



SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 14, 2025

24th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exaltation of the Holy Cross



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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline.

Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Francis, Marie & Joe Biglin

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

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

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph

6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: For All Serving in the Military and Their Families

Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Rhonda Borgelt

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: Tom Stewart; Scott Evans

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Bob & Charlie Niese; Margaret Kromer

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Tammy (Atzinger) Crawford

Dear Parishioners,

As you may have heard, Bishop Daniel Thomas released a document entitled; "The Body Reveals the Person: A Catholic Response to the Challenges of Gender Ideology." I found it to be a great document which includes scientific and philosophical data. Such data is important when feelings and emotionally charged opinions seem to rule modern conversation. This document is rich in wisdom and in scientific study backed by superb citations. This document is meant to help minister to those struggling with gender identity disorder and to help the reader logically discern the truths of the human person. If interested the document can be found here: toledodiocese.org/diocesan-news/gender.

As Catholics we know our bodies are important in our journey to heaven. As we know we are a composition of both soul and body. Our bodies matter! The biggest things we celebrate throughout the Church year deals with the body and its goodness. At Easter we celebrate the resurrection of the body. At Christmas the second person of the Holy Trinity taking on a body as a baby. Each Sunday we celebrate the Eucharist where Jesus gives us his body to consume so he can live within us! In our bodies we literally are one with Jesus... we become the body of Christ!

Indeed, both soul and body are essential to our faith. May we allow Jesus to live in and through our bodies. May we also help others to better understand that they are called to glory God in their body as a biological male or female. In a world that sadly sees the truth as whoever talks the loudest ... may we observe the logical and scientific data the Bishop shares.

In Christ,

Fr. Jeff

COLLECTION:

Sept. 7, 2025
\$ 7,645.11

Reg. Offertory
5,180.11
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1,180.00
Gen Maintenance
948.00
Church Maintenance
50.00
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Bakeless Bake Sale
276.00



Heart of Bethlehem
\$ 110.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday, September 17
School Mass

Saturday, Sept. 20

MUSIC MINISTER

Kevin Willis

SERVERS

Zane Fagan

Finnian Metzger

OFFERTORY

Russ & Marti Keller

EXTRAORDINARY**MINISTERS**

Rosanne Conley

Doug & Tammy Lucius

USHERS

Jacob Gosser

Mark Vogt

LECTOR

Joe DiLullo

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

Sunday, Sept 21

MUSIC MINISTER

Kevin & Becky

SERVERS

Noah & Evan

Metzger

OFFERTORY

Jim & Linda Hicks

EXTRAORDINARY**MINISTERS**

Paul Schroeder

Luke & Cheryl Rietschlin

USHERS

Mark Gwartz & Rick Gosser

LECTOR

Dennis Gwartz

COUNTERS

Crystal Metzger, Kristi Faith

Miriam Schroeder

Bible Readings for the Week of September 14, 2025

Monday 1Tm 2:1-8, Ps 28:2, 7-9, Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday 1Tm 3:1-13, Ps 101:1b-3b, 5-6, Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday 1Tm 3:14-16, Ps 111:1-6, Lk 7:31-35
Thursday 1Tm 4:12-16, Ps 111:7-10, Lk 7:36-50
Friday 1Tm 6:2c-12, Ps 49:6-10, 17-20, Lk 8:1-3
Saturday 1Tm 6:13-16, Ps 100:1b-5, Lk 8:4-15
Sunday Am 8:4-7, Ps 113:1-2, 4-8, 1Tm 2:1-8, Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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Jubilee Pilgrimage with Bishop Thomas



Classes begin October 9th.

All are invited to join Bishop Thomas and fellow pilgrims from across the Diocese of Toledo for a special one-day Jubilee Pilgrimage on **TODAY!** We will 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.



Marriage Congratulations

Congratulations to Ben Hahler and Hannah Fraley! They received the Sacrament of marriage from Fr. Jeff on Saturday, September 6th.

God Bless Mr. and Mrs. Hahler!

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.



Grant Awarded

A special Thank You goes out to the Nida's Book Fund of the Shelby Foundation! We received a sizeable donation to help offset the cost of purchasing religion books for our students! Thank you for supporting our mission at Sacred Heart School!



Save the Date

Trick or Trunk Sunday, October 19th. @ 4:00pm

Typically we have 150 participants!

We will also have a trunk decorating contest!

Annual Catholic Appeal:

\$6,068.30 remains of our goal please visit: acatoledo.org

Thank you to those who have already pledged!

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 or text Katie DiLullo at 419-961-3494 (Sacred Heart) or Kim Legge 419-689-3033



September Meetings:

Tues. Sept. 16 School Advisory

Tues. Sept. 23 Finance Council



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

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Mother of Sorrows Chapel
7212 N. Auburn Road
(just north of Auburn Lake Park)
North Auburn (Tiro), Ohio
Sunday, October 5, 2025
Pork & Chicken Dinners
11:00am-3:00pm
Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes,
Applesauce, Green Beans, Dessert
DRIVE-THRU, CARRY-OUT OR
DINE IN THE HALL
Reverse Raffle Drawing with \$1,000
grand prize, AND Super 50/50
- PLUS -
The Farmers Market,
BAKED GOODS, and fall décor
will be inside the hall.

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.

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!



PARISHIONER CODY GOSSER

BETHLEHEM — The Metzgers were some of the earliest pioneers in the Settlement. One of their descendants, Cody Gosser, reflected on his family legacy and the home where he now resides.

"Grandma on my mom's (Jeanne Gosser) side was a Metzger, so I am directly related to the original Metzger who built this house," Cody said.

The house is located across the street from Sacred Heart Church and was built by his great great grandparents. Prior to Cody and his wife, Taylor, purchasing the home, "Andy Rietschlin offered me this house. I simply asked – in the event he moved back to his parents' house – if I could have a chance to buy this one," shared Cody.

Likewise, Cody followed through on a "hand shake agreement when I bought my old house – if I ever moved, I would offer it to a family member first – that's how Bob and Rebekah (Weber) bought it. It was Bob's grandparents house," Cody explained.

The parish is tight knit, interwoven with relatives crisscrossing different families.

"My mom and Bob's mom were first cousins," Cody clarified.

As an alumni of Sacred Heart School and lifelong parishioner, Cody is home.

"When it comes to Sacred Heart, I've always been here," said Cody. "I don't know how far Dad's (Rick Gosser) house is from it – 5 miles away, tops. That's the farthest I've ever been. My first house was closer; my second is closest" to the church.

Whether he's ushering at Mass or coaching Sacred Heart Baseball, Cody is connected to parish life.

"I go to church every week," said Cody. "My kids go there. I'd say it's been my entire life."

The church strengthens with each member.

"I was baptized and married in Sacred Heart," noted Cody. "Now, two of my kids have been baptized in the same fountain; soon, the third child will be baptized in the same fountain." Yy

His wife, Taylor, joined Sacred Heart Church through what is now OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults – a few years ago. Cody and Taylor celebrated 5 years of marriage on June 6, 2025.

"A very sensible wedding. It was the tail end of COVID. We ended up having a private family wedding. We went back to Dad's barn and had Domino's pizza, a cooler of beer and pop. It was one of our favorite receptions, the simplicity of it," Cody reflected.

They have welcomed three daughters, he proudly noted.

Remi, 5. Penelope, 4. Berkley, 2 months old.

Cody and Taylor have known each other since high school, but their love story didn't start until one day at Legends Sports Grill and Pub in Shelby.

"I always say it's because of the Indians. Bob Weber was new in town and Cleveland had played a day game," Cody said.

Taylor likes to rib him: "The only reason I remember is because we were sitting at Legends drinking a beer," he reminisced. "They lost in 17 innings that day."

"I went to Sacred Heart through 8th grade, then Pioneer" his junior and senior years for home remodeling. Cody has put his skills to use as Sacred Heart moves forward with its 'Heart of Bethlehem' renovations.

"We're not hooking up the inside of the buildings and plumbing them, but we buried the waterlines," he noted.

Moving forward, "we're going to build a little building over the well to treat the water. Once built, more technical people than us will hook up the system," Cody shared.

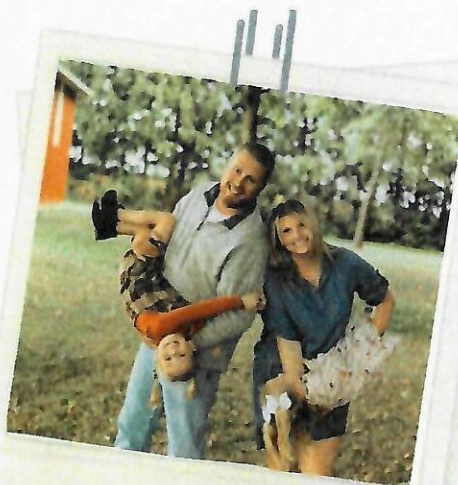
Before he and John Finnegan started Settlement Construction, they had both worked for James P. Finnegan Construction until "the unfortunate passing of Jim," Cody said. "After being there for so long, to go somewhere else just seemed like a really terrible option."

Home is where he's happiest.

"Rather drink a beer with a friend in the back yard than go on an elaborate big vacation," Cody noted.

The Settlement will always be home and he's grateful to live here.

"It feels like age does matter – to have as good of a friend that's 65 as you can with someone that's 25 – the camaraderie."



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Socktober October 1-31

Shelby Help Line Ministries will be collecting socks, hats & gloves specifically to help children and the homeless during the colder months.

To donate please place items in the blue barrel.

*The Transitus of
Saint Francis*

Come and pray as we mark the *transitus*,
or "passing," of Francis to eternal life.

Friday, October 3, 2025
7:00 pm
Original Shrine Church

Basilica & National Shrine of
Our Lady of Consolation
315 Clay St., Carey, OH 43316

All are invited!
A reception will follow in the
Office Building.

*The Conventual Franciscan Friars of Our Lady of Consolation invite all to the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation to celebrate their order's patron:
Saint Francis of Assisi.*

Solemnity of Saint Francis of Assisi

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Hope & Healing Mass
11:00 am in the Upper Basilica

Full Shrine Devotions
2:00 pm in the Upper Basilica

Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within Mass.
Following Mass, all may receive a blessing
with the Relic of the True Cross.

Lunch, served by the Knights of Columbus,
will be available from 11:30am-1:30pm in the Shrine Cafeteria.
A donation of \$7.00 is suggested.

Celebrating 150 Years of the Miraculous Statue of Our Lady
and the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church

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