



SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 5, 2025

27th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline.

Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: David Hicks

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: John Young

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph

6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Louis Mansueti

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

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

Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Lawrence & Mary Alice Biglin; Yogi & Mark; Rodney Cole

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: Leroy Steiner

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Francis, Marie & Joe Biglin; John Metzger; James & Keith Niese

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Pray for Healing for Cassie & Tara

Noon: Rosary Rally @ Crestline Gazebo (Bring Chairs)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Fall! Below are some opportunities for our students at Sacred Heart School!

One major development is I am pleased to announce that our 7th and 8th grade students are eagerly awaiting their educational field trip to Washington, DC! We are working with Nowal Tours to experience our rich American history first hand. Our students will be going in April 2026. To help raise funds for this experience we will be conducting fundraisers throughout the school year to help offset the cost.

Our first fundraisers are occurring at J & J Rietschlin Farms Fridays and Saturdays from 7pm-10pm @ the Field of Screams during October. The students will be selling drinks and snacks. We will also be hosting other fundraisers as well, stay tuned!

In October we will be offering server training classes. The students who are signed up are super excited! This is a great way to serve our parish community, Fr. Jeff and God!

October is the Month of the Rosary. You are invited to pray a decade of the rosary with our students. We will be praying a decade of the rosary on the following Wednesdays after Mass during October: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. This will be led by our 7th and 8th grade students.

On Oct. 22nd The Heart of Bethlehem has a meeting! More updates/details to come after the meeting.

On Oct. 29th our second-grade students will celebrate All Saints' Day at our 8:30am Mass of Oct. 29th. This is a great way for our students to personally connect to their favorite saints. It is also a great opportunity for us to learn details about certain saints. This is a great reminder that we are all called to be Saints.

Lastly, to help with school safety, I am pleased to announce that I have registered Sacred Heart School with the Ohio School Safety Center. Please contact the Ohio School Safety Center directly at 1-844-SAFEROH or at 1-844-723-3764. If you know something, say something, you will remain anonymous.

God bless, Lisa Myers, Principal

COLLECTION:

Sept. 28, 2025
\$ 10,061.00

Reg. Offertory
4,296.00
Online
5,680.00
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20.00
Bakeless Bake Sale
65.00



Heart of Bethlehem
\$ 110.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday, October 8
School Mass & Rosary

Saturday, Oct. 11

MUSIC MINISTER

Sean Beeson

SERVERS

Weston Vogt

Adam Keller

OFFERTORY

Mark & Melissa Vogt Family

EXTRAORDINARY**MINISTERS**

Kelsey Keller, Laurie Metzger

Joanne Claytor

USHERS

Matthew & Steve

Gosser

LECTOR

Laurie Metzger

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

Sunday, Oct. 12

MUSIC MINISTER

Folk Group

SERVERS

Ruthie Faith

Francis Paynter

OFFERTORY

Bob & Rebekah Weber Family

EXTRAORDINARY**MINISTERS**

Deacon Steve Vogt, Marti Keller

Dale Schroeder, Cheryl Rietschlin

USHERS

Joe Faith & Roger Niese

LECTOR

Sarah Metzger

COUNTERS

Bob Weber, Kristi Faith

Linda Schroeder

Bible Readings for the Week of October 5, 2025

Monday Jon 1:1-2:2, 11, (Ps) Jon 2:2-5, 8, Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday Jon 3:1-10, Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8, Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday Jon 4:1-11, Ps 86:3-6, 9-10, Lk 11:1-4
Thursday Mal 3:13-20b, Ps 1:1-4, 6, Lk 11:5-13
Friday Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2, Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16, Lk 11:15-26
Saturday Jl 4:12-21, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Lk 11:27-28
Sunday 2Kgs 5:14-17, Ps 98:1-4, 2Tm 2:8-13, Lk 17:11-19

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Baptismal Congratulations

Congratulations to Chase and Brianna Finney on the baptism of their daughter, Teagan Lynn by Deacon Steve last Sunday after Mass.

God Bless Teagan Lynn and her Family!



Your gift to the Perpetuate The Gift appeal supports our retired diocesan priests, enabling them to pay for their living expenses (medical, housing, car, food, etc.). All funds contributed now through December 31, 2025, assist our parish in fulfilling its assessed contribution to the fund. For your convenience, please look for the special envelopes in the pews. Our parish and our retired priests are so very grateful for your support!



Classes begin October 9th.

OCIA is about to begin, and we are looking for parishioners to volunteer to donate snacks, coffee, or water for our meetings and Lenten retreat. If you are interested, please sign up at the link below or scan the QR code. Thank you!

<https://shorturl.at/lzQcd>



SCAN ME

2025 Cystic Fibrosis Cycle for Life

The 2025 annual Cycle for Life bike ride will be held on October 11th. at the Rhinegeist Brewery Distribution Facility, 329 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, OH. This annual bike ride is for Cystic Fibrosis awareness and financial support for research towards a cure for this devastating genetic disease. The Traver/Keller and Fraizer/Gosser families are requesting your support for this fundraiser. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and send them to Marti Keller, 3934 Nazor Rd., Crestline, OH 44827. For every donation received your name will go into a drawing to win a \$250 gift card from YNOT Bike in Lexington, OH. Please continue to pray for Lilly and Kaileigh Traver, and Ashlyn and Emmalyn Fraizer, and all those struggling with CF. Thank you kindly for your support in this endeavor.

Free Meal Offered the 2nd. Thursday of the month at Awake Church 3616 St. Rt. 39, Shelby. Sacred Heart parishioners supply food and “man power” 2x per year. The next meal provided by Sacred Heart will be on October 9th. From 6-9:00pm. If interested in helping or donating please contact Cheryl Rietschlin at 419-571-6759.

Misericordia: a word derived from the Latin word *miseriae* (misery) and *cor* (heart), signifying a heart that extends to the suffering of others.

Sacred Heart will be adding a misericordia envelope to the 2026 monthly envelope packs. In the interim, to begin building this fund, we will be distributing temporary envelopes for your use.

Father Jeff will oversee and authorize all disbursements from this fund.



Students, parents and staff represented Sacred Heart School at the Harvest Festival Parade!

High School PSR

Oct. 15 & 22; Nov. 5, 12 & 19; Dec 3.

Join Steve and Sheila at the Sacred Heart Parish Center from 7- 8:00pm. Hope to See you there!

The F.I.S.H. Food Pantry wishes to extend their sincere THANK YOU to all who have responded to their urgent call for help to feed those in need!

All non-perishable foods are being accepted and very much appreciated!



Feel free to put all donations in the blue barrel.

A PRAYER FOR HOPE

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own.

Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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One Minute Meditations

St. Paul of the Cross

Born in seventeenth-century Ovada, Italy, to a noble Catholic family, Paul Francis Danei had a great devotion to the Cross of Christ since he was young. He turned down a respectable marriage to devote his life to prayer, penance, preaching, and works of charity. In 1720, he was called to found an order honoring Jesus' Passion. The Passionist Order received papal approval. The order elected St. Paul as their superior general until his death in 1775.

Celebrating All Hallows Eve

Halloween is a Catholic holy day — it's the vigil of All Saints Day. It even has its own liturgical prayers! One way to recapture a sense of the sacred on this holy vigil is to pray Evening Prayer (Vespers) in the Liturgy of the Hours. It is easily found online and takes about 15 minutes. It's a beautiful, deeply liturgical way to celebrate All Hallows Eve with the Church. Because solemnities "start" the evening before, after Vespers, the party can start!

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in': aim at earth and you will get neither" C.S. Lewis.

Simple ways to stay rooted in God's love every day

God meets us in powerful ways through the Sacraments, especially at Sunday Mass. But we're not meant to leave His presence at the church door. Our souls need daily contact with His love—through small, intentional acts that anchor us in grace, even during busy or chaotic days.

Start with a Morning Offering. This short prayer dedicates everything you do — your work, joys, and struggles — to God. It turns your entire day into an offering, a prayer in motion. Even when events feel out of control, you've already placed them in His hands. That changes how you carry each moment.

Wearing a crucifix, saint medal, or carrying a Rosary is another way to stay grounded. These sacramentals aren't lucky charms—they're signs of faith and reminders that we belong to God. When worn or used with devotion, they offer quiet strength and speak to the world, even without words.

Next, carry a line of Scripture with you. Choose a verse that speaks to your heart and keep it where you'll see it—on your phone, dashboard, or mirror. Reflect on it throughout the day. God's Word is alive and personal. Even a single verse can give light when your path feels dim.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105).

Lastly, surround yourself with sacred art. A holy card in your wallet, an image of Christ in your kitchen—these aren't just decorative. They teach, inspire, and prompt prayer. They gently turn your attention toward Heaven in the middle of daily routines.

None of these habits takes much time, but over time, they shape your heart. They help you live with peace, stay open to grace, and remember: God is near, always ready to meet us where we are.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Many Protestant versions of the Our Father include the doxology: "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever." While this line is theologically rich and spiritually uplifting, it was not part of the original prayer Jesus gave His disciples. It does not appear in the earliest and most reliable Gospel manuscripts. Scholars believe it began as a marginal note—

Why does the Catholic Our Father have a different ending?

possibly added for liturgical use—that was later copied into the text. Its inclusion in the King James Bible helped establish it in Protestant tradition, where it remains a beloved conclusion. Though not found in the original biblical text, the doxology reflects the heart of Christian praise and continues to express the glory of God in worship across many denominations.

Holy Hospitality - let love lead during the holidays

We may not have to host the Messiah and twelve hungry disciples on short notice, but the stress St. Martha felt is all too familiar during the holiday season. The good news? Grace can do what we cannot.

To find peace amid pressure, Pope Leo XIII said to begin with silence. Even a few moments of quiet prayer each day can create the space needed for God to work in your heart. Then, he offered two essential practices:

Focus on what matters most. Jesus' friend, Martha, was "*anxious and troubled about many things*," but Jesus reminded her of the "*one thing... necessary*" (Luke 10:41-42). Hospitality isn't about perfection—it's about presence. Pope Leo encourages us to make space for real human connection:

to care, to listen, and to truly see those around us. Resist the urge to multitask. And yes—put the phone away.

Choose understanding over offense. The holidays can magnify tensions, but they also offer a sacred opportunity for growth. "It takes effort," Pope Leo admitted, "to understand one another in disagreements, and to forgive when mistakes are made." Approach family gatherings with humility and grace. Assume the best. Be patient, flexible, and quick to forgive. Small acts of mercy often go unseen—but "*your Father who sees in secret will reward you*" (Matthew 6:18).

This season, let love—not logistics—lead. That's the heart of holy hospitality.

from Scripture

Luke 18:9-14, Divine mercy responds to humility

In this Gospel passage, Jesus contrasts two prayers: one from a respected Pharisee, the other from a despised tax collector—a comparison that would have shocked His audience.

In first-century Jewish society, Pharisees were seen as models of religious observance, while tax collectors were viewed as collaborators with the Roman occupiers and often as corrupt and dishonest.

The Pharisee confidently takes a prominent place in the temple and offers what appears to be a prayer—but it's really a self-congratulatory speech. He thanks God not for grace

received, but for his own perceived righteousness. In contrast, the tax collector stands at a distance, won't even lift his eyes, and offers a single, sincere plea: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Jesus tells us it was the tax collector—not the Pharisee—who went home justified before God

This parable reminds us that true prayer begins with humility. God isn't impressed by performance or flowery words. He desires contrition, honesty, and a heart open to grace. He already knows us, loves us, and simply asks for our love in return.

general of the Jesuits, he helped to spread their presence all over Spain and Portugal.

October 14 – St. Callixtus I (222). Born a slave in a Roman household, Callixtus was ordained a deacon by Pope Zephyrinus, whom he later succeeded. Callixtus's election caused an eighteen-year schismatic movement. He fought against heresy and showed tolerance toward sinners. In a time of trial and confusion, he re-opened the Church to all. He was later martyred.

October 28 – Saints Simon and Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After following Jesus, they eventually traveled to Persia where they preached the Gospel until they were martyred.

Q & A

Why do Catholics have different types of Masses?

Liturgical diversity has always been part of the Church's life. Today, when people refer to "different Masses," they may be referring to the different forms, such as the Traditional Latin Mass (also called the Extraordinary Form) and the more familiar post-Vatican II Mass (Novus Ordo, or Ordinary Form).

The Traditional Latin Mass, shaped over centuries, is known for its reverence, use of Latin and chant, and the priest facing *ad orientem*—toward the altar along with the people. It fosters an atmosphere of silence and awe.

The Novus Ordo emerged after the Second Vatican Council, which called for a renewed, simplified liturgy that would be more accessible and participatory. At that time, Latin was no longer widely taught or understood.

Both forms are authentic expressions of the same Eucharistic mystery—the meeting of Heaven and Earth at the altar. When celebrated reverently, each reveals the beauty and depth of the Church's liturgical tradition in distinct but complementary ways.

Feasts & Celebrations

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary (1571). This feast was originally named, "Our Lady of Victory" by Pope Pius V, on the victory of the Battle of Lepanto, when the Christians won a critical victory against the Ottomans after praying the Rosary. Pope Gregory XIII later renamed this feast in recognition of this powerful prayer.

October 10 – St. Francis Borgia (1572). St. Francis was a nobleman who served in the Spanish imperial court. After the death of his wife, he gave away all his possessions and joined the Jesuits. He proved to be a good administrator, and as superior

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DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

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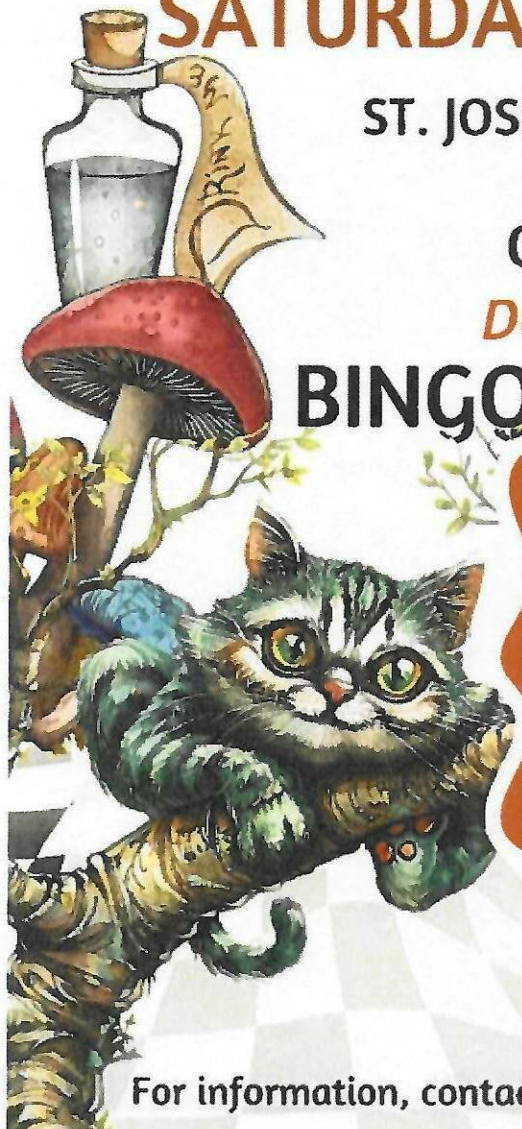
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Area Events

October 7: Diocesan Feast Day at Holy Rosary Cathedral beginning with the Rosary at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

October 8: Sacred Heart Men's Group 8-10:00pm email: nvogt@gmail.com for details.

October 8: Catholic Women's Club at Ontario Event Center

October 11: Annual Cycle for Life benefitting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Donations being accepted by Marti Keller, 3934 Nazor Rd., Crestline, OH 44827.

October 12: Rosary Rally Crestline Gazebo noon.

October 15: High School PSR begins @ 7:00pm.

October 19: Trunk or Treat Sacred Heart School 4:00pm.

October 19: Veneration of Relics of Saint Padre Pio, St. Mary Catholic Church, Vermillion noon - 6:30pm and

October 20 Mass at 8:30am Veneration to 6:30pm.

October 21: Senior Luncheon at St. Joseph.

October 22: High School PSR

October 24: Ohio Health Mobile Mammography at Marvin Memorial Library 8:00am - noon. Appointment required (614) 566-1111 or 1 (877) 5661112.

October 25: St. Joseph School Designer Purse Bingo. Doors open at 5:00pm (Over 21 Event) 419-683-1284 for more details.

October 26: Milestone Anniversary Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 3:00pm register at: www.toledoanniversarymass.org.

November 2: St. Gaspar del Bufalo Catholic Church, Bellevue drive thru pork chop dinner. 11:00am until sold out.

November 9: Sacred Heart Annual Turkey Shoot

The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.



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