



A Member of the St. Juan Diego Deanery
Sister Parish with Sacred Heart of Jesus

April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

St. Joseph Catholic Church
331 N. Thoman Street, Crestline, Ohio 44827
419-683-2015
www.stjosephcrestline.org



Tuesday—April 16

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Intention: For an Increase in Vocations

Wednesday—April 17

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Intention: For the People of St. Joseph
and Sacred Heart Parishes

Thursday—April 18

5:30 pm Confessions (at SJ)

6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph

Intention: Terri Samples

Friday—April 19

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Intention: Geneva Milligan

Saturday—April 20

3:30 pm Confessions (at SHJ)

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Intention: Harold "Yogi" Moore;
Lawrence & Mary Alice Biglin;
Mark Wolford

Sunday—April 21

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph

Intention: John DiPietro, Charles Marek

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Intention: Jeanne, Paul & Kathleen
Gosser; Henry & Rosella Biglin;
Dorothy Blum

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Intention: Terri Samples,
Francis & Mariann Haines

Easter season greetings,

I would like to address the flyers left on cars after our 11am Easter Mass at St. Joseph's Crestline. Last week I addressed the issue from the pulpit at all Masses except at the Sacred Heart First Communion Mass. Here I would like to address in written form to all parishioners via bulletin. As can be read from the scandalous flyer two St. Joseph school families are working through inappropriate messages sent toward one another. In the flyer I was critiqued for the punishment distributed.

As for the part where Ms. Sanders and I are mentioned, I feel it is necessary to address that the statement of us not disciplining correctly is false. We have been and WILL BE disciplining properly in accord with Diocesan policy as things come to light. Rest assured that we are working through the appropriate Diocesan and legal channels as this unfortunate event unfolds.

In Christ,
Fr. Jeff



Weekly Offering

April 7, 2024

\$6,500.50

Sunday Envelopes

(50) \$2,565.00

Loose Checks

(7) \$380.00

Loose Currency

\$263.00

Votive lights

\$35.00

School Support

\$870.00

Parish Maintenance

\$805.00

Caritas

\$30.00

Altar Candles

\$15.00

Online Giving

\$82.50

**Holy Land
(Good Friday)**

\$90.00

Easter

\$1,360.00

Catholic Home Mssn

\$5.00

Thank You !!

Starting in April, please join us as we pray a Holy Hour on Tuesdays in St. Joseph Church at 11:00 a.m. Please come and pray the Rosary and other prayers for our beloved country. God bless us all and the USA.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS: April 21, 2024 Please check Ministry Pro for any updates.

Sunday - 7:00 am**Lector:** Linda Salvati**Eucharistic Ministers:** Connie Marek, Tracy Dzugan, Morgan Frye**Servers:** Adam Link, Sydney Link**Gift Bearers:** Don & Sharen Alt Family**Ushers:** Curt Young, Doug DeNero**Sunday - 10:30 am****Lector:** Joann Palm**Eucharistic Ministers:** Steve Vogt, Denise Belcastro, Ann Coward**Servers:** Tyler Zucker, Brooke Zucker**Gift Bearers:** Matt & Sheila Bickert Family**Ushers:** Brett Warnecke, Matthew Ruhe**Special Intention of Pope Francis—Month of April**

For the Role of Women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Readings for the week of April 15

Monday: Acts 6:8-15 / Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 / Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a / Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab / Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8 / Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a / Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40 / Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 / Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20 / Ps 117:1-2 / Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42 / Ps 116:12-17 / Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 4:8-12 / Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 28-29 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18

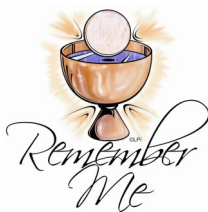
**First Holy Communion
Today - Sunday, April 14**

We are pleased to have the St. Joseph and PSR students make their First Holy Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass today.

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they receive Jesus for the first time in the Holy Eucharist.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

~ John 6:35



**Jesus Movement
TONIGHT - Sunday, April 14
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
(High School only)**

High School students meet at Resurrection Parish, Lexington. There will be food! Join the fun!



Please join us as we pray the rosary every Sunday at 9:55 a.m. in church. Extra rosaries can be found in the narthex.



Our St. Joseph Junior High students will be attending a three-day Damascus Catholic Mission Retreat on April 17–19.

Please pray for them as they participate in many activities that will promote their spiritual growth, and awaken in them the love and presence of God in their lives.



**Annual Catholic Appeal
"Yesterday, Today, & Forever"**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of 4/5/2024, we have met 50.99% of our goal of \$12,051.00 with \$6,145.00 pledged/paid. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider donating to the Annual Catholic Appeal.



**St. Joseph Parish congratulates
Derek Biglin and Jody Schroeder
on the Baptism of their son,
Brodie Austin Biglin.**

Brodie will receive the Sacrament of Baptism
by Fr. Jeffery Smith after the 10:30 a.m. Mass today.

The rose on the side altar is in thanksgiving for Brodie.
We welcome Brodie to the Catholic Faith!



**Come and check out our St. Joseph students' artwork
along with the works of other area students at the
annual Artapalooza Student Art Show.**

Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center
890 West Fourth St. Mansfield

Gallery Hours

Sunday, April 14	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Monday, April 15	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 16	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 17	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

An awards presentation will be held on Wed. April 17 at 6:30 PM.



We asked, you answered!!

Thanks so much to the parishioners who
donated new and gently used high chairs
for use at the convocation center.

***St. Joe's parishioners are
awesome!!***

**THIRD THURSDAY PASTA DINNER
at The First United Methodist Church**

Spaghetti Dinner

Let us do the cooking for you!

**Dinner Includes:
Spaghetti, Bread, Salad, Dessert
and a Drink**

Suggested Donation
Adults: \$10
12 and under: \$5

**April
18th
5:00PM-6:30PM**

**First United Methodist Church
202 N. Thoman St., Crestline**



Pre-School through 8th Grade

**Kindergarten through 8th Grade Students
FULL INCOME BASED TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!**

**Preschool Students
TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!**

CALL TODAY TO SCHEDULE A TOUR!

**ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

333 N. THOMAN ST. ~ CRESTLINE, OH 44827
www.stjosephcrestline.org Facebook: St. Joseph Catholic School Crestline 2022-23
Contact Principal Sue Sanders: (419) 683-1284

Upcoming Area Events:

St. Joseph Sr. Citizen Lunch - Tuesday, April 16 12:15 pm
St. Joseph Convocation Center - \$3 per person—Please RSVP to the
school office - 419-683-1284
Menu: Lasagna roll-ups, salad, applesauce, and dessert

Theology on Tap - Wednesday, April 17 6 - 8:00 p.m.
Bucyrus Knights of Columbus Hall
BYOB event—dinner provided
RSVP to Elizabeth Wurm at ewurm124@gmail.com

St. Peter Music Series - Sara Hart - Catholic Music Composer
Sunday, April 21 3:00 p.m.
St. Peter Church, Mansfield
Free admission, open to the public

**The free stage performance of Maximilian: Saint of
Auschwitz** is coming to four locations in the Diocese of
Toledo in April. All performances are at 7:00 p.m. with an additional
performance in Toledo at 10:00 a.m.. Learn more: [toledodiocese.org/
maximilian](http://toledodiocese.org/maximilian)
Wednesday, April 17 - Toledo—Rosary Cathedral School Gym
Thursday, April 18 - Fremont—St. Joseph Central Catholic Gym
Sunday, April 21 - Carey—Our Lady of Consolation School Gym
Monday, April 22 - Lima—Central Catholic School Gym

**Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Day of Renewal - "My Peace I Give You"**
Wednesday, May 8 Starts at 8:15 a.m.
Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio
\$35 per person. Registration closes April 21—Call parish office for
registration form.

Persuasive Pro-Life—Apologetic Conference for Students
Presenter: Trent Horn from Catholic Answers
This is a state-wide pro-life student conference.
Saturday, May 18 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University
64 W Lane Ave, Columbus, Ohio
\$20 per person - Register at www.ohiolife.org



As we rejoice
and celebrate
Our Lord's Resurrection
and this beautiful
Easter Season,
we recognize
with gratitude
the many kindnesses
and willing effort
put forth by everyone
involved in this year's
Fish Fry project.

A sincere
Thank You to All!

It takes more than 40 volunteers each week to plan, prepare, and serve our Friday meals. Special thanks to all our cheerful and generous volunteers, to Knights of Columbus Council 2642, and to all of our patrons who shared in fellowship over fish or purchased meals in the drive-thru each week.



Thanks to all your efforts and support, together we raised **\$8,122.89** for our beloved St. Joseph School. This is our largest fish fry donation to date, and the most meals served in the last eight years. Again, we are grateful. Thank You!



Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2024

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Rev. Jeff Smith, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Gemma Galgani

Born in Tuscany to a devout family, St. Gemma was attracted to prayer early on, mystically conversing with Jesus, Mary, and her Guardian Angel. Although she was hard working, kind, and a good student, her ecstasies earned her ridicule. She received the stigmata (wounds of Christ) in her body. She lost half her family to tuberculosis and struggled with poor health herself. Although this prevented her from entering the Passionist Order, she was posthumously accepted by them.



We are one Body

On the road to Damascus, Jesus told Saul that when he attacked Christians, he attacked Jesus. "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 26:15). Our Lord cannot be separated from the members of his Body. We stand united with all who suffer for Christ.

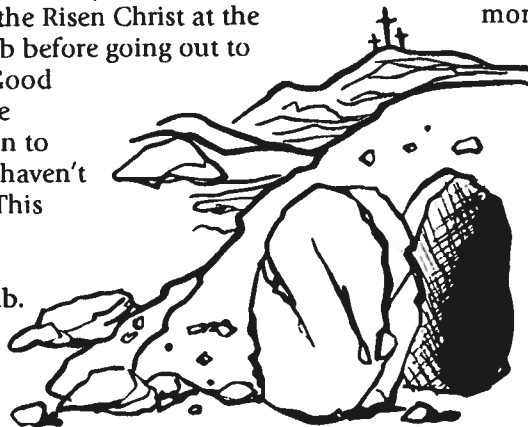
"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:84.



This Easter, meet Christ at the empty tomb

The Resurrection, more than Jesus' other miracles or teachings, shows His divinity and His Lordship over creation, and His victory over death. Every Easter Sunday, we're called to encounter the Risen Christ at the empty tomb before going out to bring the Good News of the Resurrection to those who haven't yet heard. This Easter:

Visit the empty tomb. Scripture is "living and active" (Hebrews 4:12), so the events of Jesus' life can still impact us today when we pray with them. During the Easter season, read through John 20:1-18, and picture yourself there. Read with an open heart. No one who meets the Risen Christ remains unchanged.



Renew your commitment to Him. Can you remember a moment when Christ called your name and invited you to follow Him? Renew your commitment to follow Christ more faithfully this Easter.

Commit to daily prayer. Offer your errands for the souls in Purgatory. Resolve to go to Confession more often. Don't let anything get in the way of weekly Mass.

"Go to my brothers and tell them" (John 20:17). Our job is to make more disciples for Jesus

(Matthew 28:19). Invite someone to Mass, pass on inspiring spiritual reading, answer questions about our Faith, be ready to talk about your love for God and your hope for eternity (1 Peter 3:15).

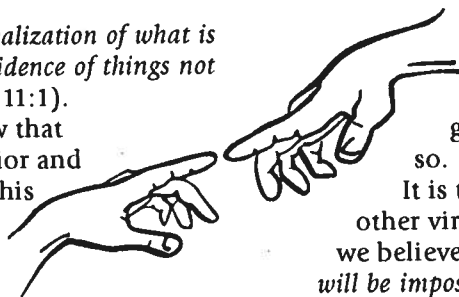
Why Do Catholics Do That?

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also know that by virtue of his

Why do Catholics need faith?

suffering, death, and Resurrection, we have hope of sharing in his glory in Heaven. He said so.

It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, "For with God, nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37).



3 Ways to be a better communicator

When people encountered Jesus, they knew they were heard, seen, known, and loved by the Father. A large part of this was how He conversed with them. As Christ's disciples aiming to convey the same message, we can become better communicators with these three skills:

Know which conversation you're having. There are three types of conversations: social, emotional, and practical. Maybe someone offered a solution in which a listening ear was needed or made a corny joke at the wrong time. When in doubt, say something like: "Do you want me to fix this or just listen?"



Ask good questions. Jesus asked questions about people's values, past experiences, and perceptions.

Ask open-ended questions, find out what interests them, ask their opinion on a given topic. Seek to understand them. You don't have to agree.

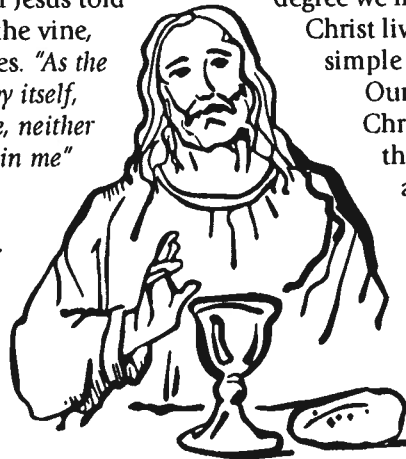
Really listen. Recall the rich young man whom Jesus looked at with love before challenging him to follow Him (Mark 10:21). Avoid checking your phone or thinking about your next response. Give the gift of your full attention.

from Scripture

John 15:1-8, Bearing fruit that will last

This Gospel passage takes us back to the Last Supper, when Jesus told His disciples that He is the vine, and they are the branches. "As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4). This shows the closeness of the friendship and intimacy Christ wants to draw us into.

Yet, this isn't just a luxury for the few, but a vital necessity for all. "For apart from me you can do nothing" (15:5). As Jesus is who He says He is (God), then we can only have a truly fulfilling,



meaningful, fruitful life to the degree we live in Christ and Christ lives in us. It really is as simple as that.

Our connection with Christ is nourished through daily prayer and the Eucharist, and is healed in Confession. We are part of the Vine when we humbly obey Christ's commands, carry out our duties and acts of kindness with love, and offer our sufferings to God. Only then will our lives bear lasting fruit.

Q & A What is a Spiritual Communion?

Pandemic lockdowns that prevented us from attending Mass in person prompted the rediscovery of Spiritual Communion, the "ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him" (St. Thomas Aquinas). Thankfully, we have returned to in-person Mass

attendance, but we can still benefit from this devotion. Spiritual Communion keeps us connected to Christ and deepens our awareness of His love throughout the day. Best friends don't only see or speak to each other once a week or when they need something. They stay in contact daily. Certainly, we have no closer friend than God.

The saints encouraged frequent Spiritual Communion because the practice opens us to much-needed graces. St. Alphonsus Liguori encouraged making three Spiritual Communions during Mass – at the beginning, during the consecration, and at the end – even when we receive the Body and Blood.

Spiritual Communion isn't a substitute for Sacramental Communion. Instead, making frequent Spiritual Communion can enrich our experience when we do receive Communion in person.

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Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 – St. Francis of Paola (1507). St. Francis founded the Minim Friars who lived an ascetic life. Known as a miracle-worker, he also had the gift of prophecy. He died in Plessis, in a monastery built for him by the king.

April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. She had confidence in God's grace and trusted His wisdom.

April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1622). In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. He joined the Franciscans. During the Protestant Reformation, St. Fidelis worked hard to bring people back to the Catholic faith, until his martyrdom.

April 27 – St. Zita (1271). Born in Monsagrati, Italy, St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Fatinelli family. Famous for her miracles in helping the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, she is the patroness of domestic workers.





Diocese
of Toledo

Attention men between the ages of 29 and 59: Do you feel called to be a Permanent Deacon?



Step 1: Speak with your pastor about your interest.

Step 2: Attend one virtual Inquiry Session:

- **either** Thursday, September 12 **or** Monday, September 16
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. by Zoom.
- Pre-registration **not** required.

Step 3: Attend the in-person Inquiry Session (with your wife, if married)

- Tuesday, October 15
- 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- St. Wendelin, Fostoria

Step 4: Apply for the program. Deadline for Part 1 of Applications:

- Friday, January 4, 2025

Contact Information/Questions

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For more information, contact Deacon Daniel Brahier, go to toledodiocese.org/diaconate, or use the QR code to access the Deacon Webpage and retrieve Zoom links for the virtual September Inquiry sessions.



Schedule for 2030 Cohort

- Inquiry Sessions:
Fall 2024
- Application Process:
Winter/Spring 2024-25
- Aspirancy I: 2025-2026
- Aspirancy II: 2026-2027
- Candidacy I: 2027-2028
- Candidacy II: 2028-2029
- Candidacy III: 2029-2030
- Ordination: September 2030

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Parish Office hours Monday—Friday, 8—12 noon
School Office hours 8:00am—3:00pm
Please email with any concerns.

When traveling masstimes.org
will help you find a Sunday Mass to attend

Bulletin Deadline: All items for the parish bulletin must be submitted Tuesday by 12 noon, the week prior to the desired date. To submit items for the bulletin, please email Lisa Simmons at lsimmons@stjosephcrestline.org



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

National Eucharistic Congress
July 17—July 21 in Indianapolis, IN. The Diocese of Toledo is forming a delegation and has reserved a limited number of tickets

for this pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress. Learn more and register: <https://toledodiocese.org/congress>



A note from Daniel Dougherty, Director of Mission

Advancement for the Diocese of Toledo - "Thank you to all of you for your great work and participation in promoting and supporting our various 2023 National Collections. We are especially grateful to all those parishioners who support these national ministries. We are happy to report that we collected \$558,778.52 in 2023 for the National Collections."

There were twelve national collections in 2023 which included Catholic Relief Services receiving a total of \$53,768.99, World Mission Sunday receiving \$162,956.89, and Retirement for the Religious receiving \$107,739.17 to name just a few. Thanks again for your generous support of these national collections.



Do you watch or listen to The Bishop's Corner? Don't miss the weekly show where Bishop Daniel E. Thomas answers questions from the Faithful, gives a gospel reflection, and talks about the upcoming events on his calendar and around the diocese.

Listen: Annunciation Radio, Thursdays at 4:30pm on 89.5FM Mansfield

Watch: youtube.com/ToledoDiocese or facebook.com/bishopdethomas

Send in your Questions on the Catholic faith, diocesan news and events, or anything you'd like to ask Bishop Thomas. Visit annunciationradio.com/bishops-corner.html or email bishop@annunciationradio.com.

THIS WEEK ON
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Week of April 14, 2024



God Is with Us

What does it mean to say that God is with us in the Eucharist? What is the Eucharist? Watch Episode 1 of Presence today!



St. Bernadette of Lourdes

"St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.



Joan of Arc

Cultivate a devotion to St. Joan of Arc, the young saint who died a martyr at the age of nineteen, by watching this powerful film. Her story comes to life in this movie and will doubtless leave you inspired by her faith in God.

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