




SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 28, 2025
26th. Sunday in Ordinary Time
Priesthood Sunday 

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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline.

Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: Rodney Cole; Deceased of Clarence Studer Family

Wednesday

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

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph
6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: For Those Who Struggle to Forgive

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: For Those Who are Sick; May They Find Healing

7:30pm - Adoration at St. Joseph

Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ
4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: Bob Niese; Rhonda Borgelt

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intentions: Carl & Mary Hurson; Linda Horning

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: Dorothy Blum; Jeanne, Paul & Kathleen Gosser

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: For the Unborn

Greetings Parishioners,

This fall I plan on offering servers training and Eucharistic minister training. To minister at the holy Mass is a special gift that God gives us. To take part and honor the Lord through service is a privilege from Christ that helps us grow in holiness.

Are you interested in being a Eucharistic minister? Are you or your child interested in being an altar server? If so, please email me at jsmith@toledodiocese.org and I will send out an email in the next couple of weeks to find a good training date and time for both ministries.

A Eucharistic Minister is a parishioner, selected by the Pastor and mandated by the Bishop, who serves, distributes, and administers the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during the Holy Communion or Eucharist of the Church Service. In the Catholic Mass, they are referred to more accurately as "Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion" (the "ordinary" minister being the priest celebrant).

Eucharistic Ministers are called not only to minister the Body and Blood of Christ, but to have and maintain a strong faith, a sense of awe, and an inclusiveness of others as the foundation for their ministry. The ministers accomplish this by strengthening their faith from within and sharing it with the faithful at communion time. Eucharistic Ministers must be comfortable in establishing a relationship with each communicant in what is most likely the most intimate moment in the liturgy.

Some Eucharistic Ministers may also feel called to bring Holy Communion to people within the parish community who are sick and/or home-bound. The experience in bringing the Body of Christ to others, who can not attend mass due to illness or other limitations, is truly a gift from God.

In Christ,
Fr. Jeff

COLLECTION:

Sept. 21, 2025
\$ 4,906.30

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3,796.30
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805.00
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170.00
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120.00
Catholic University
\$ 15.00



Heart of Bethlehem
\$ 110.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday, October 1
School Mass & Rosary

Saturday, Oct. 4

MUSIC MINISTER

Kevin Willis

SERVERS

*Gus & Blaise
Metzger*

OFFERTORY

Thad & Sarah Metzger Family

EXTRAORDINARY**MINISTERS**

Megan Ratliff, Samantha Schroder

Need One**USHERS**

Jaime Picou

Nick Fike

LECTOR

Sarah Metzger

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

Sunday, Oct. 5

MUSIC MINISTER

Family Choir

SERVERS

*Audrey & Berkley
Hoffman*

OFFERTORY

Jason & Kelsey Keller Family

EXTRAORDINARY**MINISTERS**

Amanda Paynter

Deb & Jerry Schumacher

USHERS

Greg Gwartz & Cody Gosser

LECTOR

Chuck Keller

COUNTERS

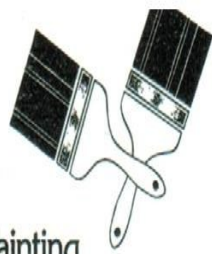
*Olivia Hoffman, Cindy Keller
Joyce Timmer*

Bible Readings for the Week of September 28, 2025

Monday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab, Ps 138:1-5, Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday Zec 8:20-23, Ps 87:1b-7, Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday Neh 2:1-8, Ps 137:1-6, Lk 9:57-62
Thursday Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12, Ps 19:8-11
Friday Bar 1:15-22, Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9, Lk 10:13-16
Saturday Bar 4:5-12, 27-29, Ps 69:33-37, Lk 10:17-24
Sunday Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4, Ps 95:1-2, 6-9, 2Tm 1:6-8, 13-14, Lk 17:5-10

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In attendance: Father Jeff, Lisa Myers, Austin Markwell, Doug Lucius, Jacob Rietschlin, Joe Di Lullo, Greg Keller & Heath Gwartz.

Father Jeff opened with a prayer.

Father Jeff read the minutes.

Doug Lucius made a motion to accept the January 14th, 2025 meeting minutes and Jo Di Lullo seconded the motion.

Joe Di Lullo accepted being President, motion made by Jake Rietschlin and seconded by Doug Lucius

Heath Gwartz agreed to continue being secretary if neither of the absentees wanted the position.

Father Jeff's Report:

- PSR and OCIC getting ready to start up
- Discussion about whether or not to lock up the church. Doug Lucius is working to install locks on the main doors with timers to be locked between 10p-6a. Father Jeff to investigate keys for the side doors
- Water lines are buried. Work to continue thru next summer
- New asphalt pavement on the lane back to the cemetery (\$6,100) and the bus lane in front of the school (\$8,750)
- Sean Beeson back on regular schedule since taking a summer break.
- Discussion about switching to Diocesan Bulletin. Voted to stay with current bulletin.
- Mens group is off to a great start, reaching some people who may not come to church.

Principals Report:

- School started, 110 students enrolled
- We will have academic challenge teams again this year
- We are having a float in the Harvest Festival Parade
- Ignatius book store again this year
- Trick or Trunk scheduled for 10/19/25

Old Business:

- Sean Beeson checked on church sound system and determined it to be satisfactory
- Heath Gwartz is getting a quote to pave the rest of the parking lot

New Business:

- Doug Lucius to investigate the possibility of installing automatic opener on the handicap ramp door.
- Father will look into doing a new parish directory

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

Father closed with a prayer.

Next meeting will be held November 11th after 6:30 mass in the Parish Office



PARISHIONER JAKE RIETSCHLIN

BETHLEHEM – Jake and Jessica Rietschlin started Field of Screams on J and J Rietschlin Farm with their children, Nathan and Grace, four years ago. Their farm is located at 5482 State Route 61 South in Shelby.

"We originally started with the family/kid-friendly corn maze" nine years ago, Jake clarified. After five years of asking Jessica to start a haunted corn maze, she agreed.

Unlike previous years, though, "we are doing a kid-friendly, self-serve corn maze during the day and a haunted corn maze at night," noted Jake.

The day maze will be open 7 days a week, from 1:00 pm to dusk until October 31 for \$5 per person. The haunted maze is open from 7:30pm until the last ticket is sold at 11pm on Friday and Saturdays until October 31. Purchase a \$20 ticket in-person or on Fear Ticket.

The cost of the day maze includes games and other activities on the farm.

"It will not include hay rides this year," said Jake. In addition to a combine slide, there will be a sand box, a 50 foot long tire ride and different games "Jessie puts out throughout the farm for the kids."

"Adults have fun, too," he emphasized, "not just kids."

Guests will see an assortment of pre-picked pumpkins to choose from. "They're marked as priced," Jake noted, and there will be a jar for cash.

Visitors can admire three horses while petting them.

A grain farmer when he's not a K-9 officer for the Mansfield Police Department, "we're going to have our Gleaner combine out," Jake said. "Kids can climb up in it. We also have smaller tractors to play on."

Jake and Jessica have tapped their daughter, Grace, to coordinate school field trips this year.

Sacred Heart School and close to 20 others are planned. "She's going to be busy," Jake shared.

Their oldest child, "Nathan helps with our IT/computer" needs, noted Jake. "He is one of our actors as Michael Myers," the main character in Halloween, a horror film series.

It's been an all-hands family business anchored in their love for Christ.

Before opening night on Saturday, September 20, "we were Blessed to have our Pastors out, to pray over and Bless our Haunted Corn Maze and Kid-Friendly Maze," J & J Field of Screams posted on Facebook. "Thank you FrJeffery Smith and Pastor Greg Griffith. We appreciate you both!"

"My wife and I stress to people that we are a Christian family," Jake added. "We stress to our actors that we are a Christian family: Nothing demonic, nothing that will bring evil to our family."

The Rietschlins hire teenagers and adults who have a passion for scaring people. "We have 27 actors and three tractor drivers," Jake confirmed.

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, Jesus taught.

"Some of these people never heard of the Lord before us; they come from pretty rough homes," Jake explained. "We pray before the start of the night for a safe night. After each night, we have a family-style dinner. We pray over the meal for blessed food."

The maze is a year-long operation. "We start planning it in January – our family and two of our managers – I draw what we want," noted Jake.

A fellow parishioner, Owen Niese of R and R Niese Farms, plants the crop using a GPS Corn Planter.

"We start setting things up usually in July and August," Jake said. "Jessica is my right hand woman and we wouldn't be able to do this without each other."

Jake's home is generational.

"My grandpa and grandma, Louis and Nellie Rietschlin, bought the place in 1936. When they passed away, my dad bought it; I bought it from him," he said.

"Sacred Heart is the cornerstone of our family," Jake noted. One of the church's earliest pioneers, "Simon Metzger was my great grandpa. The Rietschlins were also one of the founders."

The ties that bind Sacred Heart are eternal.

"I'll never leave 'til they put me in the cemetery," Jake said.





Thank you to Father Jeff and all those men who have answered the call to serve! We are truly grateful for your devotion and leadership!

A Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Please help support our retired priests by donating to Perpetuate the Gift Appeal through 12/31/25.

Sacred Heart Choir

The choirs at Sacred Heart are looking to extend singing opportunities for our parish, by offering different times throughout the month where you can come and offer praise and glory to God through the use of our voices! Every month there will be different rotations and opportunities to sing with us.

Revised Dates

October 5 - Family Choir - Kids are welcome.

Come as you are! The best you can sing is all that God expects and wants from us. No voice is too bad or too good to be a fruit given to the Lord. No practice is necessary, no commitment needed, just your voice and joyous presence!



Dale Schroeder	3	Ron Biglin	14
Brenda Gosser	5	Betty Borgelt	16
Steve Metzger	6	Becky Kromer	20



Baptismal Congratulations

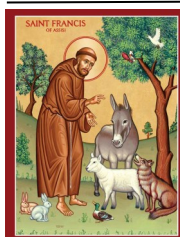
Congratulations to Quinten and Megan Hiler on the baptism of their daughter, Cecilia Ann by Deacon Steve last Sunday after Mass.

God Bless Cecilia Ann and her Family!

We are grateful that you are part of our Sacred Heart Family!

As a token of our gratitude, you are invited to join us for Mass and a light snack on **Wednesday, Oct. 1st**. We will be celebrating Mass at 8:30am. Following Mass, Adoration and praying a decade of the rosary you are invited to the gym for a light snack! Students will go back to class at 10am.

This invitation is open to all, including parents, grandparents and Sacred Heart parishioners.



**Blessing of the Animals
In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi
Friday, October 3rd.
11:00am SHJ & 2:15pm St. Joseph**

Catholic Women's Club of the St. Juan Diego Deanery will meet **Wednesday October 8th** at the Ontario Event Center, 3985 Park Ave. West, for social time at 11:30, luncheon at 12:00 and program. Our speaker this month is Christine Galuzny from Resurrection Parish, presenting Mighty Micah-Mightier God, dealing with the grief of losing a child. We will also collect for Catholic Charities Food Pantry. All women from our parishes are welcome, including those married to a Catholic, or perhaps thinking about becoming Catholic. New members should contact Brenda Starr-Jude at: 419-610 8251 for reservations.



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>



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Area Events

October 4: Hope & Healing Mass at 11:00am Our Lady of Consolation, Carey. Full Shrine Devotions at 2:00pm. Lunch available in Shrine Cafeteria.

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

October 5: Mother of Sorrows Harvest Festival 11:00am.

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

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 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 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 6:30pm (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 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!

Reminder for the month of October Shelby Help Line ministries will be collecting new socks, hat & gloves. To donate please place items in the blue barrel.



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