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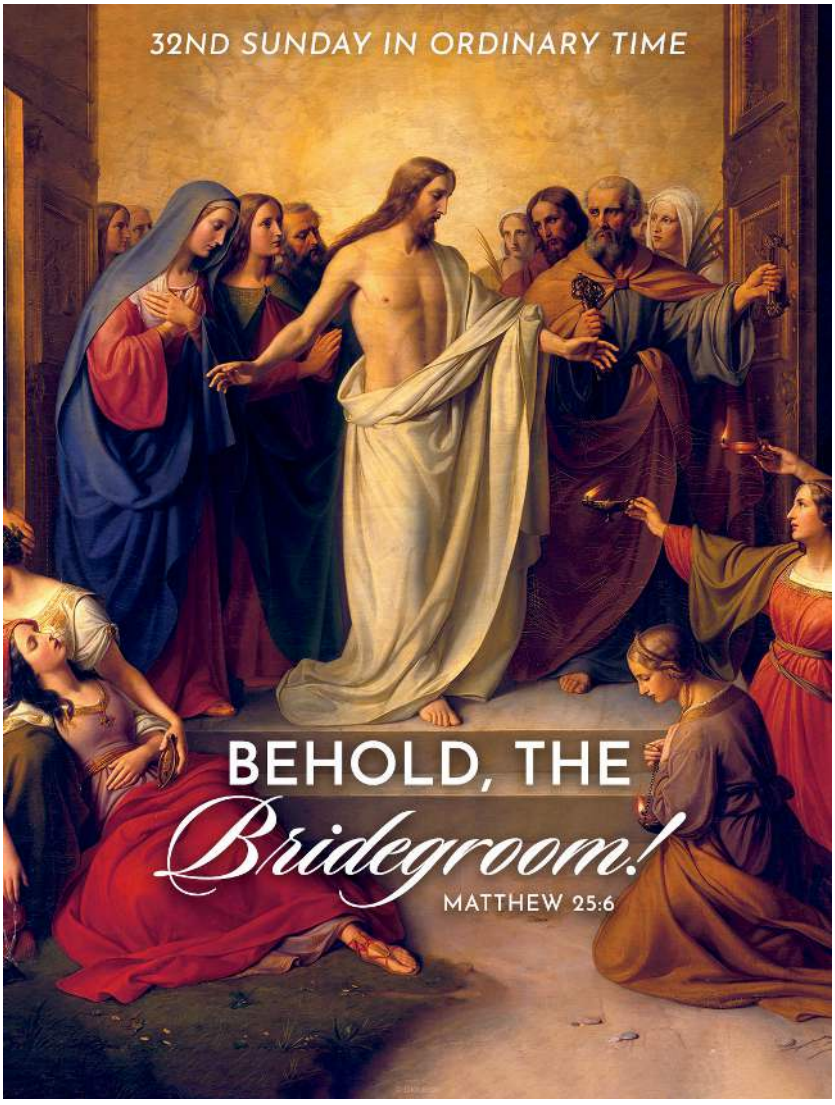
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Letter From the Pastor

Greetings, everyone!

I'm excited to share that I'll be **LIVE on Annunciation Radio** during their upcoming Fall Sharathon, November 17–20!

This year's theme is **"Anchored in Faith. Set Free through Forgiveness."**

Throughout the Sharathon, more than 30 area priests—as well as Bishop Daniel E. Thomas—will join Annunciation Radio to share their faith, encourage listeners, and help raise the funds needed to keep Catholic radio strong in our area.

I'll be live on the air Friday, November 20, from 2:00–2:30 p.m.!

Let's show Annunciation Radio that **Sacred Heart and St. Joseph are behind their pastor!** Parishioners are encouraged to make a gift in advance of my time on the air. If you make an advanced gift, I'll have the opportunity to recognize your gift by first name on the air!

Even a small gift is a wonderful way to support Catholic evangelization—and to let me know you're listening!

Tune in Friday, November 20, from 2:00–2:30 p.m.

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Thanks!

Fr. Jeff



Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 8, 2026

Sunday	**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13
Monday	**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday	**Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	**Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop** Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	**Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr** Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	**Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin** 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday	**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6, Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21



Bulletin Deadline

The deadline to include items in the bulletin is Monday by 9:00 am before the desired Sunday publication. To submit items for the bulletin, please email lsimmons@stjosephcrestline.org and dbemiller@shelbysacredheart.org. You may also call the St. Joseph Parish Office at 419-683-2015.

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday · November 10

6:30 pm **Mass at Sacred Heart**
Rhonda & Jim Borgelt

Wednesday · November 11 - Veterans Day

8:30 am **Mass at Sacred Heart**
For All Veterans; Carl Keller; Leroy Steiner

Thursday · November 12

5:30 pm **Confessions at St. Joseph**
6:30 pm **Mass at St. Joseph**
Mary Lou Marek

Friday · November 13

8:30 am **Mass at St. Joseph**
For the Students, Parents, and Staff of St. Joseph School

Saturday · November 14

3:30 pm **Confessions at Sacred Heart**
4:30 pm **Mass at Sacred Heart**
Jeff Belcik; John Young

Sunday · November 15

7:00 am **Mass at St. Joseph**
Bexley Hiler; Rich Brandeburg; Mary Lou Marek

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

10:30 am **Mass at St. Joseph**
Bill Garrett

Black Catholic History Month

Established in 1990 by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, Black Catholic History Month celebrates the long history and heritage of Black Catholics. November includes significant dates, including the November 3 feast of St. Martin de Porres and the November 13 birthday of St. Augustine of Hippo. Beginning with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, November is also a meaningful time to remember Black Catholics whose lives and faith have enriched the Church.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also highlights seven Black Catholics whose causes for canonization are underway. Readers can explore their lives and find links to their individual causes on the USCCB's "On the Road to Sainthood: Leaders of African Descent" webpage. Visit www.usccb.org/committees/african-american-affairs/road-sainthood-leaders-african-descent.







Widow's Group Meeting

Sunday, November 8 at 1:00 pm

Sacred Heart Parish Hall
5754 St. Rt. 61 South, Shelby, Ohio

This is an area-wide widow's group meeting. We will be tying blankets to be given to the needy.

Please bring sharp scissors. Donations for fleece will be accepted.

For questions or more information, please contact Lil Niese at 419-631-1603 or Kathy Cole at 419-565-8060.

Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club of the St. Juan Diego Deanery will meet on **Wednesday, Nov. 11th at the Ontario Event Cente**r, 11:30 for social time and 12:00 luncheon. Cost is $19, and our speaker will be from Richland Pregnancy Services. Items for babies and young toddlers, diapers, bottles, etc. are options for donations. All women from the Deanery are welcome to attend, so be sure to call Lois Steele 419-565-8490 for a reservation if you are new and would like to join the fun.

Men's Group Meeting

Wednesday, November 11

Sacred Heart (outside Parish Office)

8:00 to 10:00 pm

This group is open to any man from any parish. No preparation or prior study necessary. We meet the second Wednesday of each month. Communications are through the Signal app. If you would like to be added to the group on the app or if you have any questions, please email Fr. Jeff at jsmith@toledodiocese.org

Hope to see you there!

Senior Citizen Luncheon

Tuesday, November 17 at 12:15 pm

St. Joseph Convocation Center

The menu will be Au Gratin potatoes and ham, green beans, fruit and dessert. The cost is $5.00. **To help us plan, please RSVP by Wednesday, November 11 by calling the St. Joseph school office at 419-683-1284.** Hope to see you there!



Shelby Settlement Sportsman's Den Gift Certificate Raffle - 2026

Thank you very much to those who bought tickets for this year's Shelby Settlement Sportsman's Den Gift Certificate Raffle. We appreciate your support of the raffle and of Sacred Heart School. Over the years, the profits made from this raffle have helped with school maintenance and various improvements not covered by other funds. This would not be possible without the generosity of each one of you buying tickets. The 2026 winners are listed below.

DATE	TICKET #	WINNER
Oct. 1	#639	Dan Dembow—Ashland, OH
Oct. 2	#578	Mark Vogt—Shelby, OH
Oct. 3	#141	Cody Gosser—Shelby, OH
Oct. 5	#851	Bridget Belcik—Crestline, OH
Oct. 6	#069	Ken Schroeder—Mansfield, OH
Oct. 7	#013	Caulin Finnegan—Shelby, OH
Oct. 8	#143	Owen Niese—Shelby, OH
Oct. 9	#692	Bill Dapper—Crestline, OH
Oct. 10	#731	Jon Foley—Shelby, OH
Oct. 12	#352	Mike Berger—Ontario, OH
Oct. 13	#074	Buck Bivens—Galion, OH
Oct. 14	#998	Colton Schwan—Crestline, OH
Oct. 15	#065	David Sharrock—Crestlline, OH
Oct. 16	#226	Russ Keller—Crestline, OH
Oct. 17	#738	Hunter Keller—Crestline, OH
Oct. 19	#778	Nancy Hill—Lancaster, OH
Oct. 20	#091	Evan Benedict—Mansfield, OH
Oct. 21	#388	Kylie Gekler—Galion, OH
Oct. 22	#343	Eric Rietschlin—Crestline, OH
Oct. 23	#898	Steve Gosser—Crestline, OH
Oct. 24	#777	James Gardner—Strongsville, OH
		(James Gardner donated his money back to school)
Oct. 26	#593	Jason Snyder—Shelby, OH
Oct. 27	#646	Phil Newton—Cheshire, CT
Oct. 28	#319	Jared Weber—Mansfield, OH
Oct. 29	#936	Charlie Schroeder—Shelby, OH
Oct. 30	#638	Scott Hanshaw—Greenwich, OH
Oct. 31	#841	Carl Schroeder—Shelby, OH



From November 1, 2026

Total Offertory Collection $5,848.25

Regular Offertory $5,087.25

Online..... $576.00

Fuel Offering..... .$185.00

Heart of Bethlehem..... $50.00

Thank You !

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Sacred Heart School First Quarter Honor Roll Students

Straight A's

Felix Beeson, Leo Beeson, Jude Kemerer, Zelie Metzger, Declan Milligan, John Paynter and Oliver Rietschlin

First Honor A's and B's

Ava Atkinson, Solanus Beeson, Itzel DeLaCruz, Bennett Finnegan, Skyla Grose, Anderson Gwirtz, Oakland Gwirtz, Gianna Hartings, Saylor Hartings, Kennedey Hoffman, Hunter Keller, Addison Kohls, Matthew Lenz, Finnian Metzger, Gemma Metzger, Simon Ratliff, Rylee Scarbro, Blaine Welch, Carter Wyer and James Wyer



What a special day to celebrate All Saints' Day at our Children's Mass. The second grade students at Sacred Heart School shared information about their chosen saints and dressed like them.

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Campaign Update for Sacred Heart

Total Pledged:	$510,819.00
Total Cash Due Parish:	$175,615.35
Total Disbursement from Diocese in August through October:	**$4,052.43**

Vocations Cross

Please contact the Parish Office to sign up for the monthly Vocations Cross. Need volunteers for November and beyond. Thank you!

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Check Ministry Pro for updates.	*Saturday, November 14 4:30 pm*	*Sunday, November 15 8:30 am*
Music Minister	Sean	Kevin & Becky
Altar Servers	Saylor Hartings Audrey Hoffman	Noah Metzger Oliver Rietschlin
Offertory	Chris & Christine Vogt Family	Dusty & Bridget Milligan Family
Extraordinary Ministers	Karen Keiser Megan Ratliff Jake Rietschlin	Amanda Paynter Cheryl Rietschlin Luke Rietschlin Chuck Weaver
Ushers	Adam Gosser Dave Kromer	Cody Gosser Nate Metzger
Lector	Karen Keiser	Kate DiLullo
Counters	Crystal Metzger, Dianne Sutter, Catherine Turner	

Christ, Community, Coffee & Croissants

All ladies of the church are warmly invited to join us for our End-of-Year Celebration!

Immediately following the **8:30 AM Mass on November 22**, we'll gather together in the **Church Hall** for a morning of **Christ, community, coffee, and croissants!**

Hosted by the **Altar Rosary Society**, this special gathering will feature a delicious coffee bar, bagels, croissants, cookies, and fellowship with the wonderful women of our church

Please RSVP to Megan Ratliff by November 15: 614-562-9575

We hope you'll join us! All ladies of the church are welcome. If anyone needs a ride to or from the celebration, please contact Megan.

Turkey Shoot Raffle - Early Bird Drawing

Congratulations to John Schroeoder for winning the Early Bird Drawing. He received an extra Jackpot Drawing ticket.

Mark Your Calendars - Pack-a-Pickup

The dates for Pack-a-Pickup are 11/28 and 11/29. The trucks will be parked out front on Saturday (before 4:30 Mass), until 3:00 pm on Sunday. Thank You!

F.I.S.H. Ministries Wish List

Ramen noodles, dry pasta (all kinds - noodles, spaghetti, macaroni, etc.), canned fruit and vegetables, canned meats (Spam, tuna, chicken, etc.), oatmeal and boxed cereal. All non-perishable food donations are welcomed. Thank you for your generous continued support!

Heart of Bethlehem has a new fundraiser!



Go to the following link to order online!
https://heartofbethlehem2026.itemorder.com/shop/home/
Pickup will be at SHJ Church in time for Advent.
Nov. 28th from 3-6pm and Nov. 29th from 8-10am.



High School PSR

The classes will be held Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm lasting one hour on the following dates at the Sacred Heart Parish Office. November 8, 15 & 22; December 6. Hope to see you there!





From November 1, 2026

Total Offertory Collection	**$5,005.35**
Sunday Envelopes	$1,035.00
Loose Checks (All Categories)	$310.00
Loose Currency	$920.60
Online Giving (All Categories)	$315.75
Votive Lights	$65.00
School Support	$355.00
School Endowment	$75.00
Parish Maintenance	$1,054.00
Church Building Maintenance	$555.00
Caritas	$90.00
Flower Fund	$10.00
All Saints	$215.00
Catholic Camp/Human Devlp	$5.00

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Holy Hour

Please join us as we pray a Holy Hour on Tuesdays in St. Joseph Church at 11:00 am. Please come and pray the Rosary and other prayers for our beloved country.

God bless us all and the USA.

Pray the Rosary With Us!

Every Sunday at 9:55 am in church before the 10:30 am Mass

Extra rosaries can be found in the narthex.





To celebrate All Saints' Day, the second and third grade students at St. Joseph dressed up as some of their favorite saints at the school Mass on October 30.

Living Christ
Diocese of Toledo

Campaign Update for St. Joseph

Total Pledged:	$298,678.49
Total Cash Due Parish:	$96,969.33
Total Disbursement from Diocese in August through October:	**$2,777.50**

The Heat is On...

Since the heat is now on in church, please only use the main entrance in the back of church and keep the two back side doors closed. This will help keep the heat in church. Of course, you can still use the side door by the school and the ramp door. Thank you.

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Check Ministry Pro for updates.	*Sunday, November 15 7:00 am*	*Sunday, November 15 10:30 am*
Lector	Morgan Frye	Joann Palm
Extraordinary Ministers	Don Alt Morgan Frye Steve Marek	Denise Belcastro Joann Palm Steve Vogt
Altar Servers	Anna Erwin James Erwin	Maddie Hocker Vincent Hocker Gavin Parsons
Gift Bearers	Don & Sharen Alt Family	Cole & Sydney Phillips Family
Ushers	Mike Anatra Curt Young	Bernadette Karasko Chris Wozniak



Megamoolah Mania 15



Winner for October 2026
Congratulations to
Margaret Kurtzman!

Seller: Louis Kurtzman

St. Joseph Holiday Outreach

Please mark your calendars for the **Pack-a-Pickup food collection on Sunday, November 29.**

Also, St. Joseph Parish will once again be collecting packages of new underwear for Crestline familes who are in need. Please watch the upcoming bulletins for details. Thank You!



Night of Healing – St. Joseph, Galion

Wednesday, December 9 | 6:00–8:00 pm

St. Joseph, Galion

The Diocese of Toledo Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you to an evening of prayer for healing, Adoration, witness and Reconciliation.

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Information about RaiseRight can be found on our school's website at stjosephcrestline.org/school-news or in the back of church.

Lindsay Mills is our program coordinator, and she can be reached at 419-961-4276 for assistance. Thanks for your support of our school.

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One Minute Meditations

St. Gertrude the Great

Born in Germany in 1256, St. Gertrude was raised and educated by Benedictine nuns before entering religious life herself. Around age twenty-five, she began experiencing visions of Christ that continued throughout her life. She recorded these profound spiritual encounters in *The Herald of Divine Love* for the benefit of her fellow nuns. Renowned for her holiness, compassion toward rich and poor alike, and devotion to praying for souls in Purgatory, St. Gertrude remains an inspiring example of faith.

Loving like the saints

"Consider the example of the saints from every walk of life. What have they not done to love God, and devote themselves to him? … With such a great host of models, what can we ourselves fail to do? They were what we are. What they did was animated by love for the same God and by a desire to acquire the same virtues. Why, then, should not we do as much, according to our condition and vocation, for our cherished resolution…?" St. Francis de Sales

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

Don't let Christmas sneak up on you!

Between the shopping lists, work parties, cooking and baking, and that one string of lights that never works, it's easy to reach Christmas morning wondering where Advent went. A few small changes can help you prepare heart and home for Jesus, even during the rush.

Clear some clutter, inside and out. As you tidy up for guests, tidy up your schedule too. Pick one thing to skip this year, like an extra party or one batch of cookies, and use that time for God. Five quiet minutes with your morning coffee counts.

Decorate a little at a time. Put the tree up early if you like, but decorate slowly: lights one week, ornaments the next, the star on Christmas Eve. Let the kids light the next candle on the Advent wreath each Sunday at dinner. The waiting becomes part of the joy.

Spend extra time with Jesus in the Eucharist. Try adding one weekday Mass during Advent, perhaps on your day off or lunch break. Or stop by church for 10 minutes on your way home from errands. You may find He's been waiting for you too.

Receive mercy, then share it. Check the bulletin for your parish's Advent Reconciliation service and mark your calendar. Then think of one person who could use some mercy from you: a relative you've been short with, a coworker, a neighbor who's alone this year. A phone call, a note or a plate of cookies can go a long way.

"The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God!'" (John 1:35-36).

Notice your blessings. Starting at Thanksgiving, have everyone at the dinner table name one thing they're grateful for each night. While shopping or rushing between parties, remember: people matter more than presents.

At Christmas we celebrate the best news of all: Jesus, the Savior God promised, has come for each of us.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor old basilicas?

In the Old Testament, the Temple was Israel's sacred place of worship, where God dwelt among His people. For Catholics, the Church is the new Temple and the Body of Christ. Our churches remain sacred spaces where we gather to worship and Heaven meets earth in the Mass. Each church building also symbolizes the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2-3). Recognizing their profound historical and spiritual significance, the Catholic Church honors Rome's four major basilicas: St. John Lateran, St. Peter's, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major, enduring witnesses to our Catholic faith.

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"Pray, hope, and don't worry!"

St. Padre Pio's timeless advice offers a practical path to finding peace, patience, and joy amid the demands and expectations of the holiday season.

Pray: Although quite busy, St. Thomas More visited Jesus in the Eucharist daily while serving as Chancellor of England. He explained, "I have much very important business to handle and I need light and wisdom; it is for this very reason that I go…to consult Jesus." Amid holiday preparations, prioritize prayer over busyness. Entrusting our concerns to God allows His wisdom to guide our plans and priorities.

Hope: Christian hope teaches us to "desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). Even when celebrations fall short of expectations, God's love remains constant. As St. Thérèse reminds us, "We obtain from [God] as much as we hope for." Our deepest joy comes from Christ, not perfect holidays.

Don't worry: Holiday pressures can convince us that everything must go according to plan. Yet even when gatherings disappoint, relationships strain, or unexpected difficulties arise, God never abandons us. We can prepare thoughtfully, love generously, and release what we cannot control. Lasting peace comes not from flawless celebrations, but from trusting God.

from Scripture

Mark 13:33-37, Preparing hearts for Christ's coming

In this Gospel, Jesus calls us to prepare our hearts for His coming. Advent invites us to reflect on three ways Christ comes to us.

First, we remember His coming in history. Through Mary's faithful yes, *"the Word became flesh"* (John 1:14). At Christmas, we celebrate the extraordinary gift of the Incarnation: God entered human history to redeem us from sin and restore our communion with Him.

Second, we anticipate His coming in glory. Christ will return "to judge the living and the dead," as we profess in the Creed. Because we know neither the day nor the hour, Advent calls us to vigilance, conversion, and renewed trust in God's mercy, especially through Confession.

Third, we welcome His coming into our lives today. Christ encounters us through prayer, acts of charity, and especially the Sacraments. At every Mass, His sacrifice becomes present, and He nourishes us with His very Body and Blood.

This Advent, prepare for Christ through repentance, receive Him with gratitude, and carry His love into the world.

Feasts & Celebrations

November 22: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. On this day we celebrate Christ's supreme authority over all creation and remember that His Kingdom is founded on truth, justice, mercy, and love. As the liturgical year draws to a close, this feast invites us to surrender our hearts more fully to Christ, trusting in His reign and looking forward to the eternal Kingdom He has promised.

November 23: St. Columban, Abbot (615). St. Columban was born into a noble family in Ireland and chose to become a monk. He lived quietly in a monastery on the island of Lough Erne until he was ordained, then traveled to France in 590 to found more monasteries. He was exiled for criticizing King Theodoric II for his scandalous life and moved to a monastery in Bobbio, Italy.

November 29: First Sunday of Advent. During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birth, remembering the time when He was awaited. During Advent we also look forward to Christ's reign and His coming on the Last Day. We light candles in an Advent wreath each night of the season to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.

November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle. St. Andrew, a fisherman, was one of the first to follow Jesus. Immediately, he told his brother, Simon Peter, *"We have found the Messiah"* (John 1:41). This Advent, follow Andrew's lead and invite one person to come to Mass with you.

Q & A

Why does the Church discourage scattering loved ones' ashes?

The Church's teachings on care for the dying, funeral rites, and burial reflect profound respect for every person and their ultimate destiny: eternal union with God. This reverence extends to the human body, which Catholic teaching recognizes not as separate from the person, but as an essential part of their identity and dignity.

For the baptized, this dignity takes on deeper significance through the Sacraments. In Baptism, we become children of God and *"temples of the Holy Spirit"* (1 Corinthians 6:19). In the Eucharist, we receive Christ Himself, Body and Blood, as supernatural nourishment. Our bodies participate in our relationship with God and life of grace.

In the Creed, we profess our belief in the resurrection of the body on the Last Day. This hope shapes how Catholics honor the deceased. Although the Church permits cremation, it requires cremated remains to be preserved in a sacred place, rather than scattered or divided. Such practices uphold the dignity of the deceased and express our faith that death is not the end of human existence, but a passage toward eternal life in Christ.

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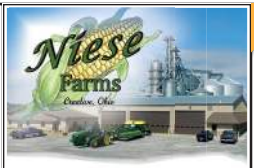
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