



SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 11, 2025

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Mother's Day



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Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

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

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Pope Francis

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph

6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Lillian Giordano

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

*Mass Intention: For the Students and
Families of St. Joseph School*

May Crowning

All Weekend Masses

Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

*Mass Intention: Jeanne, Paul & Kathleen
Gosser*

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: Thomas DeGreve

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

*Mass Intention: Bob & Charlie Niese;
Rhonda Borgelt*

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Marie Vuich

Dear Parishioners,

This week we are reminded to pray for vocations! You might be thinking : "No it is a day to pray for mothers!!" Well, we are both correct because being a wife and mother is certainly a vocation from God. Yes, today is "Mother's Day" but it is also "World Day of Prayer for Vocations". God indeed calls people to serve the Church in different ways and if we follow God's call, we will be the most fulfilled.

If we follow God's call, indeed we are literally doing what we were created to do. Often folks don't even think about what God wants out of them. Let's put an end to that and pray that our young people listen to the voice of God concerning their life's calling. What God calls them to will bring them the most fulfillment. Who doesn't want their child to live a fulfilled life!!? Let us help the youth by increasing our prayers for holy vocations.

How do we pray for vocations? Our vocation director Fr. David Kidd advises that we pray 1 extra "Hail Mary" each day for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Toledo. I should be praying 2 extra if I don't want a third or fourth parish assigned to me like Fr. Miller in Mansfield. (lol) Speaking of Fr. David, he will be joining me for weekend Masses on Sunday June 15th. He understands that both parishes have a lot of young and active worshippers on Sunday. Let us show him how excited we are about Jesus by filling the pews that Sunday.

Another great way to pray is by offering your sufferings to God for an increase in vocations. Often as we age our sufferings increase, but these sufferings can be transformed and offered up for vocations. Here is a prayer that might interest you:

"Lord Jesus, You willingly suffered a painful death for the sake of my salvation. Today I join my pain with Yours- my illness, my loneliness, my heartache- all for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Have pity on your servant, Lord, for to you I lift up my soul! Amen.

Thanks for praying for vocations!

Fr. Jeff

COLLECTION:

May 4, 2025
\$ 4,343.00

Reg. Offertory
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday, May 14
School Mass & 1 Decade of Rosary

Saturday, May 17

MUSIC MINISTER

Kevin Willis

SERVERS

*Wyatt & Tessa
Biglin*

OFFERTORY

Paul & Brenda Gosser Family

EXTRAORDINARY**MINISTERS**

*Tammy & Doug Lucius
Joanne Claytor*

USHERS

*Jacob Gosser
Joe Faith*

LECTOR

Paula Goodman

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

Sunday, May 18

MUSIC MINISTER

Children's Choir

SERVERS

*Sophie & Derek
Keller*

OFFERTORY

Dale & Linda Schroeder

EXTRAORDINARY**MINISTERS**

*Amanda Paynter
Dale & Paul Schroeder*

USHERS

Zach Keller & Cody Gosser

LECTOR

Tara Finnegan

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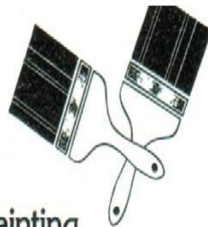
*Linda Schroeder, Veronica Cain
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Bible Readings for the Week of May 11, 2025

Monday Acts 11:1-18, Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4, Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday Acts 11:19-26, Ps 87:1b-7, Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Ps 113:1-8, Jn 15:9-17
Thursday Acts 13:13-25, Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27, Jn 13:16-20
Friday Acts 13:26-33, Ps 2:6-11, Jn 14:1-6
Saturday Acts 13:44-52, Ps 98:1-4, Jn 14:7-14
Sunday Acts 14:21-27, Ps 145:8-13, Rv 21:1-5a, Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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Congratulations Gentlemen!

Simon Ratliff, Oliver Rietschlin, Anderson Gwartz, John Paynter, Nathan Vogt and Conall Drain.

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Dear Friends of the Basilica, Shrine, and Parish, This month marks a huge milestone in the history of Our Lady of Consolation: May 24 is the 150th anniversary of the original procession of the statue of Our Lady from Frenchtown in 1875. That blessed day has led to a century and a half of pilgrims coming to the small village of Carey seeking hope and healing. In honor of this amazing gift of Mary's favor toward our ancestors 150 years ago and all who have come since then, we are eager to celebrate a weekend full of events to honor our Blessed Mother.

We are excited to welcome Friar Tommy Piolata, OFM Cap., who is on the faculty at the Catholic University of America, to preach throughout the weekend.

As we celebrate this 150th anniversary, we hope that you are able to attend as many events as possible to worship our Lord Jesus in this Easter Season and honor Our Lady.

*May God's peace be with you,
The Conventual Franciscan Friars and Staff
Our Lady of Consolation*

May Meeting Dates

Pastoral Council: May 13
School Advisory: May 20
Finance Council: May 27



** Please notify your group moderator if your term is up or if you will be unavailable to serve 2025-2026. Thank you!*

Diocese of Toledo Transitional Diaconate and Priesthood Ordinations

You are invited to attend two joyful celebrations in the Diocese of Toledo this May:

On Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 10:00am at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will ordain Andrew Messer to the Transitional Diaconate.

On Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 10:00am at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will ordain Deacons Travis Kahle, Eric Kaufman, and Kevin McGraw to the Priesthood.

The ordinations will also be live-streamed. If you cannot join us in person, watch at toledopriesthood.org. ***Please join us in praying for these four men each day!***

Home School Mass



Join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the 2025 Home-school Mass on **Tuesday, June 3rd, at 7:00 PM at Rosary Cathedral, Toledo**. This special celebration is open to all homeschooling families. At the end of Mass, we will recognize 8th grade and graduating high school seniors. If your student would like to participate, please contact Monica Depinet at home-schoolmasstoledo@gmail.com.

We look forward to celebrating with you!



Please continue praying for vocations throughout the year by signing up to take the Vocations Cross and Prayer Booklet home for a Month in 2025. You may signup by calling the parish office. Thank you!



GENERATIONAL FAITH

MARY STUDER, JOYCE MURPHY, BRIDGET MILLIGAN, AND CHARLY MILLIGAN

BETHLEHEM – Four-generations of women call Sacred Heart home.

Sacred Heart “means just about everything,” Mary Studer noted. “All the friendships we’ve had. The people.”

Mary’s husband was Charles Studer.

Joyce, Mary’s daughter, reflected on her 70 years as a parishioner.

“When I go to church on Sundays, it makes me feel closest to my dad. He passed away 22 years ago,” Joyce shared.

Ever since Joyce’s childhood, the family has sat in the back pew.

“We always sat up front when the kids were little,” Mary clarified. “When Dad got sick, the doctor told him not to go to Church unless he had to – and if he had to – sit in the back so he couldn’t get so many germs.”

Charles started Studer Electric.

“Papa was the electrician at the church before anybody else,” added Bridget Milligan, Mary’s granddaughter.

“I wish I could’ve met Papa,” said Charlyce Milligan, Mary’s great-granddaughter. “I’m named after him.”

“Papa was the rock of the family,” Bridget said. “Mama is the matriarch.”

Mary has 4 daughters and a son. “We feel very privileged to have Mama in our lives,” said Bridget. “She passes down a lot of things – everything from sourdough baking, gardening, fermented tea, sewing, and stained glass making.”

All three of Bridget’s children with her husband of 22 years, Dusty Milligan – Lincoln, Charly and Declan – were baptized in the parish and attended Sacred Heart School.

Joyce was no stranger to students when her kids were in school; she previously served as the librarian.

It is a nice school to attend, said Joyce, “Small classes, good teachers.”

“My main motivation for moving back was to raise my kids at Sacred Heart,” said Bridget. “That’s where my mom, all of my aunts and uncle, went to school.”

A famous merry-go-round used to be on the playground.

“In fact,” Joyce proudly noted, “Bridget photographed it and a picture is hanging up in the school.”

Bridget, a renowned artist, has taught at the College of Wooster many years. <https://bridgetmmilligan.com/>

She is a familiar face to students.

“My husband and I help out with Sacred Heart Baseball,” noted Bridget. “I try to do every field trip, every class party; anytime Mrs. Myers asks me to do schoolwide photos – I’m always there.”

The strength of Sacred Heart School is its fidelity to the faith and academic standards.

8th grade graduation is around the corner, but Parish School of Religion (PSR) bridges the gap.

“Charley felt a little lost when she went to high school, but PSR reignites that connection with her friends and God,” Bridget shared.

Currently a sophomore in high school, “I went to Sacred Heart from preschool to eighth grade,” Charly said.

You name it, and Charly participated.

“I am a server,” Charly noted. “I was in the kids choir – I was in pretty much everything Sacred Heart had,” including spring concerts and Christmas plays.

The most vivid memory of Sacred Heart School was travelling to Damascus Mission in middle school.

“It was an amazing time – I encountered Jesus. I had Him in visions. They showed me how to connect with Him,” she reminisced.

Sacred Heart School brings God to everyday life.

“We connected God to everything. That’s what I model my life by – It gave me an example of what I am supposed to do,” said Charly.

Small class sizes allow individual attention.

“I had only ten kids in my class. We were a chosen family – not related ... Actually,” Charly said with a knowing smile, “most kids are related.”

Sacred Heart brings Mary Studer’s family – and many others – together.

“It’s the friendships that tie it together,” Bridget mused. “You know when you’re down and need a friend to lift you up? That’s where you see Jesus.”

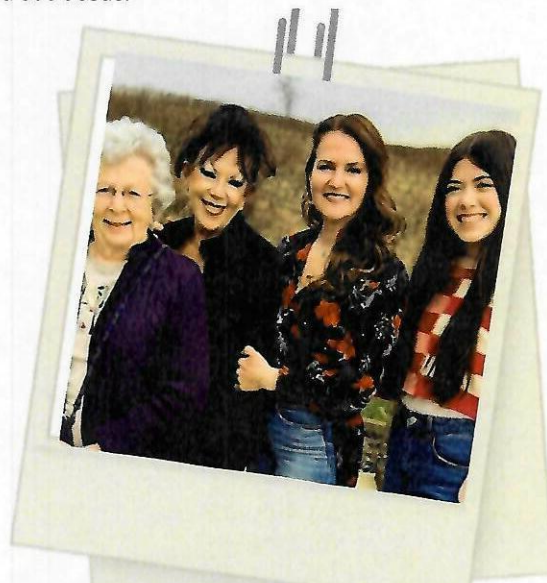


Photo Provided by Bridget Milligan | Settlement Spotlight





Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love—the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

"I am your Mother."

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The flowers at Mary's altar are in memory of Rosemary Keller's heavenly birthday and mother's day from Chuck and Cindy Keller.



School News



Saintly Students

For
April 2025

Preschool and Kindergarten Graduation

Is **Friday, May 16th @ 5:30pm**. You are invited to attend. Graduation will take place in Sacred Heart Church.

Graduation Mass

We are having our Graduation Mass on **Sunday, May 18th, 2025 @ our 8:30 am Mass**. High School, Tech School and College graduates are invited to join us for Mass and a blessing. You will have a reserved pew at this Mass. Following Mass we will have our Eighth grade graduation ceremony. All are invited to attend.

Outside Mass, Wednesday, May 21st @ 8:30

Please join us for our last school Mass for this school year. We will be celebrating Mass outside, East side of the gym (kickball field). You are welcome to bring lawn chairs or you can sit on the grass. See you there!

Last Day of School for Students, May 22nd



The next Little Lambs play date is May 24th.



Diocese of Toledo Safe Environment Program

The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)*.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.