



SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline.

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Bob & Charlie Niese;
Bob Sutter Jr.

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Mark Rietschlin

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph

6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph

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

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: For St. Joseph Students
and Families

**2:00 pm - Student Led Stations
of the Cross at Sacred Heart**

**7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
Both Parishes**

Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Rodney Cole and
Deceased of Clarence Studer Family

Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: Linda Horning; Marie
Vuich

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Francis Biglin; Hubert
& Jane Metzger; Dennis Weber

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Bert Ruhe; Gerald
Bickert

Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

I want to say "thank you" for your donations to sister Mary Ellen's parish in New Orleans! As we continue to strive at Sacred Heart it is encouraging to see how much we helped give to a much in need parish. Thank you for supporting a parish where a daughter of our parish happens to minister. Please read the "thank you" letter below sent from Fr. Offia the pastor.

In Christ, Fr. Jeff



St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

A Eucharistic Community



02/27/2025

Dear Fr. Jeffery,

Appreciation

I humbly wish to express my profound appreciation on behalf of my parishioners to you and your parishioners for your kindness and generosity, especially in supporting our ministry to young people financially. We received your donation with warm gratitude.

May I humbly share with you that we have already hired a young man by the name of Sundiata Dukes as the director of our ministry to the Youth and Young Adults and he is already working hard and collaborating with me in ministry. Through our efforts so far, we now have a total of 5 people to be Baptized/Confirmed on Easter night, four of whom are young Adults.

I pray that the good Lord will reward you all abundantly and grant huge success to your pastoral ministry. I am deeply grateful. Thanks, and Remain Blessed

Yours in Jesus and Mary

Rev. Francis Offia

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\$ TBD

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday, March 26
School Mass

Saturday, March 29

Sunday, March 30

MUSIC MINISTER

Kevin Willis

SERVERS

*Audrey & Berkley
Hoffman*

OFFERTORY

Molly Belcik Family

EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS

*Samantha Schroeder
Karen Keiser, **Need 1***

USHERS

*Matthew & Steve
Gosser*

LECTOR

Joann Krauseman

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

MUSIC MINISTER

Sean Beeson

SERVERS

*Declan & Lincoln
Milligan*

OFFERTORY

John Paynter Family

EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS

*Deacon Steve Vogt
Stan Cain, Paul Schroeder*

USHERS

John Bonen & Diane Metzger

LECTOR

Katie DiLullo

COUNTERS

*Veronica Cain, Sheila Vogt
Miriam Schroeder*

Bible Readings for the Week of March 23, 2025



Monday Kgs 5:1-15b, Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4, Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday Is 7:10-14, 8:10, Ps 40:7-11, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9, Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20, Mt 5:17-19
Thursday Jer 7:23-28, Ps 95:1-2, 6-9, Lk 11:14-23
Friday Hos 14:2-10, Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17, Mk 12:28-34
Saturday Hos 6:1-6, Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b, Lk 18:9-14
Sunday Jos 5:9a, 10-12, Ps 34:2-7, 2Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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Lenten Fish Fry

It's Knights of Columbus Season 2025! Join us in our Crestline St Joseph Convocation Center on Lenten Fridays: March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4 and April 11 Come and enjoy the area's best deep fried or baked fish dinner including baked potato and two sides. We serve from 5:00 PM until sold out. Fried Pollock Dinner—\$12 Baked Haddock Dinner—\$14 Cash or Credit Card Accepted Your purchase supports Crestline St Joseph School. We thank you! All six dates offer both Dine-In & Drive-Thru options. Dine-In at 333 N Thoman Street, Crestline, or enter Drive-Thru Line BEHIND Convocation Center, approaching from Main Street entrance across from former Rite Aid Store.

Thank you for your support and God Bless!



Deanery Speaker Series and Exposition Thursday, April 10th. Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby

- 6:30 p.m.** - Snacks and Social Time
- 7:00 p.m.** - Presentation by Fr. Chris Mileski
"What Does God Want From Me?"
- 8:00 p.m.** - Exposition



Pilgrimage Sites

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas has designated four locations in the Diocese of Toledo as Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites:

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral (Toledo)

The Sorrowful Mother Shrine (Bellevue)

Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church (Attica)

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation (Carey).

A pilgrimage to any of these sites can apply to the reception of the Jubilee Indulgence. Learn more at: toledodiocese.org/jubilee.



Ways and Means Committee

Palm Sunday Bake Sale **April 13th.**

Looking for donations of baked goods!

March Meetings

Finance Council March 25th

High School PSR with Deacon Steve & Sheila
March 26, April 2 & 9 at parish center 7:00pm.

EASTER EGG HUNT- April 6th
9:30 am at Sacred Heart gym

We will have 4 age groups: Newborn-4yrs, 5-7yrs, 8-11yrs and 11-13yrs. Children will collect the eggs that are scattered around the gym in their age group. Once all of the eggs are turned in, students will receive a treat for their efforts. Bring your own bag or basket for collecting. Bags will not be provided.

Kindergarten Screening

We will conduct Kindergarten Screening on Thursday, April 24th. Current preschool students attending Sacred Heart School in 2025/26 will have their screening take place during this school day. Results will be shared with parents.

Any incoming Kindergarteners currently not attending Sacred Heart School, please call 419-342-2797 or 419-683-1697 to schedule a time.

Pray for our Priests

Rev. Jeffery Smith is on the Pray for Priests Calendar on March 31st.!

Dear Lord,

We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.



PARISHIONER MEGAN FINNEGAN-RATLIFF

BETHLEHEM – It takes a village to raise a child. Sacred Heart Catholic Church and School often serves its parishioners and families from the cradle to the grave.

A daughter of the parish, Megan Finnegan-Ratliff, knew where she and her husband, Madison, wanted their child, Simon, to grow up.

Simon, a 2nd grader in the parish school, will receive his First Holy Communion April 27th.

“I knew when he was starting to get First Communion and starting to go through PSR (Parish School of Religion), that religion wasn’t a big enough part of our lives,” Megan said.

After her mother, Barb Finnegan, passed away, Megan realized life is short and decided to move back to the area. “I also took a year off of work,” she shared. “We just really wanted to make sure that Simon was raised around a lot of family.”

“We’ve had a lot of grief from ‘23 to ‘24,” Megan noted. “It was a big wake up call. I felt we were missing out on (my sister) Molly’s kids.”

Due to a noncompete clause with her former employer, Megan wasn’t able to secure employment in educational sales. She and her husband started a dessert cart business in the interim.

“It’s called The Finale. We do bite-sized desserts,” Megan beamed. “Madison does all the baking. I do all of the promoting, all of the marketing, and all of the social media. It’s been really fun.”

Gluten-free baking is a specialty. “Our nephew lived with us for 2 years who had Celiac Disease, so Madison got very comfortable baking.”

The opportunity to grow is a lifelong pursuit.

“I’ve been in educational sales for 22 years,” said Megan. “I just recently went back in February to a new company; I do buyback – IPADS, Macbooks, Chromebooks – from school districts.”

God’s generosity isn’t lost on the Ratliffs.

“I had this year off to think,” Megan said. “Grief wakes you up. I really dug down deep and found the Spirit, Christ and God. God’s a big part of our lives everyday. It wasn’t a midlife crisis – it was a midlife reset. I’m just so grateful for everything that we have and where we are.”

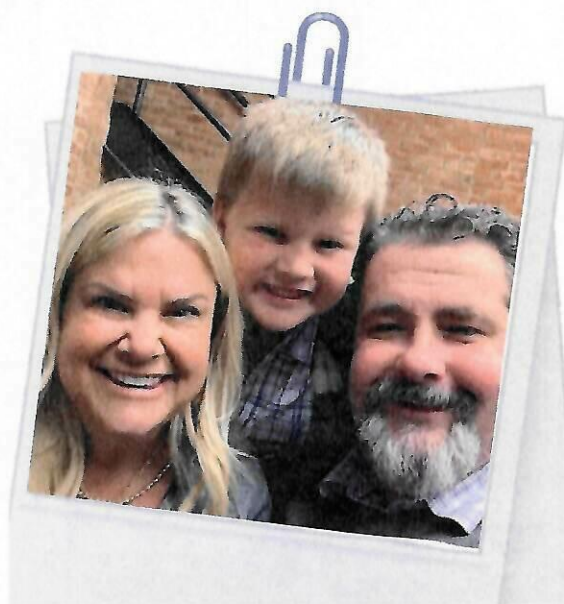
At the end of January, the Ratliffs learned there was an opening for the Shelby City Schools Treasurer. Madison applied.

“Starting in May, he will be the Shelby City Schools Treasurer – I was a Whippet in ‘97, Simon will be a Whippet starting in 2031,” Megan said proudly. “He’ll graduate in 2035. We hope that if Madison is still there, he’ll get to give him his diploma,” she said.

God’s timing is perfect.

Rather than being an hour and 15 minutes away from home everyday for work, Madison will have a 7-minute commute. “It works out perfectly. Very serendipitous,” said Megan.

“You gotta go through a lot of valleys sometimes to get to the peak of the mountain.”





MAKE YOUR HOME A SAFE HAVEN

CELEBRATE A SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

YEAR 1: Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children

The Diocese of Toledo will observe Safe Haven Sunday on the weekend of March 23, 2025 and continue annually at or near the third weekend of lent.

In today's digital age, the need for greater pastoral care on internet safety has never been more important. As part of our commitment to supporting individuals, marriages, and families, we are introducing Safe Haven Sunday—an initiative designed to provide education, awareness, and practical resources to help safeguard our homes from the harmful effects of pornography.

Join parishes across the diocese in equipping families to live porn-free.



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F.I.S.H. food pantry most needed items:

**All shelf stable food items are being accepted.
Including Canned potatoes, spam, tuna helper
and cream of celery soup.**

Thank you for your continued support!

Congratulations Confirmation Students !



***What a beautiful Confirmation Mass! May they
all continue to grow in their Catholic faith.***



**Please continue to keep the OCIA elect in your prayers this
Lent as we approach the Easter Vigil.**

**The Elect, preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and Eucharist:**

St. Joseph: Madison Sipes, Cohen Burkhart, Giovanni Mensi

Sacred Heart: Keith Ball, Amy Davies, Luke Davies



Outback Ray held a very interactive and educational program at Sacred Heart School! We were learning about different animals, their habitats and continent of origin. The presentation included an armadillo, chinchilla, hairless guinea pig, velveteen rabbit, blue-tongued skinks and several different types of snakes.

Thank you to our PTO at Sacred Heart School for hosting this assembly!