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September 7, 2025 23rd. Sunday in Ordinary Time

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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline.

Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart Mass Intention: Richard Vogt & John Metzger

Wednesday 8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Bob Niese

Thursday 5:30 pm-Confession at St. Joseph 6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph Mass Intention: For the People of St. Joseph & Sacred Heart Parishes

Friday 8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph Mass Intention: For the Students, Parents and Staff of St. Joseph School

Saturday 3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ 4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Lawrence & Mary Alice Biglin, Yogi & Mark; Rodney Cole

Sunday 7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph Mass Intentions: Mary Cannon-

DeGreve; Mark Betti

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart Mass Intention: Rosemary Sutter; Mary Fike-Traxler

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph Mass Intention: Roberta Scully

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome back to another God-filled and exciting school year! We are blessed with **110** students at the start of this school year. We have several new families along with our dedicated families that have entrusted Sacred Heart School with their child's faith and educational growth. Thank you for entrusting us! We do not take this responsibility lightly. Thank you to our Sacred Heart Community for your continuous support. We appreciate your generosity. We take pride in being part of the Sacred Heart family.

With the grace of God, we will continue to evolve as a parish and school while continuing to teach our history and faith for future generations. I humbly ask you to please keep our community in your prayers. If you see an unfamiliar face, please introduce yourself and help our families feel welcome. Sometimes the greatest gift you can give another person is to simply include them.

Our big project over the summer was working on installing a new water softener system including new waterlines at Sacred Heart. During the summer we were able to lay new pipes. The rest of the project is a work in progress. As you may know this project is a major undertaking and has required many local, diocesan and governments agencies including the EPA involvement. Our Sacred Heart Community will be notified when this project is fully completed. Another plus side for this project is there should be **NO** cost to Sacred Heart School or Parish. We were able to secure funding for this project through a local private group.

We are truly blessed at Sacred Heart School! We have a joint partner-ship in the spiritual and educational growth of each one of our children. By working together, it helps ensure the line of communication is available at all times. In our partnerships we will celebrate our children's accomplishments. We will also work together on growth opportunities for each individual child. Thank you for entrusting us and supporting us. Our partnership helps ensure spiritual and educational growth for all of our children.

God Bless, Lisa Myers, Principal



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Wednesday, September 10 **School Mass**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, Sept. 13

MUSIC MINISTER Adult Choir/Sean Beeson

SERVERS

Louie & Veronica Rietschlin

OFFERTORY

Andy & Paula Rietschlin Family

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS

Rosanne Conley, Kelsey Keller Greg Keller

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Karen Keiser

(Please check Ministry Scheduler Pro for the most up to date assignments)

Sunday, Sept 14 **MUSIC MINISTER**

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MINISTERS

Deacon Steve Vogt, Laura Nold Dale Schroeder

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Lance Biglin & Roger Niese

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Paula Goodman

COUNTERS

Sheila Vogt, Paula Goodman Catherine Turner

Bible Readings for the Week of September 7, 2025

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30, Ps 13:6abc, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 Monday

Tuesday Col 2:6-15, Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11, Lk 6:12-19 Col 3:1-11, Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b, Lk 6:20-26 Wednesday

Thursday Col 3:12-17, Ps 150:1b-6, Lk 6:27-38

Friday 1Tm 1:1-2, 12-14, Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11, Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 1Tm 1:15-17, Ps 113:1b-7, Lk 6:43-49

Sunday Nm 21:4b-9, Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38, Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:12-17

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United with all the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas expresses profound sorrow and offers heartfelt prayers for the children whose lives were so tragically taken, and for all those injured and suffering from last weeks horrific act of senseless violence in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We remember their grieving families, their Catholic school and parish community, and all whose hearts are broken in the face of such evil against the innocent at prayer.

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September Meetings:

Tues. Sept. 9 Pastoral Council Tues. Sept. 16 School Advisory Tues. Sept. 23 Finance Council

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Our traveling vocations cross is looking for a home for October and beyond. Please call the parish office if you are interested! Thank you!

Catholic Women's Club

Catholic Women's Club of St. Juan Diego Deanery will meet Wednesday, September 10th at 11:00am at St. Bernard's Parish in New Washington for Rosary and a tour of their historic church. Lunch will follow at the school, catered by the Ontario Event Center, cost is \$20. All women are invited to join, bring a guest or friend. Please call Brenda Starr-Jude at 419-610-8251 if you are new, or for a reservation.

The choirs at Sacred Heart are looking to extend singing opportunities for our parish, by offering different times throughout the month where you can come and offer praise and glory to God through the use of our voices! Every month there will be different rotations and opportunities to sing with us.

September 13 - Adult Choir

October 5 - Family Choir - Kids are welcome.

October 11 - Men's Choir

October 25 - Young Adult Choir



Come as you are! The best you can sing is all that God expects and wants from us. No voice is too bad or too good to be a fruit given to the Lord. No practice is necessary, no commitment needed, just your voice and joyous presence!

PSR Registration & Meeting

Classes begin on Sunday, September 21 at St. Joseph

PSR Mandatory Parents Meeting will be held on Monday, September 15 at 6:30 pm at the St. Joseph Convocation Center.



Disbursement as of 7/31/25 = \$3,594.65 Thank you!

Senior Citizens Luncheon

St. Joseph Convocation Center
Tues. Sept. 16th @ 12:15
Au gratin potatoes with ham, broccoli, fruit and desert.
New cost: \$5.00

Please RSVP to school office by Sept. I2th 419-683-1284

Jubilee Pilgrimage with Bishop Thomas

All are invited to join Bishop Thomas and fellow pilgrims from across the Diocese of Toledo for a special one-day Jubilee Pilgrimage on Sunday, **Sept. 14th**. Together we'll visit three designated pilgrimage sites, celebrating Mass, praying before the Blessed Sacrament, and honoring Our Blessed Mother.

Stops Include:

Sorrowful Mother Shrine @ 11:00am

Our Lady of Hope, Attica @ 2:30pm

Our Lady of Consolation, Carey @ 5:00pm

A pilgrimage to any of these sites can apply to the reception of a Jubilee Indulgence.

Rev. Jeff Smith. Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Lawrence Justinian

Born into a noble Venetian family, St. Lawrence Justinian desired sanctity from an early age. He entered the Order of the Augustinian Canons Regular of St. George, where he became known for his zeal, penitential lifestyle, and deep charity—especially toward the poor. He eventually became the general of the order. Recognized for his holiness, he was appointed Bishop, and later Patriarch, of Venice by the pope. He served faithfully until his death at the age of seventy-five.

Jesus turns sorrow into joy

Each September, the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross—not because we glorify suffering, but because the Cross reveals a Love that is total, faithful, and fearless. Christ embraced suffering, rejection, and death—and triumphed over them. His Cross is the ultimate sign that love is stronger than pain. When we bring our trials and sorrows to Jesus, He transforms them—through a kind of divine alchemy—into strength, healing, joy, and even glory. In Him, suffering is never the end of the story.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Holiness in everyday life

Pier Giorgio Frassati — to be canonized on September 7 — was known for blending intense spirituality with fun—he loved mountain climbing, practical jokes, and friendship. He taught that holiness can be simple, joyful, and practical, woven into daily life. In a 1923 address to young people, he summed up the Christian life: "Our religion is based on charity, which is nothing other than the most perfect Love." He proposed three ways to live that love: by example, through compassion, and by joyful invitation.

By example: Blessed Pier believed that our lives should reflect our faith without needing words. "We Catholics must strive to have our whole life guided by Christian moral law," he said. That includes building our schedules around the Eucharist, practicing reverence, treating others with dignity, and living generously. These everyday choices silently proclaim who we are—and whose we are.

With compassion: Blessed Pier encouraged personal, thoughtful acts of

love: visiting the lonely, offering a kind word, or putting others first. He reminded us that holiness begins with small, intentional acts of compassion.

By joyful invitation: Blessed Pier's faith was magnetic, marked by laughter,

"Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear." Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

adventure, and prayer. He urged others to draw people to Christ with warmth and sincerity: "Persuade [those who are far from the Church] to follow the ways of God." A quiet chapel visit or simple prayer can be a powerful invitation to grace.

He urged Catholics to stay rooted in the Eucharist: "Approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible... from which you will draw strength." His life reminds us that sainthood is not about perfection, but about choosing love—daily, faithfully, and joyfully.

Why Do Catholics Do That

Why do Catholics believe in angels?

In the Nicene Creed, professed at every Sunday Mass and solemnity, we affirm belief in "all things visible and invisible"—a direct reference to spiritual beings, including angels. Throughout Scripture, angels appear as messengers, protectors, and servants of God's will. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10,

referencing angels who "behold the face of [His] Father"—form the basis for the Church's belief in guardian angels. These faithful spirits, who remained loyal to God, continue to watch over and guide us. Belief in angels is not optional but a vital part of Catholic teaching and tradition.

Hearing God's voice in the everyday

Discernment isn't limited to religious vocations—it's a way of seeking God's will in all areas of life. Whether you're considering a marriage, a job change, or a move to a new city, discernment helps you respond to God's loving plan with clarity and peace. Here are three tips to avoid common pitfalls:

Learn to recognize His voice: It's difficult to discern God's will if we don't know His character. A healthy relationship with God—nurtured through prayer and Scripture, especially the Gospels—helps us become familiar with His voice. The more time we spend with Him, the easier it becomes to distinguish His promptings from fear, pressure, or personal bias

Take a practical step: Discernment requires action. You can't always think your way to clarity. Take the interview, visit the new city, introduce your intended to your family. These steps don't commit you for life—they give you real-world experience that sharpens your perspective and brings peace to your decision-making.

Narrow your focus: Too many options can paralyze progress. At some point, discernment involves commitment and trust. Begin by eliminating options that clearly don't fit. The path may shift as you go, but each step—taken prayerfully—leads you closer to the right destination. God's guidance is often gradual but unmistakable.



Luke 16:19-31, Doing the good we ought to do

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells a parable aimed at those who are indifferent to the suffering around them. A rich man enjoys daily luxury while Lazarus, a poor and sick man, lies just outside his gate, starving and ignored. Though the rich man likely

passed by Lazarus often—and even knew his name—he offered no help. After death, their roles are reversed.

Lazarus is carried to the side of Abraham, a place of comfort and honor. The rich man finds himself in torment and pleads for relief. He asks Abraham to send Lazarus with water,

and later to warn his brothers. Both requests are denied.

Jesus' parable does not condemn wealth but the failure to love. The rich man's sin was not what he did, but what he refused to do. He saw suffering and remained unmoved.

This passage challenges us to examine our own hearts. Do we see those in need and look away?

True Christian living means turning prayer into mercy, and faith into action. When we love as Christ commands, the reward is eternal joy.

Feasts & * © Celebrations

September 12 – The Holy Name of Mary. Mary has many titles. Begun in Spain in 1513, this feast celebrates her as the Blessed Virgin and is the counterpart to the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church after the King of Poland, with Mary's protection, defeated an advancing Muslim army in Vienna in 1683.

September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (c. 326). St. Helena (mother of Emperor Constantine) discovered what is believed to be the True Cross while on pilgrimage in Jerusalem. On that site, Constantine built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher. September 16 – Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (c. 253). A renowned theologian and orator, he was ordained a priest and served as the bishop of Carthage. He helped Pope St. Cornelius defend the Church against the Novatian heretics. Pope Cornelius was exiled and died from harsh treatment in 253. Cyprian was arrested for refusing to worship idols. He was exiled and subsequently beheaded.

September 19 – St. Januarius (c. 305). Not much is known about this saint, except that he was the Bishop of Benevento, Italy, and that he was martyred with six companions under the Diocletian persecutions. For reasons unknown, a vial of his blood has miraculously liquified annually, several times a year, since at least 1389.

Q & A

Why do Catholics display crucifixes instead of crosses?

Jesus is risen in glory, having conquered sin and death. Yet we, though united to Him in Baptism, remain on our earthly journey, still vulnerable to temptation and suffering. The Crucifix stands as a powerful reminder of the cost of sin and the price of our redemption.

More than a symbol of pain, the Crucifix reveals the depth of God's mercy and love: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (John 3:16). It reminds us that Jesus is "a compassionate high priest" (Hebrews 4:15) who knows human suffering firsthand—rejection, sorrow, and even death (cf. Psalm 22:14; 69:20).

In every Catholic church, the Crucifix also points to the reality of the Eucharist. The sacrifice of the Mass is not separate from Calvary—it is the same sacrifice, made present to us (*Catechism*, 1545). Christ offers Himself to the Father, and we receive the fruits of that offering: grace, healing, and strength.

The Crucifix is not just a symbol—it is the visual proclamation of love that saves, heals, and invites us into deeper communion with Christ.

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F.I.S.H. food pantry most needed items: Tuna helper, corn muffin mix, macaroni & cheese and beef stew.

Thank you for your continued support!



Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in how and why we Catholic Christians celebrate Mass? Our next group of inquirers is forming now and will begin sessions in October. For additional information please call ore text Katie DiLullo at 419-961-3494 (Sacred Heart) or Kim Legge 419-689-3033 (St. Joseph) or either parish office. Thank you!

Walk for Vocations • Sept. 28-Oct. I

Join Msgr. Tad Oxley, Fr. David Kidd, and Fr. Joseph Mominee for a 65+ mile Walk for Vocations to pray for an increase in Diocesan priestly vocations. The walk will take place over four days, from Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Bono to Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. All are welcome to walk part of the route or to join in prayer and fasting. Details and daily schedules can be found at toledopriesthood.org.

Anniversary Mass

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo celebrates the gift of marriage with the annual Mass on Anniversaries of Marriage. If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2025 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass on **Sunday, October 26, 2025** at 3:00pm at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo.

Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit: www.toledoanniversarymass.org

National March for Life January 22-24, 2026 in Washington, D.C.

Every year, the Office of Life and Justice leads a pilgrimage to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. You are invited to join the Diocese of Toledo and thousands of other prolife Americans as we march against abortion and build a culture of life.

Registration for the 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National March for Life is NOW OPEN as of August 1st, 2025! To learn more and to register, please visit toledodiocese.org/marchforlife

Join Father Chris Mileski on a Pilgrimage to France!

Embark on an experience of a lifetime as we journey through Northern France visiting places that are tied to the Eucharist, attending daily Mass, and experiencing the Rescue Project March 2-13, 2026. For more details email Kari at kowens@stmaryshelby.org or visit catholicfaithjourneys.com/france2026/