



SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

❧ Bethlehem • Founded 1833 ❧

December 28, 2024

Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5742 State Route 61 S.
Shelby, Ohio 44875
(419) 342-2256

A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline.

Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

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

Wednesday

Solemnity Vigil

No AM Mass at Sacred Heart

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Ron & Barb Finnegan;
Ryan Chancellor

Thursday

Solemnity of Mary

7:30am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Rev. Joseph Weigman

Friday

No AM Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday

3:30pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

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

Sunday

Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: Leonard Chicotel Fam-
ily; Joe & Geri Vuckovich; Lindsey &
Lisa Anatra

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Francis, Marie & Joe
Biglin; Norbert & Dorothy Blum

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Gladys Burkhart;
Lindsey & Lisa Anatra

Greetings Parishioners,

As we soon celebrate the beginning of a new year, the Church places before us the gentle yet powerful Holy Day of "Mary, the Mother of God". This is no accident. The Lord gives us Mary at the start of each year to remind us that the Christian life always begins with receiving—receiving Christ and receiving God's help.

The Gospel for this solemnity describes Mary quietly pondering the shepherds' message in her heart. While the world celebrated noisily, Mary held the mystery of Christ with peace and attentiveness. She teaches us that the way forward in life is not through frantic activity or anxious planning, but through trust, prayer, and openness to God's will.

Let us kick off the New Year in prayer as Mary would by attending this Holy Day! The glorious Holy Day "Mary, the Mother of God" will be celebrated on Wednesday New Year's Eve @ Sacred Heart at 6:30pm and Thursday New Year's Day morning @ St. Joseph at 7:30am.

Mary is called—"God-bearer"—because she brought Christ into the world. But this title also says something about us: each of us is meant to carry Christ into our families, workplaces, and communities.

As we begin a new year may this feast day set us on the right track:

- May we, like Mary, listen for God's voice in the quiet moments.
 - May we welcome Christ more deeply into our hearts.
- May we bring His peace into a world longing for hope.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!
Happy New Year!
Fr. Jeff



**COLLECTION:**

Dec 21, 2025
\$ 10,321.01

Reg. Offertory
\$ 3,006.01
Christmas
\$ 7,000.00
Solemnity of Mary
\$ 100.00
Ret. Religious
\$ 75.00
Gen. Maintenance
\$ 120.00
Ch. Maintenance
\$ 20.00



Online & HOB
\$ TBD

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

School Mass Returns
Wednesday, January 7

Saturday, Jan. 3**MUSIC MINISTER**

Kevin & Becky

SERVERS

Tessa Biglin

Bridget Belcik

OFFERTORY

Andy & Paula Rietschlin Family

EXTRAORDINARY**MINISTERS**

Jake Rietschlin, Laurie Metzger

Rosanne Conley

USHERS

Shannon Finnegan

Dave Kromer

LECTOR

Molly Belcik

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

Sunday, Jan.4**MUSIC MINISTER**

Adult Choir

SERVERS

Wyatt & Eva

Rietschlin

OFFERTORY

Cody & Taylor Gosser Family

EXTRAORDINARY**MINISTERS**

Lisa Myers

Luke & Cheryl Rietschlin

USHERS

Diane & Nate Metzger

LECTOR

Tom Metzger

COUNTERS

*Sheila Vogt, Paula Goodman
Darla Studer*

Bible Readings for the Week of Dec. 28, 2024

Monday 1Jn 2:3-11, Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6, Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday 1Jn 2:12-17, Ps 96:7-10, Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday 1Jn 2:18-21, Ps 96:1-2, 11-13, Jn 1:1-18
Thursday Nm 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21
Friday 1Jn 2:22-28, Ps 98:1-4, Jn 1:19-28
Saturday 1Jn 2:29-3:6, Ps 98:1, 3c-6, Jn 1:29-34
Sunday Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

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Baptismal Congratulations

Congratulations to Kirkland and Victoria Porter on the baptism of their daughter, Della Rae. Della Rae was baptized by Deacon Steve Vogt on December 13th.

Della Rae also had the honor of playing the role of the infant Jesus at our Nativity Play!

God Bless Della Rae and her Family!



On December 17th Sacred Heart students came together to remember the birth of Christ. Under the direction of Sean and Laura Besson, one hundred and eleven students from 3-year-old preschool through 8th grades, acted and sang about the birth of Jesus in front of 400 family and friends.

Help with Tuition at Sacred Heart School!

Ohioans can receive a dollar for dollar tax credit up to \$750 per person for donations to the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund. Please designate Sacred Heart, Shelby as the recipient. Forms are in the back of church. Learn more at www.dotsgo.org.



DEANERY WIDE
Eucharistic Mission
February 9 - 12, 2026
St. Joseph Activity Center & Church, Galion

Monday
Fr. John Miller

Tuesday
Fr. Chris Mileski

Wednesday
Fr. Jeff Smith

Thursday
Fr. Chris Mileski

Each evening will begin at the Activity Center at 6:30pm with a light dinner followed by a presentation about Jesus in the Eucharist at 7:00. Following the presentation, we will move to the church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30pm.



January Meeting Reminders

Parish Council, Jan. 13

School Advisory, Jan. 20

Finance Council, Jan. 27

Perpetuate the Gift



Please help support our retired priests; They have given their lives in service to us! Please offer your gratitude for those who faithfully served the Diocese of Toledo by donating to the **2025 Perpetuate the Gift Appeal**. Your gift through **December 31** will reduce dollar for dollar the amount the parish needs to contribute to the fund.

Thank you!

Healing through the Eucharist

Sorrowful Mother Shrine

January 3, 2026 9:00-2:45pm

Start 2026 with a retreat on the most important food you will ever eat in this life: the Eucharist. We will dive into the truth of the Most Blessed Sacrament that is the very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. \$25.00 registration fee includes lunch 419-483-3435 opt. 4 to RSVP.

Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club of St. Juan Diego Deanery will meet **January 14th** at 11:30 for social time and luncheon at 12:00 at the Ontario Event Center 3985 Park Ave. W. Our speaker will be Christine Myers from The Visual Bucket List Foundation. We will also have collections of women's personal hygiene items for Hope Ignited.

All women from the deanery are welcome. If you miss your phone call or need a reservation, please call Kathy Saunders 419-295-5137 or January chairperson, Lois Steele 419-565-8490.



Save the Date!

Euchre Tournament

February 1st. & March 1st.

Details to follow.

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Prayer for the New Year

O God our Father, we thank you for protecting us and bringing us safely through another year. Help us to grow not only in body, but also in heart and mind. May we look upon each new day as another chance to follow you more closely. As the new year unfolds, may we be more merciful towards others and more generous in serv-



January Birthdays

Jerry Schumacher	(3)	Margaret Keller	(10)
Joyce Timmer	(5)	Jim Gwartz	(16)
Joyce Murphy	(5)	Gary Borgelt	(24)
Robert Bell	(8)	Steve Vogt	(27)
Karen Davis	(8)	Luke Rietschlin	(30)
Tom Young	(9)	Sheila Vogt	(31)

F.I.S.H. food pantry will close December 22nd. and reopen at their new location: 115 W. Main St., Shelby on January 5, 2026. If possible, please hold onto your donations until then.

Thank you for your generous continued support!

Mass Cancellation During Inclement Weather

The following policies are in effect for Sacred Heart when inclement weather threatens.

*On mornings when there is a school Mass, if there is a 2 hour delay the Mass will be at 1:30 p.m. IF school is cancelled, the Mass is CANCELLED. If unsure call Parish Office.

*If school is cancelled on a day when Mass is in the evening, please listen to the radio (WVNO @ 106.1 FM) or call the Parish Office to check to see if Mass is cancelled for that evening.

Father Jeff will make a decision by Noon on those days.

Please use your best judgment & be safe !



**A big THANK YOU to all who gave
of their time & talent to make our
church look its best for Christmas !
It is gorgeous !**