



SACRED HEART of JESUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
❧ Bethlehem • Founded 1833 ❧

May 17, 2026
The Ascension of the Lord
Graduation Mass

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 Shelby, Ohio 44875
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Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: Rhonda Borgelt

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: Paul Gosser

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph
6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: For a Safe and Restful Summer for Our School Students, Parents and Staff

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life



Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ
4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: Ron & Barb Finnegan; Jeff Belcik

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intentions: For the People of St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Parishes

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: Cecil Biglin and Quentin Finnegan

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: Lindsey & Lisa Anatra; Gerald Bickert

Congratulations to our graduates!

This time of year brings many celebrations, and one of the greatest joys for our parish family is recognizing our graduates. Whether graduating from kindergarten, middle school, high school, college, trade school, or another program, we congratulate all who have reached this important milestone!

Graduation is more than receiving a diploma. It is the fruit of years of hard work, sacrifice, perseverance, and support from family, teachers, mentors, and friends. Behind every graduate are many people who encouraged them along the way.

As Catholics, we also recognize that every gift and accomplishment ultimately comes from God. He has blessed each graduate with unique talents, opportunities, and a calling. While graduation marks the end of one chapter, it is also the beginning of a new (journey / ministry) filled with decisions, challenges, and exciting possibilities with our Lord.

To our graduates: remember that success is not measured only by achievements, income, or recognition. True success is becoming the person Jesus created you to be. Stay close to the Lord every stage of your life! Be people who bring Christ to others by the way you live... wherever God calls you.

In Christ,
Fr. Jeff

COLLECTION:

May 10, 2026
\$ 5,498.00

Reg. Offertory
\$ 3,731.00

- Ascension \$ 25.00
- Gen Maintenance \$ 165.00
- Church Maintenance \$ 25.00
- Cemetery \$ 40.00
- Misericordia \$ 158.00
- School Support \$ 55.00
- Altar & Rosary \$ 244.00
- Home Missions \$ 20.00
- Online \$ 1,035.00

Thank you!

Heart of Bethlehem
\$ 250.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

8:30 am - School Mass - Outside Weather Permitting

Saturday, May 23

Sunday, May 24

MUSIC MINISTER

Sean Beeson

SERVERS

*Eva & Felix
Beeson*

OFFERTORY

Sean & Laura Beeson Family

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS

*Samantha Schroeder, Brenda Gosser
Joanne Claytor*

USHERS

*Nick & Steve
Gosser*

LECTOR

Jo Ann Krausman

MUSIC MINISTER

Kate DiLullo

SERVERS

*Sarah Plazek
Gus Metzger*

OFFERTORY

Seth & Maycee Rietschlin

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS

*Deacon Steve Vogt
Riki Rietschlin, Cheryl Rietschlin*

USHERS

John Finnegan & Mark Gwartz

LECTOR

Sarah Metzger

COUNTERS

*Cindy Keller, Dianne Sutter
Veronica Cain*

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

Bible Readings for the Week of May 17, 2026

- Monday** Acts 19:1-8, Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b, Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday** Acts 20:17-27, Ps 68:10-11, 20-21, Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday** Acts 20:28-38, Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b, Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday** Acts 22:30, 23:6-11, Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11, Jn 17:20-26
- Friday** Acts 25:13b-21, Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b, Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday** Gn 11:1-9, Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30, Rom 8:22-27, Jn 7:37-39
- Sunday** Acts 2:1-11, Ps 104:24, 29-31, 34, 1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13, Jn 20:19-23



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Upcoming Events at Sacred Heart

May 20th-Outside Mass (weather permitting) Our last school Mass of the school year will be celebrated outside. You are invited to join us. Please bring your own seating.

Green Grass Gala-May 20th@ 6:30pm

A "concert on the lawn", showcasing our school Music program and talented school children! It will be showcasing our students' musical talents. Please bring your own seating. * See Below

*Calling on all of Sacred Heart's amazing bakers! Along with the Green grass Gala the **Heart of Bethlehem** will host a **silent auction** featuring pies and student art work to support the school. To donate a pie please contact Maycee Rietschlin at 419-560-3655 by May 11th.

Last Day of School - May 21st

School Summer Hours: T - W - TH 9 - 4:00

May 23rd - Becky Kromer's Retirement Party, after Mass until 6:30. Light refreshments, no gifts please!

May Meeting Dates

School Advisory: May 19

Finance Council: May 26



Congratulations!

Nick Kohler and Jenn Thayer received the sacrament of marriage from Fr. Jeff last Saturday.

God Bless the new Mr. and Mrs. Kohler!

Widow's Group

Sunday, May 24 at 1:00 pm Sacred Heart Hall

ATTENTION ALL WIDOWS: Come join us at our 2nd area wide Widow's Group get together. While rooted in the Catholic faith, all widows are welcome. Feel free to invite a friend. For more information contact: Lilian Niese at rrlniese@hotmail.com or Kathy Cole at kathym.cole@icloud.com

Feast of St. Dymphna

In honor of the Feast of St. Dymphna on May 15, the patron saint of those experiencing mental health struggles, our parish joins the Diocese of Toledo in praying for all who are affected by mental health challenges, as well as for those who care for them. You are invited to learn more and access Catholic resources for support, prayer, and counseling by visiting toledodiocese.org/st-dymphna.

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

We are currently at 66.86% of goal!

Every gift is significant and helps us to meet our goal of

\$16, 886.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Metal Recycle Weekend at St. Joseph, Crestline

Saturday May 16 (10-2pm)

Sunday May 17 (Noon-2pm)

Accepting steel, aluminum and copper.

All proceeds go to St. Joseph School!

(See flyer on bulletin board and registers)

Spring Fling Friday, May 22nd. 6 to 10:00pm

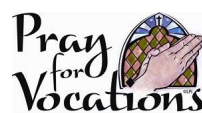
St. Mary School, 26 West St., Shelby, Ohio

BINGO with a twist - Each game features a chance to win a Designer Handbag or \$250 Cash! Live Auction, Basket Raffle, 50/50 Raffle and a DJ! Reserve your table: \$400 per table (seats 8 guests). Includes dinner for all guests and one pack of BINGO cards for each guest. Same-day payment in full is required to secure your reservation. For reservations, call 419-342-2626. All proceeds from the Spring Fling go directly to St. Mary School.



Memorial Day Mass

Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery Monday, **May 25 at 8:30 am St. Joseph Cemetery** Please bring your own lawn chairs. In case of rain, we will move the Mass to St. Joseph Church. God Bless all the men and women who gave their lives while serving in the United States Armed Forces.



Please contact the parish office to sign up for the monthly vocations cross! Need June and beyond!

Homeschool Graduation Mass

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the 2026 Home-school Mass on **Tuesday, June 2nd, at 7:00 PM at Rosary Cathedral, Toledo**. This special celebration is open to all homeschooling families. At the end of Mass, we will recognize 8th grade and graduating high school seniors. If your student would like to participate, please contact Monica Depinet at homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com.

We look forward to celebrating with you!



SPECIAL EDITION

MAY 17 2026

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2026

There are over 60 schools that serve approximately 15,000 students in the Diocese of Toledo's 19 counties.

According to the diocesan website, "The school's mission is to integrate Gospel values into all aspects of life, from academics to extracurricular activities, shaping students into disciples of Christ."

Since 1837, Sacred Heart School has been educating children in the Settlement. This year, 12 more students will become alumni.

Please join the teachers, staff and volunteers in celebrating their graduation and encouraging them as they settle into their high school years!

Meet Our 8th grade Graduates:

Nash Crawford

Favorite Saint: St. Michael

Favorite school memory: Dressing up as the Lorax and singing "Let It Grow"



Berkley Hoffman

Favorite Saint: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Favorite school memory: Sitting together at lunch and sharing all of our funny stories



Luke Davies

Favorite Saint: St. Carlo Acutis

Favorite school memory: Eating the Mother's Day project in preschool



Grant Biglin

Favorite Saint: St. Francis of Assisi

Favorite school memory: In kindergarten when Rudy and I would rub sticks together every recess trying to start fires and we never got anywhere.



Gus Metzger

Favorite Saint: St. Jean de Brébeuf

Favorite school memory: Having Jaume and Glen as our counselors at Damascus.



Dakota Grose

Favorite Saint: St. Francis of Assisi

Favorite school memory: When Mrs. Rank took us to Washington, DC



Weston Vogt

Favorite Saint: St. Andrew

Favorite school memory: Playing football everyday at recess because there was so many memories in those days



Rudy Belcik

Favorite Saint: St. Hubert

Favorite school memory: Trying to start fires with Grant at recess in kindergarten with sticks



Veronica Rietschlin

Favorite Saint: St. Lucy

Favorite school memory: When we went to DC and saw the Bailica of the Immaculate Conception



Abbygael Lenz

Favorite Saint: Pope Saint John Paul II

Favorite school memory: Getting to see fun things with my class and having a great time



Sarah Plazek

Favorite Saint: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Favorite school memory: Making my Confirmation and visiting DC



Quinn Keller

Favorite Saint: St. Jose Brochero

Favorite school memory: Dressing up as firefighters with my friends back in preschool while fighting over the infamous blue truck.





TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION

Deacon Evan Sekerak was ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, May 16, 2026.
Meet the newest transitional deacon of the Diocese of Toledo!



Deacon Evan Sekerak

My name is Evan Sekerak, from St. Aloysius in Bowling Green. Growing up, my parents showed my younger sister, brother, and me that faith is always a priority no matter where the military moved us, including the gift of now twenty years of Catholic education. Everywhere we lived, we found ourselves at home by jumping wholly into parish life. My father's last assignment brought us back to Ohio, our families' home and Bowling Green, where it began. Here, my thoughts about the priesthood and my faith in general took more shape through the diocese's discernment groups and retreats and attending ordinations since 2006.

I attended Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School and then made the 1,000+ mile trip to the University of Mary in North Dakota to study engineering. After a year, I switched my major to philosophy as God's call to enter the seminary became clearer. In the spring of 2020, I applied and was accepted to enter the seminary for the Diocese of Toledo. I spent two years at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit before arriving to my current home at Mount St. Mary's in Cincinnati.

The example of holiness and presence of the priests from all the places we lived was a great witness that I believe planted the seeds of my vocation. So many were encouraging and took time from their busy days to foster my prayer, discernment, and zeal. I am also grateful for the prayers and support from so many across the diocese where I have served and who I have not yet met. Please continue to pray for all of our seminarians as we discern and are formed to be the men and priests to make Christ present as He so wishes to be.

Please keep our newest transitional deacon and all seminarians in your prayers!

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***F.I.S.H. most needed items: Canned potatoes,
beef stew, cr. celery soup and mandarin oranges.***

Thank you for your continued support!



Our 3rd. and 4th grade students worked on their lemonade projects. They worked on their math, writing, sales, advertising and charting skills. All money raised was donated to Catholic Charities.

3rd & 4th Grade Full-Time Teacher Opening Sacred Heart School – Shelby, Ohio 2026–2027 Academic Year

Sacred Heart School is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic full-time **3rd and 4th Grade Teacher** for the 2026–2027 academic year. We invite qualified candidates to become part of our outstanding Catholic school community, rooted in faith, academic excellence, and service.

Application Process:

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a resume and salary expectations via email to Lmyers@shelbysacredheart.org.

Applications may also be delivered in person to:
Sacred Heart School Office

Office hours for drop-off: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For additional information, please call **419-683-1697**.

Join us in making a difference in the lives of our students—don't let this opportunity pass!

St. Joseph School, Crestline Teaching Opportunities:

Preschool Teacher Aide: M-TH 7:30-2:00pm. High School diploma required and willingness to obtain aide certification. Experience preferred.

K/I Teacher: Full time, Bachelor's degree and current licensure (or willing to obtain) required.

Interested candidates should support the mission of Catholic schools and pass a complete background check. Send cover letter and resume to ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org or Sue Sanders, St. Joseph Catholic School, 333 N. Thoman St., Crestline, OH 44827