



SACRED HEART of JESUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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January 18, 2026
Second Sunday Ordinary Time

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

Intentions

**Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity**



**Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of the Unborn**
January 22nd.



Saturday

3:30pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Rhonda Borgelt; Anis Leiss

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

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

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Rosemary Smarto; Deacon William Rall

Brothers and Sisters,

The Church calls this season after Christmas "Ordinary Time", not because it is boring or unimportant, but because it is ordered—measured, steady, faithful. Ordinary Time is where most of our Christian life actually happens. There are no Christmas lights, no Easter lilies, no purple chasubles —just the steady rhythm of discipleship.

And that is precisely where holiness is formed.

Most of us will not experience dramatic conversions or heroic moments every day. Instead, God meets us in the ordinary:


- In showing up for work and Sunday Mass.
- In caring for family.
- In choosing patience instead of anger.
- In praying even when we don't feel like it.

Jesus spent most of His life in what we would call "ordinary time." Thirty years of hidden life in Nazareth—working, praying, loving—before three years of public ministry. God Himself chose the ordinary as the place of salvation. Also, St. Thérèse of Lisieux was known for her "little way". In the "little way" she did ordinary things but with great love. For example, she would open the door for the person behind her entering the chapel (something ordinary) but with a great love in her heart.

As we continue this season, let us not rush past it or wish it away. Ordinary Time is where saints are made—quietly, steadily, one faithful choice at a time. May we learn to recognize God not only in the extraordinary moments of life, but in the daily ones where He most often waits for us. Like Jesus and like St. Thérèse, may we make the ordinary things of life ... extraordinary by doing the little things with great love!

In Christ,

Fr. Jeff

<p><u>COLLECTION:</u></p> <p>Jan 11, 2026 \$ 2,583.00</p> <hr/> <p>Reg. Offertory \$ 2,023.00</p> <p>Christmas \$ 500.00 Solemnity \$ 20.00 Misericordia \$ 40.00</p> <p>Thank you!</p>  <p>Online TBD Heart of Bethlehem TBD</p>	<p>LITURGICAL MINISTERS</p> <p>No School Mass January 21st.</p> <table><tr><th>Saturday, Jan. 24</th><th>Sunday, Jan.25</th></tr><tr><td><p><u>MUSIC MINISTER</u> <i>Kevin Willis</i></p><p><u>SERVERS</u> <i>Simon Ratliff</i> <i>Louie Rietschlin</i></p><p><u>OFFERTORY</u> <i>Chris & Stephanie Kuntz Family</i></p><p><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u> <i>Megan Ratliff, Brenda Gosser</i> <i>Karen Keiser</i></p><p><u>USHERS</u> <i>Jacob Gosser</i> <i>Mark Vogt</i></p><p><u>LECTOR</u> <i>Paula Goodman</i></p><p>(Please check Ministry Scheduler Pro for the most up to date assignments)</p></td><td><p><u>MUSIC MINISTER</u> <i>Kate DiLullo</i></p><p><u>SERVERS</u> <i>Berkley & Kennedey Hoffman</i></p><p><u>OFFERTORY</u> <i>Evan & Taylor Gwirtz Family</i></p><p><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u> <i>Deacon Steve Vogt, Rosanne Conley</i> <i>Jake Rietschlin</i></p><p><u>USHERS</u> <i>Gary Biglin & Nate Metzger</i></p><p><u>LECTOR</u> <i>Rebekah Weber</i></p><p><u>COUNTERS</u> <i>Bob Weber, Olivia Hoffman</i> <i>Catherine Turner</i></p></td></tr></table>		Saturday, Jan. 24	Sunday, Jan.25	<p><u>MUSIC MINISTER</u> <i>Kevin Willis</i></p> <p><u>SERVERS</u> <i>Simon Ratliff</i> <i>Louie Rietschlin</i></p> <p><u>OFFERTORY</u> <i>Chris & Stephanie Kuntz Family</i></p> <p><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u> <i>Megan Ratliff, Brenda Gosser</i> <i>Karen Keiser</i></p> <p><u>USHERS</u> <i>Jacob Gosser</i> <i>Mark Vogt</i></p> <p><u>LECTOR</u> <i>Paula Goodman</i></p> <p>(Please check Ministry Scheduler Pro for the most up to date assignments)</p>	<p><u>MUSIC MINISTER</u> <i>Kate DiLullo</i></p> <p><u>SERVERS</u> <i>Berkley & Kennedey Hoffman</i></p> <p><u>OFFERTORY</u> <i>Evan & Taylor Gwirtz Family</i></p> <p><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u> <i>Deacon Steve Vogt, Rosanne Conley</i> <i>Jake Rietschlin</i></p> <p><u>USHERS</u> <i>Gary Biglin & Nate Metzger</i></p> <p><u>LECTOR</u> <i>Rebekah Weber</i></p> <p><u>COUNTERS</u> <i>Bob Weber, Olivia Hoffman</i> <i>Catherine Turner</i></p>
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Bible Readings for the Week of Jan. 18, 2026

Monday	1Sm 15:16-23, Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23, Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	1Sm 16:1-13, Ps 89:20-22, 27-28, Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	1Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, Ps 144:1b-2, 9-10
Thursday	1Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7, Ps 56:2-3, 9-13, Mk 3:7-12
Friday	1Sm 24:3-21, Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11, Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	2Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27, Ps 80:2-3, 5-7, Mk 3:20-21
Sunday	Is 8:23-9:3, Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14, 1Cor 1:10-13, 17, Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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January Meeting Reminders



School Advisory, Jan. 20

Finance Council, Jan. 27



Would anyone be interested in forming a group to recite the rosary prior to the weekend Masses? Please let us know your thoughts. (bkromer@sacredheartbethlehem.org)

Note: The church and school are still without reliable phone service! The parish office is working with Frontier to get phone service converted to them and keep our current numbers.

Spaghetti Dinner

Come to Crestline and let us cook for you! Our annual Spaghetti Supper to kick off Catholic Schools Week will take place on Saturday evening, **January 24th**, from 5:00 until 7:00 in the **Crestline St. Joseph Parish Convocation Center**. Come enjoy spaghetti, salad, bread sticks, and a beverage for only \$10 per person / \$5 for kids 12 and under. Desserts will be available for a donation. See you there!



Hope & Healing Mass
February 7th. At 11:00am
315 Clay St., Carey, OH
Lunch available in Shrine cafeteria.



DEANERY-WIDE

Eucharistic Mission

February 9 - 12, 2026
St. Joseph Activity Center & Church, Galion

Monday

Fr. John Miller

Tuesday

Fr. Chris Mileski

Wednesday

Fr. Jeff Smith

Thursday

Fr. Chris Mileski

Each evening will begin at the Activity Center at 6:30pm with a light dinner followed by a presentation about Jesus in the Eucharist at 7:00. Following the presentation, we will move to the church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30pm.



School News

Free will donation bake sale to help send the 5th-8th grade students to Damascus. Jan. 24 & 25.

Sacred Heart School Annual Open House Jan. 25th. Following Mass until 10:15.



Euchre Tournament February 1st. & March 1st.

Please join us for the Sacred Heart PTO Euchre Tournaments February 1 and March 1 \$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 5754 State Route 61 South Shelby, Ohio 44875 Pre-registration required. Please sign up before **1/26 and 2/23**. Call or text Kelsey Keller at 419-565-1241 to sign up your team.

Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart PTO!



Lenten Retreat: Come Away Beloved

Saturday, February 21, 2026

9:00 am – 2:45 pm

Retreat Presenter: Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, C.P.P.S.

Sorrowful Mother Shrine

4106 State Route 269, Bellevue

Call the Shrine office at 419-483-3435, option 4 to register. \$25.00 Registration Fee. Lunch provided.

Latin America Collection

Next week we will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. Your support provides lay leadership training, priestly and religious formation. To learn more visit usccb.org/latin-america.

Heart of Bethlehem Meeting

November 19, 2025

Present: Seth Rietschlin, Lisa Myers, Cody Gosser, Maycee Rietschlin, Adam Paynter, Kelsey Keller, Molly Belcik, Rebekah Weber, Tom Metzger, Sean Beeson, Lil Niese, Joann Palm, Stefanie Kuntz

Absent: Father Jeff Smith, Monica Finney

Met at the school in the 5th and 6th grade classroom. Meeting started at 7:33 pm. Seth Opened with Prayer.

Seth Read the minutes from the October 22nd, 2025 meeting. Molly moved to approve the minutes, Cody seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Seth reported that he had attended the November Parish Council and Parent Advisory meetings to answer any questions about HOB. Generally, feedback was positive and there was a lot of questions about the parish offices. Seth will attend the upcoming Finance Council meeting as well. Maycee went over all of the survey results. Maycee had a list of questions that were asked in the surveys. There was discussion of how to approach answering the questions. There was a lot of concern about the parish center- mostly what would happen to the existing building if a new office was incorporated into a new build. Discussion was made and it was decided to answer a few questions in a blurb every week in the bulletin. Maycee presented a new lay out (Option C) that met a lot of the needs/ wants/ concerns of survey results. It involves 4 classrooms (instead of 5 on previous options A and B) off of the east side of the school, less interior remodeling in the existing building, no septic work/ relocate, no relocation/ reworking of driveway, and could be phased in if necessary. Garmann Miller is reviewing the previous 3 years of work and is ready to move to the next step upon approval. Cody and Tom discussed the condition of the existing parish center. It is in generally good condition structurally speaking. The next large need is the roof. It was discussed that if there was remodeling to be done in the existing parish office local contractors could be used. It was discussed not to add on parish offices- If there are funds and needs for that it can be done separately later on. There was lengthy discussion. Maycee moved that we get new drawings of Option C without parish offices and prices to bring to the parish. Cody seconded. Motion passed (pending Fathers approval). Discussion was made about funding and how much money we need to have on hand and what we would need in pledges. Maycee informed the group we need 65% on hand and the rest in pledges before construction could start. Lisa mentioned that there would be no additional

capacity for more students with the potential revisions - just giving staff and students the necessary space. Moreover, operating costs and overhead should remain the same. Lisa also discussed the states regulations for pre-school versus other grades. 35 square feet is required for each preschool student while there are no space restrictions with the older students. 33% of student's tuition is paid by state scholarships. Lisa also gave projections of students starting in Pre-K through 8th grade. Lil suggested going around to homes to give information and talk about soft pledges. Sean talked about another local private school doing additions went to businesses looking for donations. Sacred Heart was asked to raise \$305,000 for the Living Christ Campaign. We surpassed the 305k and anything extra we get a certain percentage back- Father has marked all of this for the Heart of Bethlehem.

New Business:

It was discussed to hold two town hall meetings in the gym to answer questions and receive input from the parish. It was decided to wait to schedule the town hall meetings until we have new plans and projected construction prices from the architecture firm. There was a lot of questions regarding the cost of the project in the survey. This will give people a more accurate amount to base their pledges off of.

The next Heart of Bethlehem meeting date will be decided upon approval from Father.

Cody Moved to adjourn the meeting, Tom seconded.

Meeting ended at 9:14 pm.

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F.I.S.H. food pantry most needed items:
coffee both decaf & reg, canned meats and fruit.
New location: 115 W. Main St., Shelby.

Thank you for your generous continued support!



Straight A's

Felix Beeson, Audrey Hoffman, Berkley Hoffman, Jude Kemerer, Hunter Keller, Eleanor Kuntz, Abbygael Lenz, Declan Milligan, John Paynter, Oliver Rietschlin, Rylee Scarbro and Aubrey Timmons

First Honor A's and B's

Ava Atkinson, Rudy Belcik, Claire Coffman, Itzel De La Cruz, Ricardo De La Cruz, Anderson Gwirtz, Saylor Hartings, Kennedey Hoffman, Thea Jordan, Quinn Keller, Addison Kohls, Augustine Metzger, Finnian Metzger, Zelig Metzger, Francis Paynter, Sarah Plazek, Simon Ratliff, Veronica Rietschlin, Olivia Stilwell, Weston Vogt, Blaine Welch, Nate Whitt, Carter Wyer and Deacon Wyer

High School PSR Meeting Dates



Mark your calendars for Feb. 11 & 25

March 4, 11, 18 & 25

Hope to see you there! Steve & Sheila Vogt

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