



**SACRED HEART of JESUS**  
**CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
*❧ Bethlehem • Founded 1833 ❧*

**March 22, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

5742 State Route 61 S.  
 Shelby, Ohio 44875  
 (419) 683-1697

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

***Intentions***

**Tuesday**

**6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart**  
*Mass Intention: Rodney Cole*

**Wednesday**

**8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart**  
*Mass Intention: Rev. Robert Kill*

**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: Pat Cornocchione*

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

**Saturday**

**3:30pm - Confession at SHJ**  
**4:30pm - Mass at Sacred Heart**  
*Mass Intention: Margaret Kromer;  
 Ron & Barb Finnegan*

**Palm Sunday**

**7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph**  
*Mass Intentions: Charles DeGreve*

**8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart**  
*Mass Intention: John Young; Thomas Weaver; Deceased of Francis Biglin Family*

**10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph**  
*Mass Intention: Lindsey & Lisa Anatra, Deacon William Rall, Dan Schroeder*

**Greetings all,**

**As St. Joseph is hosting the Holy Week Triduum this year, I wanted to give everyone a heads-up about the different Easter schedule.**

**Easter Vigil**

**8:30 p.m. – St. Joseph**

**Easter Sunday**

**!! 7:00 a.m. – Sacred Heart !!**

**(This is not a typo—Sacred Heart will have the 7:00 a.m. Mass this year on Easter Sunday.)**

**9:00 a.m. – Sacred Heart**

**11:00 a.m. – St. Joseph**

**We are still in need of ministers for the 7:00 a.m. Easter morning Mass at Sacred Heart. Please check the Ministry Scheduler App if you are able to assist.**

**The last time Sacred Heart hosted the 7:00 a.m. Easter Mass, only a few people accidentally went to St. Joseph. Please help spread the word that this year the 7:00 a.m. Easter Mass will be at Sacred Heart.**

**In Christ,**  
**Fr. Jeff ☩**

**COLLECTION:**

March 15, 2026  
\$ 6,405.25

Reg. Offertory  
\$ 5,441.25  
Misericordia  
\$ 25.00  
Easter  
\$ 50.00  
Catholic Relief Services  
\$ 28.00  
Online  
\$ 861.00



**Thank you!**  
Heart of Bethlehem  
\$ 3,465.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**School Mass**  
**Wednesdays @ 8:30 am**

**Saturday, March 28**

**MUSIC MINISTER**  
*Kevin & Becky*  
**SERVERS**  
*Saylor Hartings*  
*Berkley Hoffman*  
**OFFERTORY**  
*Dave & Kathy Paynter Family*  
**EXTRAORDINARY**  
**MINISTERS**  
*Greg Keller, Brenda Gosser*  
*Rosane Conley*  
**USHERS**  
*Dave Kromer*  
*Nick Fike*  
**LECTOR**  
*Carrie Kemerer, Molly Belcik*

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

**Sunday, March 29**

**MUSIC MINISTER**  
*Kate DiLullo*  
**SERVERS**  
*Oliver Rietschlin*  
*Blaise Metzger*  
**OFFERTORY**  
*Brian & Carol Finnegan*  
**EXTRAORDINARY**  
**MINISTERS**  
*Deacon Steve Vogt, Marti Keller*  
*Chuck Weaver, Kelsey Keller*  
**USHERS**  
*Cody & Rick Gosser*  
**LECTOR**  
*Dennis Gwartz*  
**COUNTERS**  
*Crystal Metzger, Bob Weaver*  
*Linda Schroeder*

**Bible Readings for the Week of March 22, 2026**

**Monday** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-624 or 13:41c-62, Ps 23:1-6, Jn 8:1-11  
**Tuesday** Nm 21:4-9, Ps 102:2-3, 16-21, Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday** Is 7:10-14; 8:10, Ps 40:7-11, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38  
**Thursday** Gn 17:3-9, Ps 105:4-9, Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday** Jer 20:10-13, Ps 18:2-7, Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday** Ez 37:21-28, (Ps) Jer 31:10-12d, 13, Jn 11:45-56  
**Sunday** Is 50:4-7, Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24, Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54



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Congratulations the March Saintly students at Sacred Heart School!



**High School PSR  
March 25.**



**Any servers available to help Deacon Steve with Stations on Good Friday please contact the school 419-683-1697. Thank you!**

**Night of Healing, Tuesday March 24th. 7-8:30pm**  
St. Bernard, 422 W. Mansfield St., New Washington



Worship \* Word \* Healing  
For more info, visit: [www.mccrjolyspirit.org](http://www.mccrjolyspirit.org)

**Women's Retreat/Spa Day for the Soul**  
**Saturday, April 18th. 8:15am - 1:00pm**  
**St. Mary School, 26 West Street, Shelby**

Speaker: Emily Jaminet, Catholic author, speaker and podcaster. Mother of seven. \$30 per person brunch and lunch included. Go to [tinyurl.com/MPHM26WOMEN](http://tinyurl.com/MPHM26WOMEN) to register. Scholarships are available. For more information contact Myrna Snider at: 614-563-2856

**The Ladies of Sacred Heart Church** are inviting all widows to join them in the school gymnasium on **Sunday, April 26th. at 1:00pm** for a time of prayer, sharing, light snacks and games. While rooted in the Catholic faith, all widows are welcome. Please feel free to invite a friend.

For more information: contact Lillian Niese at: [rrlniese@hotmail.com](mailto:rrlniese@hotmail.com) or 419-631-1603 or Kathy Cole at: [kathym.cole@icloud.com](mailto:kathym.cole@icloud.com) or 419-565-8060

### **Sacred Heart Secretary Opening**

Parish Office Secretary- Sacred Heart, Bethlehem Parish is seeking a Part-Time Administrative Assistant that projects the parish's vision and goals through interactions with the pastor, visitors, parishioners and colleagues. The secretary serves as a welcoming face of our parish and provides essential administrative and clerical support to the pastor, business manager, and other staff members.

Top Qualifications:

- \*Detail Oriented
- \*Strong organizational skills and record keeping
- \*Good Communication skills
- \*Proficient in computer skills specifically using Microsoft Office products

Please submit letter of interest and resume to me at: [jsmith@toledodiocese.org](mailto:jsmith@toledodiocese.org)

I would like to extend my profound gratitude to Becky Kromer for her nine years of dedicated service in this essential parish ministry.

**In Christ, Fr. Jeff**

"The Ways and Means Committee of the Altar Rosary Society will be holding our annual **Palm Sunday Bake Sale** after Masses on Saturday and Sunday **March 28th and 29th.**

Please bring your baked goods as you arrive for Mass to the tables at the entrance of church.

All homemade baked goods are available for a free will donation, except the famous peanut butter, maple, and coconut eggs - which are \$3 each.

Thank you for supporting our parish."

**Our Lady,  
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral  
Chrism Mass: Tuesday, March 31 @ 11:00am**



Bishop Daniel Thomas will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week. The Oil of the Sick and Oil of Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated. The priests of the Diocese renew their priestly promises. This year representatives from St. Joseph will bring the newly blessed oils back to our churches. All are invited to attend.



# PARISHIONER MICHAEL BEER

BETHLEHEM – Michael Beer, 34, has settled into the Settlement.

Born and raised at St. Mary's in Shelby, Sacred Heart's sister parish until the early 2010s, Michael and his wife, Leanne, prayed for a long time about uprooting from his home parish.

The parents of Harper, five, and Caroline, two, prioritized a Catholic education for their children.

"The biggest reason Sacred Heart and the Settlement was very attractive" is because the school goes to eighth grade, said Michael.

Harper attended preschool at St. Mary's, but it only goes to sixth grade. She has since been enrolled in kindergarten at Sacred Heart School, while their youngest, Caroline, stays "at home with Mom," Michael said.

"We really value Catholic education," he added, "and we want to keep our children within that as long as we feasibly can."

Growing up near Sportsmen Den in Shelby, Michael's family consists of his parents, Steven and Michelle Beer and four children – Madeline Penwell, Michael, Spencer and Sylvia.

Michael attended St. Mary's from preschool through 6th grade, before moving on to Shelby City Schools for middle and high school. College was the next logical step.

"I tried college right out of high school," he shared. "It didn't work out and I just decided one day to join the military."

Married since 2018, Michael and Leanne met during the last 6 months of his enlistment in active duty with the U.S. Navy. "We met at Star of the Sea Catholic Church," noted Michael.

He finished his service to the Navy around 2016.

"I was going to get out and do something different, but I found the Mansfield Air National Guard – I've been there ever since," the proud Airman said. "I'm a full-time active guard member."

As an intelligence analyst, "I build sustainable programs for our cyber operations group. Currently, I'm coordinating a large-scale exercise for our unit," Michael said.

Before Mansfield's 179th Airlift Wing became the Cyberspace Wing in 2023, "I was a C130 engine mechanic," said Michael.

According to Michael, "The 179th Cyberspace Wing operates under an enterprise called Cyber Enabled Air Superiority, designed to increase survivability of United States air assets. As a unit, we are the first of its kind."

Growing up as an active parishioner at St. Mary's in Shelby, Michael participated in youth ministry. He met many others throughout the deanery – or cluster of local churches – and reconnects from time to time.

"A lot of the same young people that are my age were in youth ministry programs growing up; we'd go to different things like conferences, Back to Heartland, youth summer camps," Michael said. "When you meet people at those deanery-level meetings, you never really lose connection; when you see them again, you pick up right where you left off."

Michael sought to ignite the same fire of faith into a new men's group at Sacred Heart Church, alongside parishioner Nick Vogt.

"In 2019," Michael explained. "Nick and I had just met and we started talking about how it would be cool to have a men's group; it never really went anywhere."

Fast forward to the ride home from the Columbus Catholic Men's conference in 2025. "A year ago – almost to the date – we decided to move forward with the men's group. June was our 1st meeting," said Michael.

The group meets monthly at 8pm on the second Wednesday of the month, either at the Parish Center or in the gym, depending on availability.

"We typically have an hour and a half conversation, then end with Eucharistic Adoration," noted Michael.

According to Michael:

"The men's faith group is a place for men to come together and talk about all things Catholic – We talk about anything that is pertinent and relative to the times."

Parishioners are welcome to reach out to Michael for more information: 419.989.8208; they will also be invited to join a Signal chat group that is regularly updated.

Michael and his family have committed themselves to the vibrant parish life in the Settlement.

"When we started getting involved with the group of individuals around here that were our age," he noted, "it just made sense for us to come here with the school flourishing and the amount of children here. There were too many good things about this place that we could not ignore," he noted.

"With it being so rural and secluded, it's like its own little piece of heaven."

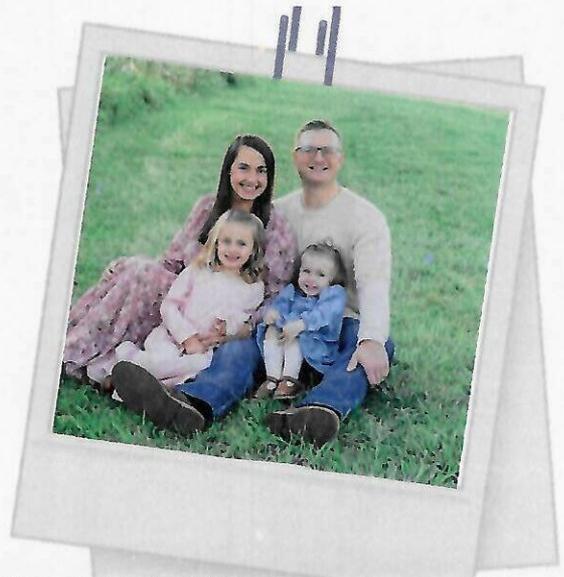


Photo submitted by Michael Beer | Settlement Spotlight





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JUBILEE YEAR OF

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Declared by Pope Leo XIV to commemorate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the saint's death

## JANUARY 2026 – JANUARY 2027

During this time of grace, extending through January 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions. This Franciscan Jubilee Year is a gift for the entire Church and an occasion for authentic spiritual renewal. Following the example of St. Francis of Assisi, every Christian is invited to grow in holiness of life and to be a constant witness of peace.

### How to Participate

The faithful are invited to participate in the Jubilee Year in the Diocese of Toledo by making a pilgrimage to the following Franciscan Pilgrimage Sites, as designated by Bishop Daniel Thomas:



#### PORTIUNCULA

*On the Motherhouse grounds of  
the Sylvania Franciscans*  
620 Convent Blvd, Sylvania, OH 43560

Open Every Day  
from 8:00am to 5:00pm



#### MOTHERHOUSE EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL

*On the grounds of  
the Tiffin Franciscans*  
200 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin, OH 44883

Chapel Open Wednesdays & Sundays  
from 10:00am to 2:00pm with Mass at 11:00am;  
Grounds Open Every Day  
from 9:00am to Dusk



#### *The Basilica & National Shrine of* **OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION**

*The Conventual Franciscan  
Friars of the Province of Our  
Lady of Consolation*  
315 Clay St, Carey, OH 43316

Open 24/7

# PLENARY INDULGENCES



## What is A Plenary Indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence applies to sins already forgiven. A plenary indulgence cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptized.

Plenary indulgences obtained during the Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis can also be applied to souls in purgatory with the possibility of obtaining two plenary indulgences for the deceased in one day, according to the Apostolic Penitentiary.

## How to gain a plenary indulgence

This indulgence can be obtained, given the completion of the ordinary conditions (see below), through pilgrimages (including the holy sites designated for the Diocese of Toledo) or works of mercy and penance.

**Make a pious pilgrimage to one of the designated pilgrimage sites.** A pious visit includes:

- Spending a “suitable” amount of time during a prayerful visit in Eucharistic adoration, either in exposition or before the tabernacle, meditation, and concluding with praying for the intentions of Pope Leo XIV, the recitation of the Our Father, any legitimate form of the Creed, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## Ordinary conditions for plenary indulgence

To obtain any of the plenary indulgences the following conditions must be fulfilled:

- Detachment from all sin, even venial.
- Sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope. These three conditions can be fulfilled a few days before or after performing the works to gain the indulgence, but it is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed.
- A single sacramental confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences, but frequent sacramental confession is encouraged to obtain the grace of deeper conversion and purity of heart.
- For each plenary indulgence that is sought, however, a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required.
- The prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father is left up to the choice of the individual, but an Our Father and Hail Mary are suggested.



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## **Extra opportunities for Confession during Lent:**

### **Wednesday, March 25 - "The Light Is On"**

9:00 am - 11:00 am at Holy Trinity Activity Center Gym, Bucyrus

Noon - 1:00 pm at Holy Trinity Activity Center Gym, Bucyrus

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at St. Bernard, New Washington

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at St. Joseph, Plymouth

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm at St. Joseph, Galion

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at St. Joseph, Galion

### **Sunday, March 29**

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Resurrection Parish, Lexington 3 priests

### **Monday, March 30**

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at St. Peter, Mansfield - 3 priests

### **Tuesday, March 31**

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at St. Mary of the Snows, Mansfield

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**As we continue our Lenten Journey, so too are the OCIA elect and candidates continuing their journey to be received into the Catholic Church. Please keep the following in your prayers throughout this season of Lent:**

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

**St. Joseph: Tawny Garvin and Shelli Watkins.**

**Sacred Heart: Zachary Derham.**

**OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children): Elianna Eitel, Evelyn Harper, Kensley Edginton, Logan Calkins, Nevaeh Hill, Deacon Keller, Aiden Harley and Lincoln Harley**

**Those preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist:**

**St. Joseph: Andrew Cacchio and Parker Keller**

**Sacred Heart: Abigail Brocwell and Melinda Mess**

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**Sunday, July 26th.**

***F.I.S.H. food pantry most needed items:  
Cream of celery soup, small cans spaghetti sauce  
reg. tea bags and boxed cheesy potatoes.***

***Thank you for your generous continued support!***

It is never too early to start thinking about warmer days and with those warmer days comes the annual Sacred Heart Festival! If you have a shift you would prefer please contact Bridget Milligan at 419-561-0690 to make your request before April 15th.