



SACRED HEART of JESUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

5742 State Route 61 S.
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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline.
 Member of St. Juan Diego Deanery

Intentions

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: Rev. Stanley Szybka

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph
6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: Jim Horning

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: For Those Entering the Church at the Easter Vigil

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
Both Parishes

7:30 pm - Adoration at St. Joseph

Saturday

3:30pm - Confession at SHJ
4:30pm - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: For the George Hines Family

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intentions: Joe & Geri Vuckovich; Martha & Al Falter

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: For the People of Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Parishes

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: Lindsey & Lisa Anatra; Cathy Forman; Tom Garrett

Greetings Parishioners,

This summer, we will be taking parish family photos at both parish locations on **August 4th, 5th, and 6th** as part of creating a new parish directory. One of the greatest blessings of parish life is that we do not merely attend the same church—we belong to the same family. And like any family, it helps to know one another by name. Sure, like me, you likely have Facebook. But in case I am reassigned elsewhere next year, I hope to remember you with the help of a parish directory. Those are just a couple of reasons to participate—and I do hope to receive a second term for another six years!

Regardless, if I'm here for only 1 more year or 7 more years... I warmly invite every household to take part. The directory will include a professional family photo and basic contact information, helping us build a stronger and more connected parish community. Please mark your calendar for one of the scheduled August photo days.

Why else should you participate?

Build community – It is much easier to greet someone after Mass when you know their name and face.

Welcome newcomers – A directory helps new parishioners feel at home more quickly.

Create a keepsake – The directory becomes a meaningful snapshot of our parish family.

Whether you are a family of eight, a single parishioner, or a longtime member—you belong in the directory. Your participation helps make our parish more personal, more welcoming, and more truly a family.

In Christ,
Fr. Jeff

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

School Mass
Wednesdays @ 8:30 am

Saturday, March 7

MUSIC MINISTER

Sean Beeson

SERVERS

*Charlie & Veronica
Rietschlin*

OFFERTORY

Cole Garver Family

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS**

*Doug & Tammy Lucius
Joanne Claytor*

USHERS

Nick Fike

Need 1

LECTOR

Paula Goodman

Sunday, March 8

MUSIC MINISTER

Folk Group

SERVERS

*Nathan Vogt
Gus Metzger*

OFFERTORY

Dale & Linda Schroeder

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS**

*Rosane Conley, Marti Keller
Jake Rietschlin, Amanda Paynter*

USHERS

Greg Gwartz & Jeff Vogt

LECTOR

Lauren Vogt

COUNTERS

*Linda Schroeder, Veronica Cain
Olivia Hoffman*

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

Bible Readings for the Week of March 1, 2026

Monday Dn 9:4b-10, Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13, Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20, Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23, Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday Jer 18:18-20, Ps 31:5-6, 14-16, Mt 20:17-28
Thursday Jer 17:5-10, Ps 1:1-4, 6, Lk 16:19-31
Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Ps 105:16-21, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Ps 103:1-4, 9-12, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday Ex 17:3-7, Ps 95:1-2, 6-9, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



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We extend our gratitude to everyone who attended the Heart of Bethlehem Townhall! It was a pleasure to share the exciting plans for the new school addition with you on Saturday morning. If you were unable to attend, please do not worry, as we will be releasing a video that will cover all the information discussed. You can follow Sacred Heart on Facebook or send an email to heartofbethlehem@shelbysacredheart.org to be added to our email list.

Following his passing, the family of Paul L. Gosser would like to thank you for all your prayers and well-wishes. Whether you honored Paul through a donation of food, flowers, cards, Mass intentions or your presence, we greatly appreciated it. He will be missed, but we know that he is at peace.

Thank you all! The Family of Paul L. Gosser

Thank you going out to Stan and Veronica Cain of Cain Graphics for replacing our winter damaged pray for vocations sign at no charge and to Steve Metzger for installing both the old and new signs.



Please contact the parish office to sign up for the monthly vocations cross!



Looking for servers to help Deacon Steve with Stations of the Cross on the following dates: March 6, 27, and April 3. Please contact the parish office or school.

Sundays in March! Beginning this Weekend!



Thousands sought Jesus during his life. Only a few followed him to Calvary. What will you do?

DETAILS

Sundays in March

11:30am-1:30pm

Light Lunch Provided

St. Joseph, Galion
Activity Center

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—and grow closer to Jesus.

ASCENSION

To register, contact the Galion St. Joseph Office at 419-468-2884.



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| Leo Hartings | March 9th |
| John Bonen | March 11th |
| Ric Biglin | March 11th |
| Patrick Murphy | March 12th |
| Joanne Claytor | March 16th |
| Barb Tuemler | March 16th |
| Dianne Sutter | March 24th |

Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club will meet again at the Ontario Event Center on Wednesday, March 11 at 11:30 for social time and 12:00 luncheon. The cost is \$19, All Women from the St. Juan Diego Deanery are welcome to attend. Please call for reservations: Brenda Starr-Jude 419-610-8251 by **March 6th**.

Lenten Penance/Confession Opportunities:

Thursday, March 5

6:00 pm at St. Joseph, Galion - Penance Service

Wednesday, March 11

6:30 pm at Holy Trinity Activity Center, Bucyrus - Penance Service

Thursday, March 19

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier, Willard - Confessions

More dates to come

The Virtues of St. Joseph

Thursday, March 19th 6:30pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Crestline
Mass, light meal, presenter and author John R. Wood



**High School PSR
March 4, 11, 18, & 25.**

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***F.I.S.H. food pantry most needed items:
Hamburger helper, cans of chili, snack bars and
mandarin oranges.***

Thank you for your generous continued support!



As we begin our Lenten Journey, so too are the OCIA elect and candidates beginning their journey to be received into the Catholic Church. Please keep the following in your prayers throughout this season of Lent:

Those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist:

St. Joseph: Tawny Garvin and Shelli Watkins.

Sacred Heart: Zachary Derham.

OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children): Elianna Ettel, Evelyn Harper, Kensley Edginton, Logan Calkins, Nevaeh Hill, Deacon Keller, Aiden Harley and Lincoln Harley

Those preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist:

St. Joseph: Andrew Cacchio and Parker Keller

Sacred Heart: Abigail Brocwell and Melinda Mess

— MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026 —
“LISTENING AND FASTING”
LENT AS A TIME OF CONVERSION
BY POPE LEO XIV

LISTENING

This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through listening. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone. In revealing himself to Moses in the burning bush, God himself teaches us that listening is one of his defining characteristics: “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry” (Ex 3:7). Hearing the cry of the oppressed is the beginning of a story of liberation in which the Lord calls Moses, sending him to open a path of salvation for his children who have been reduced to slavery. Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart. Because of this, listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as he does. We must recognize that “the condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church.”

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