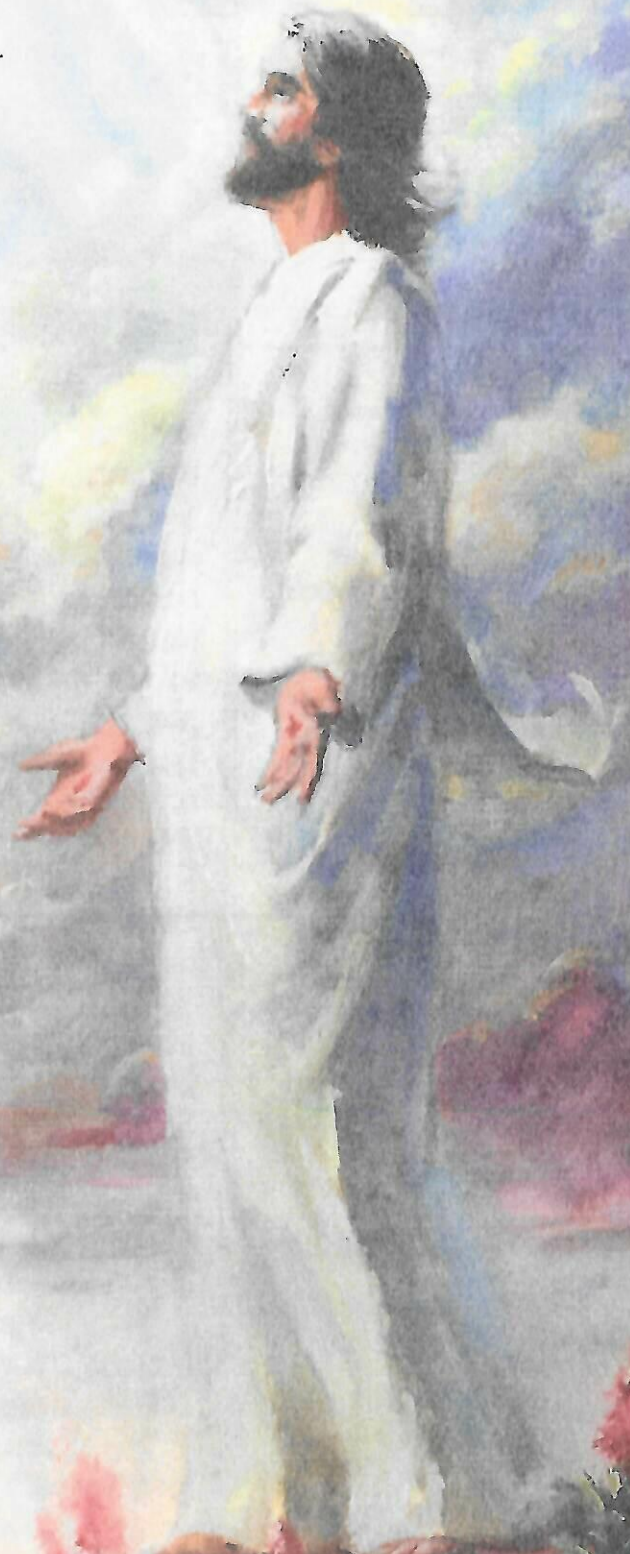


*He rose
again*

*the third day
according to
the scriptures.*

1 Corinthians 15:4





SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 20, 2025 EASTER SUNDAY

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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: Mark & Lucy Rietschlin

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: For an Increase in Vocations

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph
6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: For the People of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Parishes

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: For the Homeless

Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ
4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: Jeff Belcik; Ron and Barb Finnegan

Sunday

Divine Mercy/First Communion

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intentions: Deacon Joe Burkhardt; Anna Moyer

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart
Mass Intention: For All First Communicants; Henry & Rosella Biglin

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Mass Intention: Marie Vuich

3:00pm - Divine Mercy Prayer Service at St. Joseph

Easter Blessings to All!

With all the beauty of Easter, and all the liturgical celebrations of this week it is only right to give thanks! Sometimes in life we are simply in awe of all the blessing bestowed on us by another. Maybe a life-giving donation is given to us, or we are healed by a surgeon, or taught a lesson by a teacher ... in these priceless gifts all we can do is say "thank you". That is Holy Week for me since I can never come close to repaying Jesus back for all his gifts to me. So, this Easter I would like to offer praise and thanks with you to the Holy Trinity for the gift of life that no money or work can repay!

Let us pray together saying:

"On this Easter Day it is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise you our almighty God. Dear Heavenly Father, by Your wondrous gift of Loving-Kindness toward us, Your servants, You gave up Your Son. Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in Loving-Kindness. You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection. Now we have hope for eternal bliss with You someday in soul and perfected resurrected bodies. You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror. You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of Eternal Happiness before You redeemed us. Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your Love! Amen!

**In Christ,
Fr. Jeff**



SACRED HEART AND ST. JOSEPH OCIA "CLASS OF 2025"

BETHLEHEM — OCIA is the means by which one enters into full communion with the Church.

"OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation (formerly RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation)," according to the Diocese of Toledo. "This involves teachings, classes, meetings with a sponsor, rites within Mass, and finally, receiving your sacraments in the Church."

Everyone is on their own faith journey and this year's catechumens — those who have not been baptized in any Christian faith tradition — and candidates — who have a recognized baptism in another Christian denomination — have been no different.

Emily Potter

St. Joseph Catholic Church

"I have been Catholic my whole life, but was never confirmed as a teen. Going through OCIA does a great job of explaining our faith and I was able to learn more about what being Catholic means."



Brayden Burkhalter

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

"OCIA has taught me why the Catholic faith does specific things. The organization of the faith being so rooted in tradition. I have been attending Mass for almost three years and never sought out why we do things the way we do. Learning more about the faith with a group of great candidates and sponsors - from a phenomenal team - has made the process that much more enjoyable."



Keith Ball

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

"My OCIA experience has been an amazing experience. Every week, I looked forward to going to learn more about the Catholic faith."



Luke Davies

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

"OCIA was the GOAT (greatest of all time). I loved it, especially the time we got to spend in the church. I also learned a bit more about the faith, and that was fun."



Olivia Thoman

St. Joseph Catholic Church

"I think I would like to say, joining OCIA was a good choice. I wanted to join because I go to church every Sunday not really understanding the concept of what we were talking about, but after OCIA, I genuinely understand most of everything. I started looking forward to every Thursday to be able to learn more and more! I was nervous going to do the sacraments but I had amazing people in my group who made me feel comfortable about it."



Madison Sipes

St. Joseph Catholic Church

"OCIA has taught me a lot in the past months - not only about the Catholic faith - but about myself, as well. I was hesitant at first about joining the church only due to uncertainty of what it means to be Catholic. Now that I've attended classes and heard what my fellow Catholics have to share about the faith, I am confident that I've made the right decision for not only myself, but for my growing family. Thank you to all who have supported and prayed for me as I've navigated through this new journey, I look forward to finally being confirmed and baptized on Easter!"



Amy Davies

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

"When I started attending OCIA classes in the fall, it was with the intention of learning everything I could about the Catholic faith to ensure I represent the faith well in my classroom. My son, Luke, also expressed an interest in becoming Catholic like all of the friends in his class, and I wanted to support him on this journey. I had no intention of converting to Catholicism, but the Holy Spirit kept tugging at my heart strings and telling me to keep searching. I found the heart of Jesus in a profound way during these courses and throughout the Lenten season. It's funny when I reflect on my OCIA journey because I came seeking knowledge and I found my Savior."



Our faith communities — and the Diocese of Toledo as a whole — welcomes its newest members to the beginning of your new journey!





Our second grade students will be making their First Communion on Sunday, **April 27th at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.** Pews will be reserved for our First Communicants and their families. Please pray for these students as they prepare to receive the Body of Christ.



St. Joseph - Madison Sipes, Cohen Burkhart, Giovanni Mensi, Olivia Thoman, and Emily Potter.

Sacred Heart - Keith Ball, Brayden Burkhalter, Amy Davies, and Luke Davies.

Welcome to the Catholic Church!

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Ways and Means Committee of the Altar and Rosary Society Thanks you for your participation in our Palm Sunday bake sale! A total of \$2,070.56 was raised! Altar & Rosary purchases many of our Mass and liturgical supplies.



The next Little Lambs playdate is scheduled for Saturday, **April 26th. 9:00am.-Noon.**

Designer Purse BINGO and Brunch on Saturday, May 3. A table of 9 is \$405. Tickets are \$45 each.

Convocation Center doors open at 9:00 am with BINGO starting at 10:00 am. All proceeds benefit St. Joseph School. Call Joann at the St. Joseph Parish Office for tickets at 419-683-2015.

Grieving With Great Hope



Friday, May 16 (7-9pm) & Saturday, May 17 (10-4pm)
4106 St. Rt. 269, Bellevue, OH 44811
419-483-3435 sorrowfulmothershrine.org



You may have noticed the center stained glass window behind the main altar has been illuminated. It was completed by Studer Electric in memory of Charles Studer and Dorothy M. Blum.



132 Year Tradition!

It's here!!! Time to put together the 2025 festival work list! If you have a special request or will not be here on July 27th for the festival, please let us know by **May 1st.** You can drop us a note in the collection basket or text us at (419) 566-3525 Erin Finnegan or (419) 567-303-8038 Taylor Gosser.

If you are interested in being a patron sponsor or have an item to donate to the Mega Raffle please call the parish office. Your name will appear as advertising on the back of the tickets.

Thank you for your support!



Shelby Rotary Club read to kindergarten students and generously donated a book each month to all the students! Thank you for promoting the love of reading!

Accepting enrollment for the 2025/2026 school year at Sacred Heart School

We are currently accepting enrollment for 25/26 school year from 3 yr. old preschool through eighth grade. Sacred Heart School is a fully accredited school with the State of Ohio. We offer a nurturing classroom environment where students are able to grow into the person God is calling them to be. We offer multiple scholarships. Mrs. Myers would welcome the opportunity to discuss with you all of the benefits of attending Sacred Heart School. She can be reached at: 419-342-2797 or 419-683-1697 or Lmyers@shelbysacredheart.org.

Looking for 2 to 3 strong backs to help a parishioner pack-up a moving truck on the morning of May 10th. Approx 2-3 hrs beginning at 10:45. Please call the parish office if you call help! Thank you!



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Andrew & Paula Rietschlin	Carol Parsons; Lucy & Mark Rietschlin, Janet Ball & Rosie Sutter
Rick Gosser	Jeanne Gosser
Kathy Cole	Rodney Cole; Lucille Studer
Nick & Lauren Vogt	Deceased of Sacred Heart Parish
Adam & Stacey Floro	General Flower Donation

Total Collection:

April 13, 2024

\$ 5,594.07

Offertory
\$ 4,059.07

Easter
\$ 380.00
Easter Flowers
\$ 215.00

Holy Land
\$ 75.00

Gen. Maintenance
\$ 860.00
Church Maintenance
\$ 5.00

Thank You !



Online
\$ 545.00
Heart of Bethlehem
\$ 150.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday, April 23rd: School Mass

Saturday, April 26th.

Sunday April 27th.

MUSIC MINISTER
Sean Beeson

SERVERS
Ruthie Faith
Need 1

OFFERTORY
Steve Gosser Family

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Rosanne Conley
Jake Rietschlin
Joanne Clayton

USHERS
Joe Faith
Steve Gosser

LECTOR
Joe DiLullo

MUSIC MINISTER
Children's Choir

SERVERS
Eva Rietschlin
Lauren Ann Vogt

OFFERTORY
First Communicants

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Deacon Steve Vogt
Lisa Myers
Cheryl Rietschlin

USHERS
Greg Gwartz
Gary Biglin

LECTOR
Dennis Gwartz

COUNTERS
Bob Weber, Need 1
Paula Goodman

Bible Readings for the Week April 20th. 2025

Monday Acts 2:14, 22-23, Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11, Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday Acts 2:36-41, Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22, Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday Acts 3:1-10, Ps 105:1-4, 6-9, Lk 24:13-35
Thursday Acts 3:11-26, Ps 8:2a, 5-9, Lk 24:35-48
Friday Acts 4:1-12, Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a, Jn 21:1-14
Saturday Acts 4:13-21, Ps 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21, Mk 16:9-15
Sunday Acts 5:12-16, Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, Rv 1:9-11a 12-13, 17-19, Jn 20:19-31



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