



Celebrate Easter!

*As Christ was raised up from the dead...
we also should walk in newness of life. ROMANS 6:4*



SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 5, 2026 EASTER SUNDAY

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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline
Member of St. Juan Diego Deanery

Mass Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Rhonda Borgelt

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: The George Hines Family

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph

6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: For Those Who Have Joined the Church

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: For Students and Staff
Returning from Easter Break

Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Rodney Cole; The Deceased of the Clarence Studer Family

Sunday

Divine Mercy

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: Jim & Jan Horning



8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

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

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Jerry & Josie Dunn; Gladys Burkhart; Gerald Bickert

3:00pm - Divine Mercy Prayer Service at St. Peter, Mansfield

Dear Parishioners,

At Sacred Heart School we are reminded time and time again that He is good all the time. Below are some of the activities that are occurring in April and May. There are many opportunities when we are encountering firsthand how God is good, while we are working toward our academic and spiritual growth.

Currently we are accepting enrollment for the 26/27 school year. Sacred Heart School is a safe, encouraging place where students are loved, challenged and have the opportunity to excel academically, spiritually and personally. We currently offer 3yr. old preschool – 8th grade. To schedule a tour please contact Mrs. Myers @ Lmyers@shelbysacredheart.org or 419-683-1697.

April 12th - We are celebrating First Communion! Congratulations to Solanus, Bennett, Michaela, Oakland, Gianna, Theodore, Gemma, Klark and Charlie! Please continue to prayer for them as they receive the second sacrament of initiation to the Catholic Church.

April 13th - We have our first night of Sacred Heart Baseball. This is open to students in 4yr. old preschool – 8th grade.

April 24th - We are hosting our Kindergarten Screening. There is still time to schedule a tour of Sacred Heart School. Please call Mrs. Myers at 419-683-1697 to discuss the wonderful academic and spiritual growth that occurs daily at Sacred Heart School.

May 17th - Graduation Mass @ 8:30am. High School and College graduates are invited to join our 8th grade graduates at this Mass.

May 18th @ 5:30pm - Preschool and Kindergarten Graduation

May 19th - Sacred Heart Alumni High School Seniors- all Sacred Heart Alumni who are graduating seniors are invited to come May 19th @ 2:15pm for a walk-through memory lane.

May 20th - Join us for our Green Grass Gala @ 6:30pm. We will be showcasing all of our students' musical talents. This event is held on the kickball field. Please bring your own seating.

An update from The Heart of Bethlehem - Thank you to everyone who have already returned their surveys. We are happy to say we have over \$1.3 million in soft pledges already. This soft pledge survey is different than the original survey from a few months ago. If you have not completed the new survey please do so by April 12th. Even if you cannot donate at this time, please still fill out the survey and return it to us. This is important data for the next steps involving the Diocese.

Thank you once again for your generosity. Should you have any questions, I would be happy to answer any questions, Lmyers@shelbysacredheart.org or 419-683-1697.

God bless, Lisa Myers, Principal



SACRED HEART AND ST. JOSEPH OCIA "CLASS OF 2026"

BETHLEHEM – OCIA is the means by which one enters into full communion with the Church.

"OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation (formerly RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation)," according to the Diocese of Toledo. "This involves teachings, classes, meetings with a sponsor, rites within Mass, and finally, receiving your sacraments in the Church."

Everyone is on their own faith journey and this year's catechumens – those who have not been baptized in any Christian faith tradition – and candidates – who have a recognized baptism in another Christian denomination – have been no different.

Tawny Garvin

St. Joseph Catholic Church

"My journey through OCIA has made my faith grow. I go to mass now and my family and I pray. I am blessed to be going through this journey with my mom and my daughter. I love that I will be officially Catholic. Thank you all so much. Also, I love how I have made so many new friends; I am so blessed"



Andrew Cacchio

St. Joseph Catholic Church

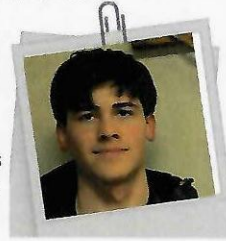
"Growing up, church had always been in my life but I never felt very religious. For me, the process of joining the Church through OCIA and becoming Catholic, has brought religion back into my life and has strengthened my faith."



Parker Keller

St. Joseph Catholic Church

"I'm a junior at Colonel Crawford High School currently, and I've been wanting to do these classes for a long time, but I do sports year round. This year I decided to take these classes to further my faith journey. Even though I was born Catholic, I have enjoyed learning more about our faith."



Shelli Watkins

St. Joseph Catholic Church

"I have always had great faith in the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit, I just have never slowed down in my life to make the time to start the OCIA classes to officially become a baptized Catholic. I am so happy in my life right now and so excited to be baptized into the Catholic Church. I am so blessed in my life to have all of you."



Zachary Derham

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

"After my mom's passing, going to mass every Sunday and just feeling God's presence every Sunday makes me feel closer to her than I'll ever be. Being able to learn about the true Church and being able to be a part of it this upcoming Easter makes me happy."



Abigail Brocwell

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

"Church had always been in my life but I never felt very religious. For me, the process of joining the church through OCIA and becoming Catholic has brought religion back into my life and has strengthened my faith!"



Melinda Mess

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

"OCIA has been a very positive experience. I knew I was interested in converting since age 15. My ongoing health issues have become the catalyst in improving my relationship with God. I am very glad I did. I'm still learning and growing every day. A special thank you to Father Jeff, Deacon Steve, and the amazing OCIA team for helping make it all happen."



Our faith communities – and the Diocese of Toledo as a whole – welcomes its newest members to the beginning of your new journey!





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*Dale & Linda Schroeder	Lee & Ruth Schroeder; Deceased of the Hoepf Family

Hallelujah (Easter Version)

A crown of thorns placed on his head
He knew that He would soon be dead,
He said "Did you forget me, Father did you?"
They nailed him to a wooden cross
Soon all the world would feel the loss,
Of Christ the King before us Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
He hung his head and prepared to die
Then lifted his face up to the sky,
Said "I am coming home now, Father to you."
A reed which held his final sip
Was gently lifted to his lips,
He drank his last and gave his soul to Glory.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
The soldier who had used his sword
To pierce the body of our Lord,
Said truly this was Jesus Christ our Savior
He looked with fear upon his sword,
Then turned to face his Christ the Lord
Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Took from his head the thorny crown
And wrapped him in a linen gown,
Then laid him down to rest inside the tomb
The holes in his hands, his feet, his side,
Now in our hearts we know he died
To save us from ourselves, Oh Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Three days went by, again they came
To move the stone to bless the slain,
With oil and spice anointing Hallelujah
But as they went to move the stone
They saw that they were not alone
For Jesus Christ has Risen, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Lyrics by Kelley Mooney



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**Diocese of Toledo Announces Three New Initiatives to Restore and Enhance
Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral**

Following upon the success of the diocesan-wide *Living Christ* capital campaign and the extraordinary generosity of so many donors, the Diocese of Toledo is excited to announce three new initiatives to restore and enhance the mother church of the Catholic diocese, Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, located on Collingwood Blvd in Toledo. Work is now able to begin on three major projects that, while complementary, are unique in themselves, each planned to come to fruition in the near future.

The first project is the addition of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, to be depicted on the five vaults of the ceiling of the Cathedral Narthex (vestibule). The addition of the five Luminous Mysteries, given to the Church by Pope John Paul II in 2002, completes the depiction of all 20 of the Mysteries of the Rosary at Rosary Cathedral, including the already existing Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries.

The second project concentrates on the interior of the Cathedral, restoring its theological, artistic and architectural integrity. This will include the rearrangement of several integral elements including restoring the baptismal font to its original location in the baptistry; restoring the current free-standing altar to its original location under the baldacchino; restoring the tabernacle to its original location under the baldacchino; introducing a new free-standing altar in front of the baldacchino; refurbishing and restoring the original Cathedra to its original position; and, enhancing the lighting throughout the Cathedral.

According to Reverend Nathan Bockrath, the Cathedral’s rector, “There are multiple motivations for these changes with the overall goal of maintaining and enhancing our Cathedral as a worthy space to celebrate the Sacraments, to lift minds and hearts in prayer and to offer fitting worship to our Lord.”

The third project is to install air conditioning throughout the Cathedral which has long been a hoped-for addition. It is important to maintain a controlled temperature and environment to preserve the art and the recently restored historic Skinner organ, and to provide for the comfort of worshippers.

Thanks to the great generosity of the faithful, all of these projects together will ensure that the Cathedral continue to serve our local church far into the future, continue to be a beacon of beauty and light for the community, and continue to inspire faith, hope and charity.

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Our second grade students will be making their First Communion on Sunday, **April 12th at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.** Pews will be reserved for our First Communicants and their families. Please pray for these students as they prepare to receive the Body of Christ.



In preparation for First Communion, second grade students made their First Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday, March 25th.

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Ways and Means Committee of the Altar and Rosary Society Thanks you for your participation in our Palm Sunday bake sale! A total of \$1,789.00 was raised! Altar & Rosary purchases many of our Mass and liturgical supplies.




The next Little Lambs playdate is scheduled for Saturday, **April 11th. 9:00am.-Noon.**

Divine Mercy Sunday

Deanery Holy Hour
April 12th at 3:00 pm
St. Peter Parish
60 S Mulberry St, Mansfield

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Exposition
Confessions



Jesus, I trust in You

The Ladies of Sacred Heart Church are inviting all widows to join them in the school gymnasium on **Sunday, April 26th. at 1:00pm** for a time of prayer, sharing, light snacks and games. While rooted in the Catholic faith, all widows are welcome. Please feel free to invite a friend. For more information: contact Lillian Niese at: rrlniese@hotmail.com or 419-631-1603 or Kathy Cole at: kathym.cole@icloud.com or 419-565-8060

Baptismal Congratulations!

Congratulations to Scott and Brooke Alt on the baptism of their son, Kane Karl, on March 21st. by Father Jeff.

Congratulations to Dylan and Sierra Finnegan on the baptism of their son, Deacon Lee, on March 28th. by Deacon Steve.

May God continue to Bless these Families!



Thank you very much!

Sacred Heart truly exemplifies the ideal parish. It is through the support of individuals like yourself that we are able to thrive and maintain our status as the oldest continuously operating school in the Diocese. We have been fortunate to receive pledges from parishioners, non-parishioners, alumni, and various organizations. This remarkable demonstration of support highlights how cherished Sacred Heart is by so many. We are very close to achieving our goal for this project, though we have not quite reached it yet. We are profoundly grateful for your generosity and ongoing commitment to our school. May God bless you and Sacred Heart. We will continue to accept soft pledges until **April 12**. Please scan the QR code provided or return the soft pledge form to the church office. The Heart of Bethlehem committee

Straight A's Well done!

Felix Beeson, Audrey Hoffman, Berkley Hoffman, Jude Kemerer, Eleanor Kuntz, Abbygael Lenz, Augustine Metzger, Declan Milligan, John Paynter, Oliver Rietschlin and Veronica Rietschlin

First Honor A's and B's

Leo Beeson, Rudy Belcik, Ricardo DeLaCruz, Saylor Hartings, Thea Jordan, Hunter Keller, Quinn Keller, Matthew Lenz, Finnian Metzger, Zelig Metzger, Francis Paynter, Sarah Plazek, Rylee Scarbro, Olivia Stilwell, Aubrey Timmons, Blaine Welch, Carter Wyer, Deacon Wyer and Weston Vogt



Sunday, July 26th.

It is never too early to start thinking about warmer days and with those warmer days comes the annual Sacred Heart Festival! If you have a shift you would prefer please contact Bridget Milligan at 419-561-0690 to make your **request before April 15th.** Thank you!

Total Collection:

March 29, 2026

\$ 5,594.07

**Offertory
\$ 4,059.07**

**Easter
\$ 400.00
Easter Flowers
\$ 232.00**

**Holy Land
\$ 20.00**

**Misericordia
\$ 125.00**

**Online
\$ 680.00**

Thank You !



**Heart of Bethlehem
\$ 125.00**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Wednesday:
School Mass**

Saturday, April 11th.

Sunday April 12th.

**MUSIC MINISTER
*Sean Beeson***

**SERVERS
*Weston Vogt
Jude Kemerer***

**OFFERTORY
*Charlie & Vicki Schroeder***

**EXTRAORDINARY
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*Doug & Tammy Lucius
Greg Keller***

**USHERS
*Mark Vogt
Jacob Gosser***

**LECTOR
*Carrie Kemerer***

**MUSIC MINISTER
*Youth Choir***

**SERVERS
*Gavin Keller
Lauren Ann Vogt***

**OFFERTORY
*First Communicants***

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS
*Deacon Steve Vogt
Lisa Myers, Cheryl Rietschlin
Dale Schroeder***

**USHERS
*Nate Metzger
John Finnegan***

**LECTOR
*Chuck Keller***

**COUNTERS
*Joyce Timmer, Bob Weber,
Dianne Sutter***

Bible Readings for the Week April 5th. 2026

- Monday** Acts 2:14, 22-23, Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11, Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41, Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22, Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10, Ps 105:1-4, 6-9, Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday** Acts 3:11-26, Ps 8:2a, 5-9, Lk 24:35-48
- Friday** Acts 4:1-12, Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a, Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday** Acts 4:13-21, Ps 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21, Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday** Acts 2:42-47, Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, 1Pt 1:3-9, Jn 20:19-31



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