



SACRED HEART of JESUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent

5742 State Route 61 S.
 Shelby, Ohio 44875
 (419) 342-2256

A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline.
 Member of St. Juan Diego Deanery

Intentions

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: Rev. Joseph Weigman

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph
6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph
*Mass Intention: Jim & Thelma Cook;
 Tom Garrett*

Friday

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

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
Both Parishes

Saturday

3:30pm - Confession at SHJ
4:30pm - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: Jim Stine; Paul Gosser

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph
*Mass Intentions: Mike Mitchell Family;
 Rev. Stan Szybka*
8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart
*Mass Intention: Doroty Blum; John
 Metzger; Leroy Steiner*
10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: Marie Vuich

Greetings Parishioners,

Lent is a holy season that invites us to slow down, simplify, and return our hearts to God. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing for forty days, the Church leads us into the desert with Jesus—a place not of emptiness, but of encounter.

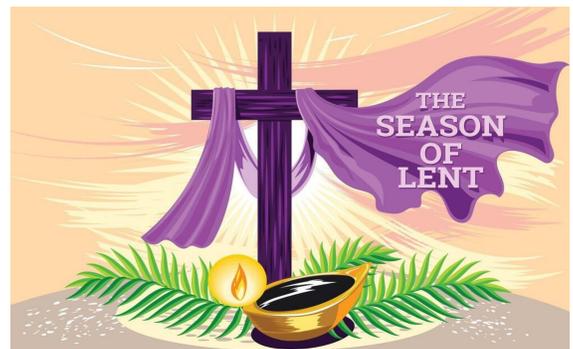
Through the traditional pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, Lent calls us to honest self-examination and deeper trust in God. Prayer reconnects us with the Lord who loves us; fasting creates space in our lives for what truly matters; almsgiving opens our hearts to the needs of others and reminds us that love is meant to be shared.

Lent is not about gloomy sacrifice, but about freedom—freedom from habits that distract us from God and from one another. It is a season of grace, mercy, and renewal, preparing us to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection at Easter.

As we journey together this Lent, may we take time for silence, seek reconciliation, and fix our eyes on Christ, who walks with us every step of the way. Let this be a season not simply of giving things up, but of growing closer to the Lord who never gives up on us.

“Return to me with your whole heart.” (Joel 2:12)

**In Christ,
 Fr. Jeff**



COLLECTION:

Feb 15, 2026
\$ 5,491.00

Reg. Offertory
\$ 3,275.00

Gen Maintenance
\$ 60.00
Church Maintenance
\$ 25.00
Fuel
\$1,120.00
Cemetery
\$ 50.00
Online
\$ 961.00



Thank you!

Heart of Bethlehem
\$ 165.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

School Mass
Wednesdays @ 8:30 am

Saturday, February 28

Sunday, March 1

MUSIC MINISTER

Kevin Willis

SERVERS

*Tessa Biglin
Cora Gwartz*

OFFERTORY

Seth & Maycee Rietschlin Family

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS

*Megan Ratliff, Samantha Schroeder
Jake Rietschlin*

USHERS

*Dave Kromer
Jacob Gosser*

LECTOR

Jo Ann Krausman

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

MUSIC MINISTER

Adult Choir

SERVERS

*Felix & Titus
Beeson*

OFFERTORY

Bob & Rebekah Weber Family

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS

*Cheryl & Luke Rietschlin
Kelsey Keller*

USHERS

Lance Biglin & Gary Biglin

LECTOR

Rebekah Weber

COUNTERS

*Sheila Vogt, Bob Weber
Catherine Turner*

Bible Readings for the Week of Feb. 22, 2026

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Ps 19:8-10, 15, Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday Is 55:10-11, Ps 34:4-7, 16-19, Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday Jon 3:1-10, Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19, Lk 11:29-32
Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8, Mt 7:7-12
Friday Ez 18:21-28, Ps 130:1-8, Mt 5:20-26
Saturday Dt26:16-19, Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8, Mt 5:43-48
Sunday Gn 12:1-4a, Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22, 2Tm 1:8b-10, Mt 17:1-9



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Open House @ Sacred Heart School
Sunday, February 22, 2026
After Mass - 10:15am



Kindergarten students at Sacred Heart School celebrating being 100 days smarter on the 100th day of school February 9th.

Help with Tuition at Sacred Heart School!

Ohioans can receive a dollar for dollar tax credit up to \$750 per person for donations to the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund. Please designate Sacred Heart, Shelby as the recipient. Forms are in the back of church. Learn more at www.dotsgo.org.



Student Led Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart Students will be celebrating Stations of the Cross on the following Fridays at 2pm: 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/27 and Wednesday, 4/1 at 1:30pm. All are welcome!



Euchre Tournament
March 1st.

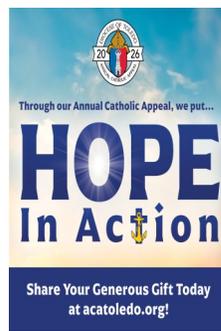
Please join us for the Sacred Heart PTO Euchre Tournament **March 1st**. \$20 per team Doors open @ 12:30 P.M. Play begins @ 1:00 P.M. 50/50 drawings, food and drinks for sale. Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Pre-registration required. Please sign up before **February 23rd**. Call or text Kelsey Keller at 419-565-1241 to sign up your team.

Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart PTO!

Heart of Bethlehem Townhall

We invite you to join us on February 28th at 9:30 AM in the Sacred Heart Hall to learn about our exciting plans for the school addition. We will be presenting our funding strategies, the step by step process, and reasons why this expansion is important for Sacred Heart's future.

Enjoy the available coffee bar as we share this important news and address any questions you may have. Please feel free to submit questions in advance or contact us anytime at: heartofbethlehem@shelbysacredheart.org. We look forward to seeing you!!



We want to thank all of our Parishioners who joined together in pledging their gift to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not made your commitment, today would be a convenient opportunity to do so. Pledge cards and envelopes are in the pews. Once completed, kindly place your pledge card in the offertory.

Every gift is significant and helps us to meet our goal of **\$16, 886.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Sam and Molly Robertson on the baptism of their daughter, Makenna Claire, Sunday during Mass.

God Bless Makenna and her Family!

It's Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Season 2026!

Join us in our Crestline St Joseph Convocation Center on these six Lenten Fridays:

- February 20
- February 27
- March 6
- March 13
- March 20
- March 27

FISH FRY
Dine-In & Drive-Thru

Come and enjoy the area's best deep fried or baked fish dinner including baked potato and two sides. We serve from 5:00pm until sold out.

Fried Pollock Dinner - \$13
Baked Haddock Dinner - \$17
Cash or Credit Card Accepted

Your purchase supports Crestline St Joseph School.

Dine-In at 333 N Thoman Street, Crestline or enter Drive-Thru Line BEHIND Convocation Center, approaching from Main Street entrance across from the former Rite Aid store.

Thanks for your support & God bless!

Beware of email or phone scams!! Fr. Jeff and Deacon Steve will never ask for money or gift cards !

A side-by-side look at the Annual Catholic Appeal and the *Living Christ* campaign



Living Christ
Diocese of Toledo

Primary goal is to provide funding to meet immediate needs across the Diocese of Toledo during the course of a year.

Clergy, Consecrated Life & Vocations 35%
Promoting vocations
Educating Seminarians
Priest & Deacon formation
Supporting healthy clergy
Total.....\$1,137,500

Discipleship & Family Life 23%
Evangelization & Pastoral Care to Parishes
Persons with disabilities
Black Catholic Ministry, Hispanic Catholic Ministry
Marriage & Family Life, Intentional Planning
Youth, Young Adult, & Campus Ministry
Total.....\$747,500

Catholic Charities 21%
Adult Advocacy Services
Helping Hands of St. Louis Soup Kitchen
LaPosada Emergency Family Shelter
Project Rachel post-abortion healing
Sandusky Furniture Ministry
Crisis Navigation Services
HOPE Food Pantry, Respect Life Ministry
Miriam House Women & Children's Shelter
Jail & Prison Ministry
Total.....\$682,500

Catholic Education 11%
Catholic Schools
Catechetical Formation
Teacher Professional Development
Home School Formation
Catholic Educators Formation
Total.....\$357,500

Cathedral Liturgies & Preservation 10%
Liturgy & Divine Worship
Care for our Mother Church
Total.....\$325,000
Grand Total.....\$3,250,000

Primary goal is to provide long-term support for our parishes, faith-formation ministries, clergy, Catholic education, & outreach to our communities.

40% **Strengthening Our Parishes**
\$22,750,000.....Supporting local parish needs
\$3,000,000.....Fostering healthy parishes
\$25,750,000.....Total

25% **Supporting Our Clergy**
\$8,000,000.....Care of active & retired priests
\$8,000,000.....Seminarian education
\$16,000,000.....Total

12% **Caring for the Poor**
\$5,000,000.....Growing Catholic charitable outreach and advocacy
\$3,000,000.....Helping Hands capital investment
\$8,000,000.....Total

11% **Emerging Disciples**
\$5,000,000.....Strengthen Catholic Education
\$2,000,000.....Young Adult & Campus Ministry Endowment
\$7,000,000.....Total

10% **Restoring Our Mother Church**
\$3,000,000.....Capital Investments
\$3,250,000.....Establishing Rosary Cathedral Endowment
\$6,250,000.....Total

3% **Forming Our Lay Leaders**
Enhancing lay leadership programs through education, training, and skill development
\$2,000,000.....Total
\$65,000,000*.....**Grand Total**

*Includes operational costs and fees for campaign support

The Diocese of Toledo embarks on the *Living Christ* campaign for our future, as the importance of immediate impact to ministry and program funding is accomplished daily through the Annual Catholic Appeal.

After years of strategic preparation, and as a result of the pastoral plan and feasibility study, Bishop Thomas launched the *Living Christ* campaign for the Diocese of Toledo in 2021. This \$65 million dollar capital and endowment campaign will strengthen local parish ministries, support clergy, expand Catholic charitable outreach, strengthen Catholic education, form lay leaders, and support Holy Rosary Cathedral.

The 122 parishes of the Diocese of Toledo will participate during 3 parish campaign waves, March-July 2022, August-December 2022, and January-May 2023, and serve as an extraordinary opportunity to meet the needs of today while ensuring our ministries will serve our people for generations to come.

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily ongoing ministries of the Diocese of Toledo in support of her parishes. The appeal, combined with parish assessments, fund the work of the Church in our Diocese.

The appeal is the lifeblood of over \$3 million dollars of funding to support and impact daily ministries in educating seminarians, ministering to over 2,000 seasonal migrant workers, fielding over 19,000 crisis calls, preparing more than 180 engaged couples for matrimony, serving 10,253 incarcerated through prison ministry, providing 57,490 meals at shelters, and providing ongoing support for Catholic education.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does the Annual Catholic Appeal differ from *Living Christ*? Should I support both?

The Annual Catholic Appeal serves the day-to-day budgetary needs for ministry and programs across the diocese. Although gifts from *Living Christ* will financially support ministries over time, the campaign will take 5 years of pledge payments to build the initial endowments. As the *Living Christ* endowments grow, your continued generosity to your parish through the Annual Catholic Appeal will increase our impact. Our campaign serves as an extraordinary opportunity, a once or twice in a generation occasion to secure our future pastoral outreach throughout the 19 counties of Northwest Ohio. Yes, your generous support of both contributes to our good works now and establishes a commitment of ministries in the future for the Diocese of Toledo.

Will the Annual Catholic Appeal take place during the campaign?

Yes, however, Waves 1 and 3 of campaign activity have been aligned in a way that will not directly overlap with the commencement of the Annual Catholic Appeal. *Living Christ* is unique, as it will create endowments to fund future ministries of the diocese, while the Annual Catholic Appeal provides for the continual annual funding for shared diocesan ministries and programs.

Will campaign funds support the same ministries that the Annual Catholic Appeal supports?

While some campaign funds raised through *Living Christ* will support the same ministries that the Annual Catholic Appeal supports, *Living Christ* differs in the sense that it will provide endowment funds for seminarian education, priest retirement, Catholic Charities, Catholic Education, campus ministry, and lay ministry. The campaign will also support local parish needs. The Annual Catholic Appeal focuses on the immediate present-day, daily needs of our ministries.



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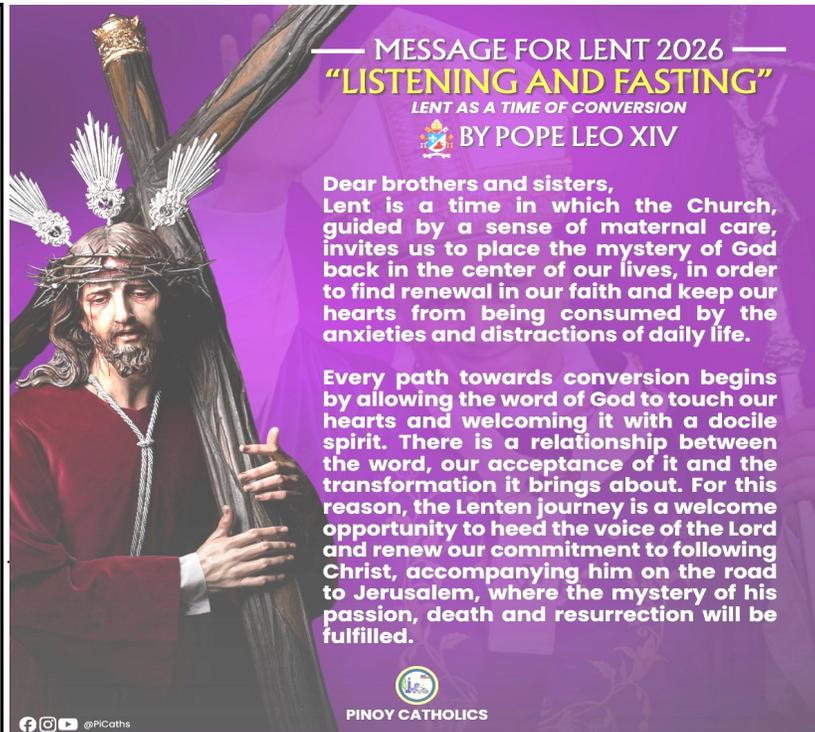
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**F.I.S.H. food pantry most needed items:
Hamburger helper, reg and instant oatmeal,
small cans of chicken and mandarin oranges.**

Thank you for your generous continued support!



— MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026 —
“LISTENING AND FASTING”
LENT AS A TIME OF CONVERSION
BY POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters,
Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.

Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

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Marvin Memorial Library in Shelby Series of Local History Programs

Join us at the library for a special series of local history and nature programs that explore the people, industries, and natural heritage that have shaped our community.

This series is also part of our yearlong Amerca250 programming, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States. Two of our February events align with Amerca250-Ohio's monthly theme, "Ohio Works: Innovation and Industry" and the third highlights our national bird, symbolizing the strength and freedom of America.

We begin with **“The History of the Hatchery Industry,”** presented by the New Washington Historical Society on **Monday, February 23, at 6:00 PM.** This program will highlight the development and impact of the hatchery industry on our local economy and identity.

We'll continue with two programs during the same week. On **Tuesday, February 24, at 6:00 PM,** Josh Dyer, Trail Manager for the Richland County Park District, will present a program about **"Eagles"**, offering insight into one of our region's most iconic and inspiring species.

The series concludes on **Wednesday, February 25, at 6:00 PM** with **“The History of the Shelby Tuby,”** presented by Adult Programming Coordinator Bob Strohm. This program will explore the story behind one of our most notable local companies and its place in the community's industrial past.

Together, these programs provide a well-rounded look at the industries, organizations, and natural resources that continue to define our community. We invite you to join us for this informative and engaging series. All three programs are free and open to the public.