you!

Join us beginning Thursday, September 10, 6:30–8pm in The Upper Room in Delphos Corner of 2nd & N. Pierce St. Delphos, OH

Parking available near the convent.

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Please contact Wendy Gerstner, Director of Evangelization, with any questions or to register.
wgerstner@delphosstjohns.org or 419-692-5371 ext. 3011

Last Weekend's Gifts

August 30, 2026

Total Offering: \$ 1,366.97

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 930.00

Loose Offering: \$ 238.97

Music Ministry: \$ 198.00

Thank You!

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, Sept. 6th 10:30 am Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, Sept. 9th 6:30 pm Sister Immacolata
Jacob Silverman
Fr. Stan Szybka

Sunday, Sept. 13th 10:30 am For the return of
Catholics to the faith

Wednesday, Sept. 16th 6:30 pm Leonard Barhorst

Labor Day Holy Mass Tomorrow in Landeck at 9:00 a.m.

There will NOT be the usual Monday Evening Mass with Adoration and Confession. The morning Mass is a perfect time to pray for God's blessing on all of our labor, and the health and strength to carry it out for His honor and glory.

GriefShare

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 OR by contacting Kathy Ulm, program coordinator, at 419-516-3994 or Delphos St. John the Evangelist Ministry Center at 419-695-4050.

Ministry Schedule



23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6 ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass		24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13 ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass	
Commentator	Scott Brown	Commentator	Kathy Keller
Reader	Sharon Keeran	Reader	Mary Ellen Lenhart
Communion Distributors	Ericka Aller Sharon Keeran Colleen Richmond Choir: Bill Wisher	Communion Distributors	Kathy Goecke Jim Bowersock Mary Ellen Lenhart Choir: Mike Lammers
Servers	Sam Goecke Maria Goecke Kate Goecke	Servers	Will Sensabaugh Blake Sensabaugh Owen Klausing
Money Counters	Ben & Cristy Wilker Ann Bonito	Money Counters	Ben & Cristy Wilker Ann Bonito
Mass Set-Up	Don Wiechart	Mass Set-Up	Bill Wisher

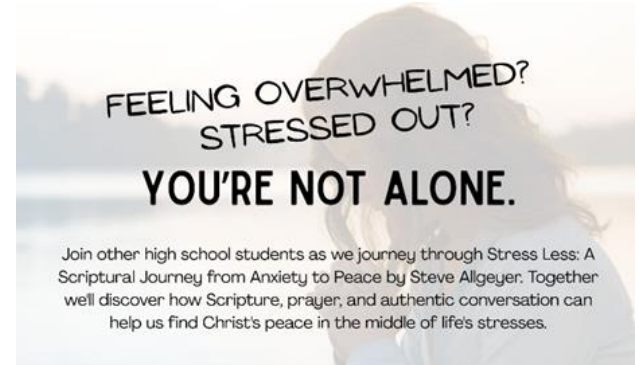
Applications Open for 2026 Century Farm Awards Honoring Catholic Farming Families

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is now accepting applications for the 2026 Century Farm Awards, an annual recognition of Catholic families who have maintained a working farm or homestead for 100 years or more. Award recipients will be honored during the annual Mass for Farmers, celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at St. Michael Parish in Gibsonburg. The Mass for Farmers and Century Farm Awards presentation is a cherished tradition organized and sponsored by the Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo Rural Life Advisory Board. The celebration recognizes the dedication, faith, and perseverance of Catholic farming families while giving thanks for the important role farmers play in rural communities throughout the Diocese. To request a Century Farm Awards registration form or for more information, contact Marla Garner at (419) 214-4898 or mgarner@toledodiocese.org.

Landeck CLC

Landeck CLC's will meet at 6:30 pm Sept. 8th at the CFO Hall in Landeck, Carry-In.

MASS FOR THE SICK with the Anointing of the Sick Saturday, September 19 St. John the Evangelist, Delphos Confessions at 3:30pm Holy Mass at 4:30pm Catholics from any parish whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at this special Mass for the Sick. So that we may plan accordingly, please let us know that you would like to be anointed at this Mass by calling the Ministry Center in Delphos at 419-695-4050 and registering. Additional Masses for the Sick will be offered at the other parishes in February and June.



**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!

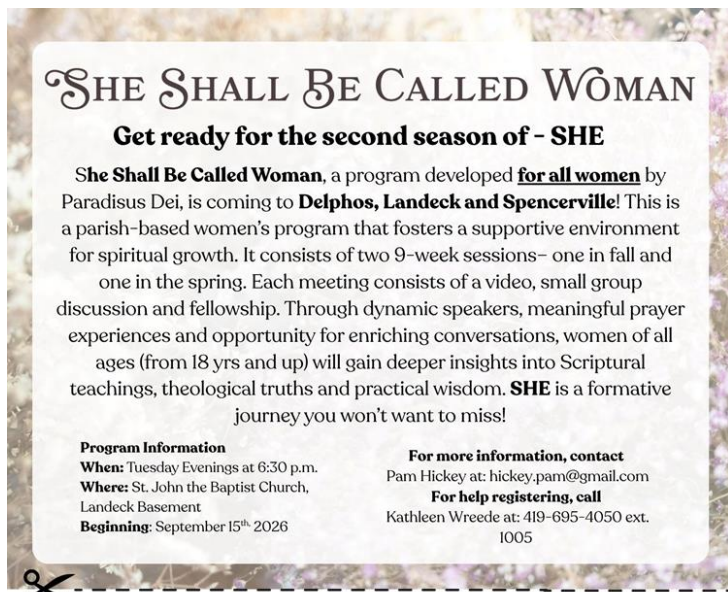
Whether you're from Delphos, Landeck, Spencerville, Van Wert, Lima, or anywhere nearby—you are welcome!
Each month we'll explore a different real-life topic in a welcoming environment where faith meets everyday challenges.

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
419-692-5371 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 15th 2026

For more information, contact
Pam Hickey at: hickey.pam@gmail.com
For help registering, call
Kathleen Wreede at: 419-695-4050 ext. 1005



Area High School Teens & Any Area Young Adults

**Night of
WORSHIP**

Third Tuesday of the Month
6:30pm–7:30pm
Landeck St. John the Baptist Church

Dates:

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

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.

Register by dropping this off to the Ministry Center @ 201 N. Pierce St. Delphos, OH!

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

**Register
online by
QR code here!**

Register Here!!

