



SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord



Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

*Mass Intention: John Metzger and
Richard Vogt*

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: Rev. James Risacher

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Rev. Robert Kill



Saturday

3:30pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

*Mass Intention: Deceased of the
Clarence Studer Family; Rodney Cole*

Sunday

Baptism of the Lord

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

*Mass Intentions: For the People of St.
Joseph and Sacred Heart Parishes*

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

*Mass Intention: Rosemary Sutter;
Dorothy Blum; James & Keith Niese*

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Lindsey & Lisa Anatra

Dear Parishioners,

As we start a new year, I wanted to thank you for your support of Sacred Heart School! Each year we celebrate the gift of attending Sacred Heart School during Catholic School's Week during the last week in January. As you know, the gift of a Catholic education is not contained in just one week of celebration.

One way you can support Catholic education at Sacred Heart School is by donating to: Heart School's SGO account with the Diocese of Toledo. It is very simple to donate and there is **NO** cost to you! As Ohioans, we are eligible to donate up to \$750.00 (or \$1,500.00 for those who are married filing jointly) to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) that in turn will provide a tax credit to the donor based on one's tax liability. While you cannot claim more than your total tax liability, as long as you owe at least \$750.00 (or \$1,500.00) on your Ohio taxes, you can donate up to the full amount and receive an equivalent amount as a credit on your State of Ohio tax return. **In 2024, \$19,000 was donated to Sacred Heart School. Thank you for your generosity! We were able to help 22 families with your donations.**

Donations received prior to April 15th, 2026 can be applied to the 2025 tax year.

An acknowledgment letter will be mailed to you for tax credit purposes.

Your donation can be designated to Sacred Heart School, Shelby

To make your gift to the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund, select donate online on our secure website at <https://www.dotsgo.org>, or select mail a check for a printable form to include with your check. The lime green paperwork is located on the registers in back of church.

Once on <https://www.dotsgo.org>, Click on Donate Now, your school selection would be Sacred Heart School, Shelby

YOUR TAXES. THEIR TUITION. OUR FUTURE!

God bless,

Lisa Myers, Principal



**COLLECTION:**

Dec 28, 2025
\$ 6,680.00

Reg. Offertory
\$ 4,570.00

Christmas
\$ 2,110.00



Online
Heart of Bethlehem
To Be Determined

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

School Mass Returns
Wednesday, January 7

Saturday, Jan. 10**MUSIC MINISTER***Sean Beeson***SERVERS***Thea Jordan**Deacon Wyer***OFFERTORY***Chris & Christine Vogt Family***EXTRAORDINARY****MINISTERS***Samantha Schroeder, Karen Keiser**Megan Ratliff***USHERS***Robert Bell**Jaime Picou***LECTOR***Karen Keiser*

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

Sunday, Jan. 11**MUSIC MINISTER***Folk Group***SERVERS***Blaise Metzger**John Paynter***OFFERTORY***Zach & Holly Keller Family***EXTRAORDINARY****MINISTERS***Deacon Steve, Marti Keller**Amanda Paynter, Paul Schroeder***USHERS***Cody Gosser & Greg Gwartz***LECTOR***Sarah Metzger***COUNTERS**

Dianne Sutter, Miriam Schroeder
Rhonda Gregson

Bible Readings for the Week of Jan. 4, 2026

Monday 1Jn 3:22-4:6, Ps 2:7b-8, 10-12a, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday 1Jn 4:7-10, Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday 1Jn 4:11-18, Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13, Mk 6:45-52
Thursday 1Jn 4:19-5:4, Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17, Lk 4:14-22a
Friday 1Jn 5:5-13, Ps 147:12-15, 19-20, Lk 5:12-16
Saturday 1Jn 5:14-21, Ps 149:1-6a, 9b, Jn 3:22-30
Sunday Is 42:1-4, 6-7, Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10, Acts 10:34-38, Mt 3:13-17

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Baptismal Congratulations

Congratulations to Chris and Laura Clark on the baptism of their son, Amari Thomas. Amari was baptized by Fr. Jeff on December 28th.

God Bless Amari and his Family!

Epiphany Blessing 20+C+M+B+26

The church extends itself on the Epiphany to the homes of the faithful. You can place the following inscription above the entry of your house as a reminder that we should be with and go to Christ in all our comings and goings.

The initials of the Magi are separated by crosses and the year. The initials also stand for the words "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "May Christ Bless this house". The Epiphany House Blessing and blessed chalk are available to take home and can be found in the back of church on the registers.

January Meeting Reminders

Parish Council, Jan. 13

School Advisory, Jan. 20

Finance Council, Jan. 27



Save the Date!
Euchre Tournament
February 1st. & March 1st.
Details to follow.

Congratulations!
Sacred Heart's Master Spellers!



Felix, Hunter and AJ
will compete in the
Richland County
Spelling Bee on Jan. 22.

Good Luck!

COLLECTION:

Christmas Eve/Day
2025

\$ 21,437.00

Reg. Offertory
\$ 365.00

Christmas
\$ 20,742.00

Solemnity
\$ 40.00

Ret. Religious
\$ 270.00

Gen Maintenance
\$ 20.00

Thank You !
(Online/HOB TBD)



Little Lambs

Next Playdate

Jan. 10

Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club of St. Juan Diego Deanery will meet **January 14th** at 11:30 for social time and luncheon at 12:00 at the Ontario Event Center 3985 Park Ave. W. Our speaker will be Christine Myers from The Visual Bucket List Foundation. We will also have collections of women's personal hygiene items for Hope Ignited.

All women from the deanery are welcome. If you miss your phone call or need a reservation, please call Kathy Saunders 419-295-5137 or January chairperson, Lois Steele 419-565-8490.

Senior Luncheon

The next Sr. Citizen Luncheon is set for Tuesday, **January 20** at 12:15 PM. The menu will consist of: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, fruit and dessert. The cost is \$5.00 and we ask that you RSVP to the school office (419-683-1284) by January 16. We hope you can join us for good conversation, a delicious meal, and prizes!

Blessing of Home and Household on Epiphany

Inscribe the following with the blessed chalk over the door entering your house:

20 + C + M + B + 26

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."

The leader greets those present in the following words:

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.
R/. Blessed be God forever.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9.

The intercessions are then said – the response to each is "Stay with us, Lord".

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray...

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray...

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray...

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

R/. Amen.

It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."

A Catholic View to Resolutions

Catholics view New Year's resolutions as great opportunities for spiritual growth, focusing less on worldly goals and more on drawing closer to God through prayer, sacraments, acts of mercy, scripture study, and virtue development, often by integrating specific Catholic practices like monthly fasting or devotion to a saint into the new year, making it a time for deeper conversion, not just self-improvement.

Key Catholic Resolutions

- **Sacramental Life:** Attend Mass more regularly (daily if possible), go to Confession, and focus on receiving grace.
- **Prayer:** Start or deepen a prayer routine, like the Morning Offering, Daily Examen, or Rosary, and reflect on the daily Scripture readings.
- **Works of Mercy:** Commit to feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, comforting the lonely, or giving to the poor.
- **Spiritual Disciplines:** Practice fasting, give up gossip, learn about a new saint each month, or learn more about your faith through educational resources like FORMED.org.
- **Forgiveness:** Actively seek reconciliation with enemies or alienated family members.

Catholic Approach to Resolutions

- **Humility:** Acknowledge past failures and accept God's forgiveness through confession.
- **Focus on God:** Resolutions should aim for holiness and mission, not just worldly achievement.
- **Specifics:** Start with clear, actionable goals (e.g., "Pray the Rosary every Tuesday").
- **Integration:** Weave resolutions into your daily Catholic life, not just as a separate task.

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Prayer for the New Year

O God our Father, we thank you for protecting us and bringing us safely through another year. Help us to grow not only in body, but also in heart and mind. May we look upon each new day as another chance to follow you more closely. As the new year unfolds, may we be more merciful towards others and more generous in serving you. Amen

Join Fr. Eric Mueller, of the Diocese of Toledo, for a Marian pilgrimage of a lifetime! Feb.10-16, 2026.

Visit Tepeyac Hill, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and view the miraculous tilma of St. Juan Diego, venerate the relics of Bl. Miguel Pro and Bl. Sebastian de Aparicio, and visit the famed Mexican heritage sites of Mexico City, Teotihuacan, & Puebla. Fr. Mueller will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass daily at many of these holy sites. \$2,569.00 per person (Land Only price - airfare from Detroit will be added once available) Visit our website above or call or text Maggie at 419-290-8782 for info.

Join Father Chris Mileski on a Pilgrimage to France!

Embark on an experience of a lifetime as we journey through Northern France visiting places that are tied to the Eucharist, attending daily Mass, and experiencing the Rescue Project **March 2-13, 2026**. For more details email Kari at kowens@stmaryshelby.org or visit catholicfaithjourneys.com/france2026/

Mass Cancellation During Inclement Weather

The following policies are in effect for Sacred Heart when inclement weather threatens.

*On mornings when there is a school Mass, if there is a **2 hour delay the Mass will be at 1:30 p.m. IF school is cancelled, the Mass is CANCELLED. If unsure call Parish Office.**

*If school is cancelled on a day when Mass is in the **evening**, please listen to the radio (WVNO @ 106.1 FM) or call the Parish Office to check to see if Mass is cancelled for that evening.

Father Jeff will make a decision by Noon on those days.

Please use your best judgment & be safe !



F.I.S.H. food pantry will close December 22nd. and reopen at their new location: 115 W. Main St., Shelby on January 5, 2026. If possible, please hold onto your donations until then.

Thank you for your generous continued support!