



# SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 7, 2025



## Monday Immaculate Conception

**8:30am – Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intention: Mary Jo Manocchio*

**10:30 - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: Rev. Robert J. Kill;*

*Rev. James E. Risacher*

## Tuesday

**6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart**

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

## Wednesday

**8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: For an Increase in  
Vocations*

## Thursday

**5:30 pm-Confession at St. Joseph**

**6:30 - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intention: Gladys Burkhart*

## Friday

**8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intention: For Those Who are  
Alone or Grieving*

## Saturday

**3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ**

**4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: Ron & Barb Finnegan;  
Margaret Bell*

## Third Sunday of Advent

**7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intentions: Bunny Hauck; Gladys  
Burkhart; Rita Solowey*

**8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: Dorothy Blum; Bob &  
Charlie Niese*

**10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intention: Patty (Livengood) Gal-  
land; Lindsey & Lisa Anatra*

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Advent! 'Tis the season for the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. Let's not forget what the true meaning of **Christmas** is. It is sometimes difficult not to get caught up in the commercialism of the season. Sometimes we need to be reminded what **Christmas** is all about.

To keep the true meaning of **Christmas** we can work together on making the world a better place one person at a time by completing some of the Corporal Works of Mercy. I would like to share with you a "Christmas Bucket List". This list demonstrates how simple it is to make a difference to someone. It shows us how simple it is to live out our faith one Corporal Work of Mercy at a time.



God Bless,

Lisa Myers, Principal

**COLLECTION:**

Nov. 30, 2025  
3,643.00

Reg. Offertory  
2,598.00

Church Maintenance  
30.00  
Christmas  
150.00  
Christmas Flowers  
185.00  
Cemetery  
200.00



**Thank You !**

Online  
480.00  
Heart of Bethlehem  
2,156.78

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Monday, Dec. 8: Joanne Claytor, Rosanne Conley, Dave Kromer & Diane Metzger  
Wednesday, Dec. 10: School Mass

**Saturday, Dec. 13**

**MUSIC MINISTER**

*Sean Beeson*

**SERVERS**

*Hannah Timmons*

*Sarah Plazek*

**OFFERTORY**

*Ric & Kathi Biglin*

**EXTRAORDINARY****MINISTERS**

*Karen Keiser, Rosanne Conley*

*Brenda Gosser*

**USHERS**

*Robert Bell*

*Jamie Picou*

**LECTOR**

*Karen Keiser*

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

**Sunday, Dec. 14**

**MUSIC MINISTER**

*Folk Group*

**SERVERS**

*Blaise Metzger*

*Francis Paynter*

**OFFERTORY**

*Jason & Kelsey Keller Family*

**EXTRAORDINARY****MINISTERS**

*Deacon Steve Vogt, Amanda Paynter*

*Jake Rietschlin, Kelsey Keller*

**USHERS**

*Zach Keller & Cody Gosser*

**LECTOR**

*Kate DiLullo*

**COUNTERS**

*Crystal Metzger, Paula Goodman*

*Joyce Timmer*

**Bible Readings for the Week of December 7, 2025**

**Monday** Gn 3:9-15, 20, Ps 98:1-4, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday** Is 40:1-11, Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13, Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday** Is 40:25-31, Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday** Is 41:13-20, Ps 145:1, 9-13ab, Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19, Lk 1:26-38 or 707-712  
**Saturday** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19, Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sunday** Is 35:1-6a, 10, Ps 146:6-10, Jas 5:7-10, Mt 11:2-11

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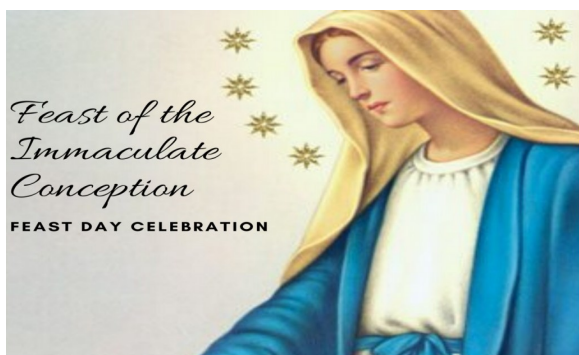
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**Monday, December 8  
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

8:30 am St. Joseph, Crestline

10:30 am Sacred Heart

12:30 pm St. Joseph, Galion

6:00 pm St. Bernard

6:30 pm Holy Trinity

7:00 pm Most Pure Heart of Mary

7:00 pm St. Peter, Mansfield

**Annual Sacred Heart Christmas Cookie Exchange**, in the school gym following 8:30 AM Mass **Sunday, December 14**. Bring 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie, candy, breads, etc. & be prepared to exchange with fellow parishioners & leave with many treats to enjoy for the Advent season. Contact Taylor Gwirtz with any questions.

**Bake Sale**

Sacred Heart 7th & 8th grade students will be holding a bake sale before and after Mass on **December 13 & 14** to help fund their trip to Washington D.C.

**Boys Basketball Coach and Assistants Needed**

We are in need of a head coach for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team and assistant coaches are needed for boy's 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams. Practice would be held at your discretion throughout the week. Games are held on Sundays starting in January. If you would like to donate your time and talent, please contact our Athletic Director, Jonah Studer, at 419-543-0119.

**Pack-A-Pickup**



Once again, our pack-a-pickup collection was a tremendous success! One truck delivered food for **CAMP** and the other delivered food, toys and personal care items to **Shelby Helpline**. Thank you to all who participated in this annual outreach program to help brighten a family's Christmas.

**School Expansion Project**

As we work through your surveys should you have any additional thoughts, suggestions, or questions feel free to reach out to any committee member: Seth Rietschlin, Cody Gosser, Tom Metzger, Adam Paynter, Maycee Rietschlin, Lisa Myers, Sean Beeson, Kelsey Keller, Lil Niese, Stephanie Kuntz, Molly Belcik, Rebekah Weber, Monica Finney or Fr. Jeff.

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**Preschool dressed for Thanksgiving.**

**St. Joseph Sr. Luncheon**

Please join us for some Christmas cheer at our next Sr. Citizen luncheon on Tuesday, December 16 at 12:15 PM in the Convocation Center. The cost is \$5.00, and the menu will be: Pasta with meatballs, salad, garlic bread, applesauce and dessert. At this luncheon, students will entertain with songs from this year's Christmas program. Please RSVP by Friday, **December 12** to the school office (419-683-1284).

**Altar and Rosary Christmas cards (10/\$10.00) and Cookbooks (\$10.00) for sale in the parish office.**

**Our traveling vocations cross is looking for a home for January 2026 and beyond. This involves just a few minutes of your time each day to pray a short prayer for vocations. Please contact the parish office to sign up! Thank you!**



**Please check Ministry Pro for openings on 12/24, 25, and 31. We need servers, ushers & counters! Thank you!**



## September 09, 2025 **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

In attendance: Father Jeff, Lisa Myers, Austin Markwell, Doug Lucius, Jacob Rietschlin, Joe DiLulo, Greg Keller & Heath Gwirtz, Jacob Gosser, Taylor Gosser, Justin Tuttle, & Seth Rietschlin (guest).

Father Jeff opened with a prayer.

Joe DiLulo read the minutes.

Doug Lucius made a motion to accept the September 9th, 2025 meeting minutes and Jacob Rietschlin seconded the motion.

### Father Jeff's Report:

- Seth Rietschlin was available for any questions regarding the Heart of Bethlehem survey for the campus expansion. He advised that the purpose of the survey was to determine interest and asked all to urge others to take the survey so the team has a better understanding of the will of the parish. Seth noted that of the responses so far, there was significant support for question #1: are you satisfied with the renovations that have been completed in the last 3 years and support for question #2: do you support a campus expansion that would involve relocated Kindergarten and Preschool from the basement, removing the mobile unit, and enhancing restroom facilities. Seth noted that 14% responded no to question #3: do you support the relocation of the parish office into the school addition. Discussion revealed that cost is a big factor in the support for the project.
- Fr. Jeff shared a sample directory and proposed combining with St. Joe. There was unanimous support therefore Fr. Jeff and Greg Keller to work on details
- Discussion about announcement from the bishop concerning the end of gun raffles and the turkey shoot. It was decided that the turkey shoot does not sell guns or accept money from the sale of firearms and therefore should continue until told otherwise. The gun raffle may continue as a raffle for gift cards in lieu of guns.

### Principals Report:

- Recently had the Ignatius book store which was a success
- Children are preparing for the Christmas nativity program
- Trying to encourage everyone to take advantage of the state tax return program to benefit the school

### Old Business:

- Doug Lucius gave update that the center doors on the front of the church will need to be locked manually because of their construction, but the side doors can be on timers.
- Heath Gwirtz is getting a quote to pave the rest of the parking lot

### New Business:

- The locks on the main gym doors are loose
- Door between gym and storage room is jammed
- Downspout on the gym is leaking
- Microphone from the gym is missing

Greg Keller made a motion to adjourn and Doug Lucius seconded the motion

Father closed with a prayer.

Next meeting will be held January 13<sup>th</sup> after 6:30 mass in the Parish Office

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***F.I.S.H. food pantry most needed items:  
Cr. Celery Soup, rice side dishes, decaf coffee  
and black tea, pineapple & powdered milk.***

***Thank you for your continued support!***

**The food pantry is not a part of Shelby Helpline  
community Christmas Program.**

## **Please Share: Job Opening at St. Joseph School -**

Secretary St. Joseph Catholic School is currently accepting resumes for a School Secretary. This position plays an important role in fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for students, families, and colleagues in alignment with our school mission. Top Qualifications: Supporting daily office operations and administrative functions. Handling parent and student communication with professionalism and compassion. Assisting the principal with general office support as directed. Demonstrates kindness, patience, and sensitivity to the needs of children. Practicing Catholic preferred For more information and a complete job description, please contact Sue Sanders at 419-683-1284 or at [ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org](mailto:ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org).

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## **Retirement Fund for Religious**

Our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. They have spent decades in service for little to no pay and are left without sufficient retirement savings. Today, over 20,500 elderly religious depend on the Retirement Fund for Religious to help cover their rising health care costs, medication, and daily living expenses. Your gift can help ensure they receive the care they deserve. Please consider giving back to those who have given a lifetime. Thank you!

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## **Area Events**

**December 10:** Catholic Women's Club @ Resurrection 11:00am

**December 10:** Men's Group @ Sacred Heart Parish Center (8:15pm)

**December 13:** Little Lambs Playdate 9-11:00am

**December 13 & 14:** Sacred Heart 7th & 8th Grade Bake Sale

**December 14:** Annual Cookie Exchange

**December 14:** Carey Ecumenical Choir @ 4:00pm

**December 16:** St. Joseph Senior Citizen Lunch

**December 17:** Sacred Heart School Christmas Nativity

**December 20:** Sisters of Life @ Resurrection Parish

**December 21:** Festival of Lessons and Carols @ St. Peter

**December 23:** Marvin Memorial Library blood drive (RSVP)