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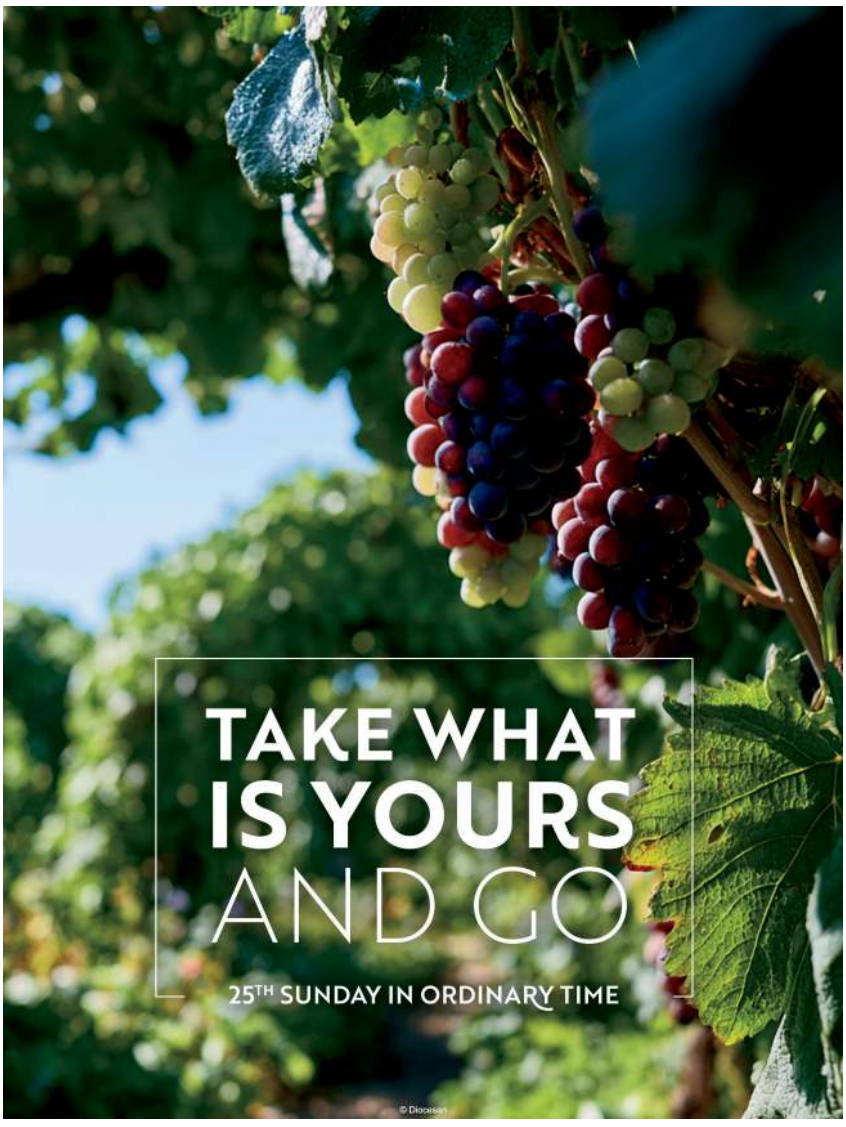

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Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. It is a core belief of our Catholic faith that when we receive Holy Communion, it is THE Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. It's not just a symbol or a representation of Christ; it's really Him!

How do we prepare to receive Communion? Just prior to Mass is a key time for preparation. When we enter through the doors of our church we are leaving the world behind for a little while. We all have cares and concerns in our busy lives, but when we come into the church we are entering into God's time.

I would encourage you to spend time before Mass in quiet prayer. Just being 5 minutes early can really help call to mind Who is dwelling right before you in the tabernacle, and Who you will be receiving in a matter of moments. Don't let it be a simple routine of coming in, going through the motions, taking the Host, and leaving. This ought to be a real encounter with Jesus Christ Himself!

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. John 6:53-56

Fr. Jeff

For the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday	**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Monday	**Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	**Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Bishop Barron's New Film: Heaven in Stone and Glass

Join Bishop Robert Barron for a special two-night theatrical event on September 20 and 23, 2026. Heaven in Stone and Glass is an immersive cinematic pilgrimage through five of France's most iconic Gothic cathedrals. Discover the profound theological secrets, transcendent beauty, and spiritual mysteries built into these sacred spaces. Music provided by local Sacred Heart parishioner and composer, Sean Beeson

Tickets and Location: Buy your today at Fathom Events or visit the Official Film Site, Cinemark Ontario Center.
Showing times:
Sunday, Sept. 20 @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 23 @ 4:30 & 6:45 pm

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline to include items in the bulletin is Monday by 9:00 am before the desired Sunday publication. To submit items for the bulletin, please email lsimmons@stjosephcrestline.org and dbemiller@shelbysacredheart.org. You may also call the St. Joseph Parish Office at 419-683-2015.

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday · September 22

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

Wednesday · September 23

8:30 am **Mass at Sacred Heart**
Mary Alice & Edgar Sutter
Alice Sutter

Thursday · September 24

5:30 pm **Confessions at St. Joseph**
6:30 pm **Mass at St. Joseph**
Lindsay & Lisa Anatra

Friday · September 25

8:30 am **Mass at St. Joseph**
For the souls in purgatory
7:30 pm **First Friday Adoration at St Joseph**

Saturday · September 26

3:30 pm **Confessions at Sacred Heart**
4:30 pm **Mass at Sacred Heart**
Lawrence & Mary Alice Biglin
Harold Moore, Mark Wolford

Sunday · September 27

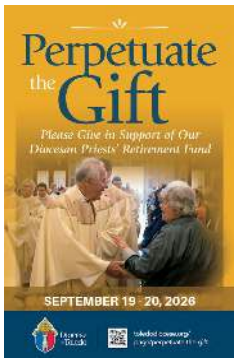
7:00 am **Mass at St. Joseph**
Leroy Steiner
Richard Brandeburg
Phil Yochem

8:30 am **Mass at Sacred Heart**
Bob & Shirley Vogt
Francis, Marie and Joe Biglin

10:30 am **Mass at St. Joseph**
For the People of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Parishes

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONVENTION

Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Fall Convention at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine 4106 State Route 269, Bellevue, OH on Wednesday September 23, 2026 9:00 – 3:00 pm Registration 8:30 am. Our Lady of the Rosary presented by Br. Daryl Charron C.P.P.S. A light breakfast, lunch, Mass and the rosary included in the day along with a basket raffle to benefit our seminarians. (Parishes are welcome to provide a raffle basket). The cost is $30. Register by September 15th to sue1757@gmail.com with name, parish, and phone number. You can pay at the door or mail a check to St. Ignatius Parish, 212 Stadium Road, Oregon, OH 43616. Checks payable to TDCCW. Questions: Rita Borgelt, President, at hborgelt@bright.net or 419-796-9168.

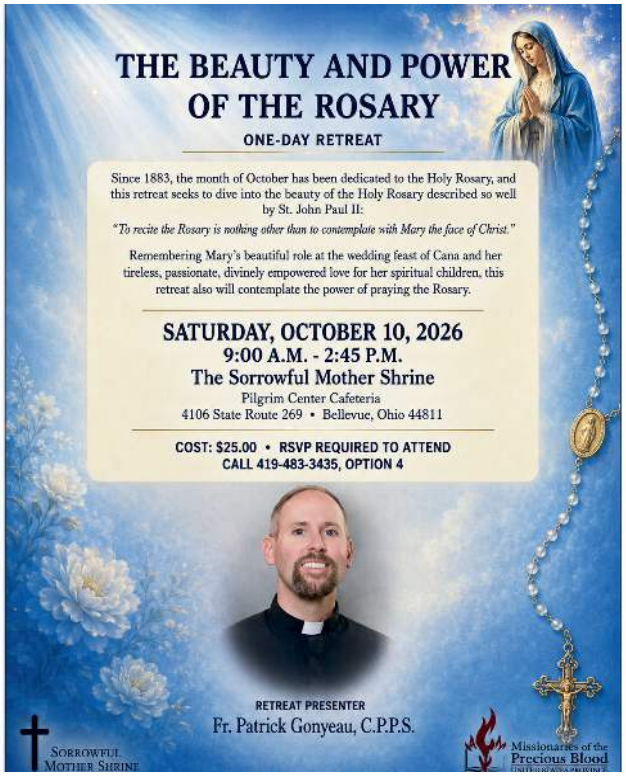


Perpetuate The Gift Parish Campaign

What is "Perpetuate The Gift"?
Perpetuate The Gift is the annual appeal that supports our Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund
It signifies the beautifully unending and total commitment of our priests to our spiritual salvation, and our contribution to their retirement.

Your gift to the Perpetuate The Gift appeal supports our retired diocesan priests,
enabling them to pay for their living expenses, such as medical, housing, car, clothing and food. Our priests have given their lives in service to us and our parish, and
we are most grateful! Please offer your gratitude for those who faithfully served the Diocese of Toledo today

Learn more or donate: https://toledodiocese.org/perpetuate-the-gift



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HOW AND WHY WE, AS CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS, CELEBRATE OUR FAITH THE WAY WE DO?

Do you have a friend, co-worker or spouse who is not Catholic but attends Mass with you regularly and might be interested in learning more if they were only invited?
Then OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is how you can invite family or friends who have expressed an interest and do not know where to start. Our next group of inquirers, those who have expressed interest or are just curious, will begin sessions in October.
For additional information or to express interest for yourself or someone you know, please call or text Katie Di Lullo at 419-961-3494 (Sacred Heart) or Kim Legge at 419-689-3033 (St. Joseph) or call the parish office.

From September 6 & 13, 2026

Total Offertory Collection	**$7703.00**
Regular Offertory	6425.00
Cemetery Offering	$0.00
Misericordia	$23.00
Maintenance - General	$130.00
Maintenance - Church	$230.000
Catholic University	$5.00
Bakeless Bake Sale	$155.00
Online	$735.00
Heart of Bethlehem	$140.00

Thank You !

To sign up for weekly or one-time online contributions, you can use the QR code or visit our parish website at https://sacredheartbethlehem.org/announcements

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School News

Preschool students at Sacred Heart School are very excited to start their educational journey!

Students in 4th-8th grades at Sacred Heart School competed in a school wide spelling bee on September 9, 2026. The competition composed of 28 rounds of spelling various words. Congratulations to Felix, Blain and Deacon! They will be participating in the Richland County Spelling Bee on Oct. 22, 2026

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Check Ministry Pro for updates.	*Saturday, Sept. 26 4:30 pm*	*Sunday, Sept. 27 8:30 am*
Music Minister	Sean Beeson	Kate DiLullo
Altar Servers	Kennedy Hoffman Audrey Hofffman	Gavin Keller Sophie Keller
Offertory	Jake - Jessica Rietschlin Family	Zach - Holly Keller Family
Extraordinary Ministers	Jake Rietschlin Brenda Gosser Roseanne Conley	Steve Vogt Samantha Schroeder Marti Keller
Ushers	Steve Gosser Adam Gosser	Zach Keller John Bonen
Lector	Jo Ann Krausman	Denny Gwirtz
Counters	Catherine Turner, Vicki Schroeder, Cindy Keller	

Ride to Cure Cystic Fibrous

The annual bike ride for Cystic Fibrosis awareness and financial support will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at Sawyer Point, Cincinnati, Oh. Funds raised will go for research towards finding a cure for this devastating respiratory and digestive genetic disease. The Traver / Keller and Fraizer / Gosser families are requesting your support of this fundraiser. Please make checks payable to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and send to Matt & Kyle Traver, 2471 N. Genoa-Clay Rd, Genoa, OH 43430, Jacob & Dawn Frazier, 2002 Kuhn Rd, Crestline, OH 44827 or Martri Keller, 3934 Nazor Rd, Crestline, OH. 44827. For every donation received, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card from YNOT Bike Shop, Lexington, OH

Thank you for your support and continued prayers for Lilly and Kaileigh Traver and Ashlyn and Emmalyn Frazier, and all those struggling with Cystic Fibrosis.

Bakeless Bake Sale

The Bakeless Bake Sale will take place throughout the month of September. Please place your donation in the collection basket.

Thank you, as always, for your generous support!

Vocations Cross

Please contact the Parish Office to sign up for the monthly Vocations Cross. Need volunteers for October and beyond. Thank you!

Widow's Group

On Sunday, September 27, the Sacred Heart Group scheduled an area widow's event at the Sorrowful Mothers Shrine in Bellevue. Everyone should bring a packed lunch. If you need a ride or would like to carpool, please meet in the New Washington St. Bernard parking lot at 9:45am. We will be leaving at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please call Lil Neese at 419-631-1603 or Kathy Cole at 419-565-8060.

Save the Date:

Annual Turkey Shoot and Chili Supper will be held on Sunday, November 1st.

F.I.S.H. Ministries Wish List

Canned chicken, tuna, beef stew; canned fruits and vegetables (all kinds), peanut butter. All non-perishable food items are accepted. Thank you for your generous continued

High School PSR

The time for the PSR classes have been changed from a Wednesday evening to a Sunday evening. We are hoping that Sundays will be more compatible with our students' schedules and will result in a higher number in attendance. The one hour classes will be held at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Center at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there

Dates: October 18 & 25
November 8, 15 & 22
December 8

JOIN US FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

WALK FOR VOCATIONS

EACH STEP A PRAYER FOR MORE PRIESTS.

Please consider joining us — for all five days or even part of one day — on a pilgrimage to pray for more vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

Msgr. Tad Oxley, Fr. David Kidd, and Fr. Joseph Mominee will be walking 70+ miles over the course of five days in prayer and sacrifice for an increase in vocations to the Diocesan priesthood.

If you can walk with us...

- Meet at the departure location for that day.
- Bring water and a packed lunch.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Plan for transportation back to your vehicle at the end of the day.

If you cannot walk with us...

- Take your own prayer walk in your neighborhood, parish, or community—at whatever distance your abilities allow—and unite your steps with this intention.
- Join us in prayer and fasting for vocations to the Diocesan priesthood throughout these five days.
- Join us for the **Closing Mass at Our Lady of Consolation in Carey**.

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Scan the code or visit toledodiocese.org/walk to RSVP, to find route details, and more!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Start: 2:00pm | Rosary Cathedral, Toledo
End: 7:00pm | St. Joseph, Maumee

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Start: 9:00am | St. Joseph, Maumee
End: 5:30pm | St. Thomas More, Bowling Green
Mass offered upon arrival

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Start: 9:00am | St. Aloysius, Bowling Green
End: 6:00pm | Holy Family, North Baltimore
Mass offered upon arrival

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Start: 8:00am | Holy Family, North Baltimore
End: 5:00pm | St. Michael, Findlay
Mass offered upon arrival

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Start: 8:30am | St. Michael, Findlay
End: 5:00pm | Our Lady of Consolation, Carey
6:00pm | Closing Mass

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Total Offertory Collection	**$7804.13**
Sunday Envelopes	$2525.00
Loose Checks (All Categories)	$985.00
Loose Currency	$1014.00
Online Giving (All Categories)	$335.13
Votive Lights	$110.00
School Support	$570.00
Parish Maintenance	$1500.00
Church Building Maintenance	$620.00
Caritas	$50.00
Catholic University.	95.00
Assumption of Mary	$00.00

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Holy Hour

Please join us as we pray a Holy Hour on Tuesdays in St. Joseph Church at 11:00 am. Please come and pray the Rosary and other prayers for our beloved country.

God bless us all and the USA.

Pray the Rosary With Us!

Every Sunday at 9:55 am in church before the 10:30 am Mass

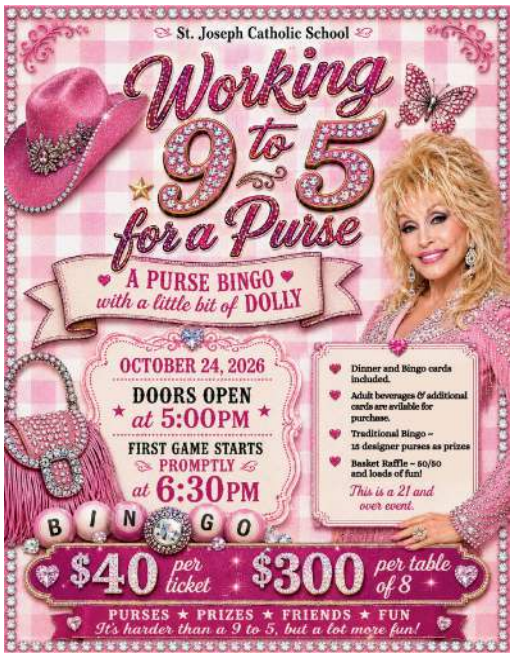
Extra rosaries can be found in the narthex.

Save The Date

Mark your calendar -
The 6th Annual Designer Purse Bingo will take place on October 24, 2026.
This event is a major fundraiser for the school. We are currently accepting donations for this annual event:

New designer purses
Themed gift baskets:
Sports, Spa, Family Fun, etc.
Bottled Wine
Gently used and new purses
Desserts
Not sure what to give, make a monetary donation and we will do the shopping.

Want to become a sponsor, call the school office for more info
419-683-1284



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Gift Bearers	Bonnie Cochran	Matt - Adrienne Ruhe Family
Ushers	Doug DeNero Curt Young	Chris Wozniak Lynn Whites

The Bishop's Corner

Don't miss the weekly show where Bishop Daniel E. Thomas answers questions from the faithful, gives a Gospel reflection, and talks about events within the diocese.

Listen: Annunciation Radio, Thursdays at 4:30 pm; with replays on Friday at 11:00 am and Saturdays at noon.

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Send your questions on Catholic Faith, events or anything you'd like to ask Bishop Thomas by visiting annunciationradio.com/bishops-corner.html or by email to bishop@annunicationradio

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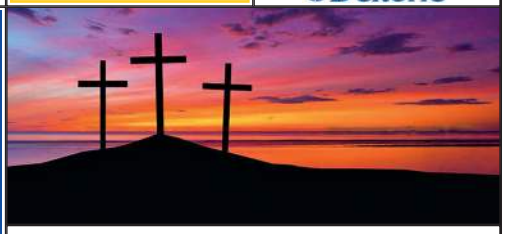

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