



# SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**April 26, 2026**

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations**



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### *Intentions*



### **No Weekday Masses**

#### **Saturday**

**3:30pm - Confession at SHJ**

**4:30pm - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: Francis, Marie & Joe Biglin*

#### **Sunday**

**7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intentions: Clarence (Junior) Moyer Family; For Those Having Surgery*

**8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: Jeanne, Paul & Kathleen Gosser*

**10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph**

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

**Dear Friends,**

Each year, Catholics across Northwest Ohio are invited to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal of the [Diocese of Toledo](#). This appeal is a concrete way we live out our faith beyond the walls of our parish by supporting ministries and services that no single parish could provide on its own. The ACA allows us to give to Diocese ministries while allowing others across the Diocese to put those gifts into action!

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our gifts help form future priests and deacons, support Catholic education and faith formation, assist struggling parishes, care for the poor and vulnerable, and strengthen ministries that serve families, youth, and those in need throughout the diocese. Participation matters more than the amount. Every gift—large or small—is a sign of gratitude to God and a commitment to the mission of the Church. Please join me in prayerfully considering a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Together, as one diocesan family, we can continue the work of Christ and ensure the Church's mission remains strong for generations to come.

Thank you for your generosity and faithful support.

To see more in-depth the good deeds done in the name of our Lord through the ACA ... please check out this website: <https://www.acatoledo.org/>

**In Christ,**

**Fr. Jeff**



**COLLECTION:**

April 19, 2026  
\$ 4,624.00

Reg. Offertory  
\$ 3,553.00

Easter  
\$ 380.00  
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Online  
\$ 586.00



Thank you!

Heart of Bethlehem  
\$ 125.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**No School Mass Father on Retreat**

**Saturday, May 2**

**Sunday, May 3**

**MUSIC MINISTER**

*Kevin Willis*

**SERVERS**

*Hunter Keller*

*Weston Vogt*

**OFFERTORY**

*Molly Belcik Family*

**EXTRAORDINARY**

**MINISTERS**

*Rosanne Conley, Laurie Metzger*

*Kelsey Keller*

**USHERS**

*Steve Gosser*

*Matthew Gosser*

**LECTOR**

*Jo Ann Krausman*

**MUSIC MINISTER**

*Adult Choir*

**SERVERS**

*John Paynter*

*Blaise Metzger*

**OFFERTORY**

*Mark & Tammy Gwartz Family*

**EXTRAORDINARY**

**MINISTERS**

*Jake Rietschlin, Marti Keller*

*Megan Ratliff*

**USHERS**

*Mark & Greg Gwartz*

**LECTOR**

*Sarah Metzger*

**COUNTERS**

*Olivia Hoffman, Linda Schroeder*

*Bob Weber*

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

**Bible Readings for the Week of April 26, 2026**



**Monday** Acts 11:1-18, Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4, Jn 10:11-18  
**Tuesday** Acts 11:19-26, Ps 87:1b-7, J 10:22-30  
**Wednesday** Acts 12:24-13:5a, Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8, Jn 12:44-50  
**Thursday** Acts 13:13-25, Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27, Jn 13:16-20  
**Friday** Acts 13:26-33, Ps 2:6-11b, Jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday** Acts 13:44-52, Ps 98:1-4, Jn 14:7-14  
**Sunday** Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, 1Pt 2:4-9

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**First Communion Sunday, April 12th.**  
**Please continue to pray for our students!**

**Upcoming Events at Sacred Heart:**

Little Lambs next play date **May 9th. (9-11:00am)**

All high school and college graduates are invited to our Graduation Mass on **Sunday, May 17st @ our 8:30am Mass.** Graduates will have reserved pew(s) with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates.

**May 20th-Outside Mass** (weather permitting)  
 Our last school Mass of the school year will be celebrated outside. You are invited to join us. Please bring your own seating.

**Green Grass Gala-May 20<sup>th</sup>@ 6:30pm**  
 A "concert on the lawn", showcasing our school Music program and talented school children! It will be showcasing our students' musical talents. Please bring your own seating. \* **See Below**



\*Calling on all of Sacred Heart's amazing bakers! Along with the Green grass Gala the Heart of Bethlehem will host a silent auction featuring pies and student art work to support the school. To donate a pie please contact Maycee Rietschlin at 419-560-3655 by May 11th.

**Crestline Farmers Market begins its 12th. year**  
**May 5 from 3-6pm at 202 N. Thoman St.**

**Flower Power Hour, Thursday, May 14th. @ 10am.**  
**St. Bernard's Cafeteria. RSVP Mrs. Finnegan**  
**Bring scissors and a glue stick.**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

**Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call!**

**Please contact the parish office (419-683-1697) to sign up for the monthly vocations cross. We need volunteers for the month of May and beyond!**

**Congratulations to Adam and Amanda Paynter on the baptism of their daughter, Sienna Kathleen, by Deacon Steve Vogt.**

**May God Bless Sienna and her family!**

**May Birthdays**



Alice Metzger	1	Joseph Timmer	16
Pamela Miller	1	Michael Biglin	25
Cindy Keller	2	Nancy Keller	28
Kathy Paynter	12	JoAnn Sutter	29

**Homeschool Graduation Mass**

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the 2026 Home-school Mass on **Tuesday, June 2nd, 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](mailto:home-schoolmasstoledo@gmail.com).

We look forward to celebrating with you!



**Sunday, July 26th.**

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

**Diocesan Priests on the Move as of July 1st.**

Rev. Michael Geiger will become Pastor of St. Augustine Parish, Napoleon.

Rev. Christopher Bohnsack will become Parochial Vicar at St. Rose Parish in Perrysburg.



# PARISHIONER EVA RIETSCHLIN

BETHLEHEM – A storied high school career is coming to an end for parishioner Eva Rietschlin, daughter of Ben and RiKi Rietschlin.

Along with serving as National Honor Society President and Senior Class President at Ontario High School, Eva's feet haven't stopped moving.

"I've been dancing for 14 years of my life," she noted, "so that takes up a lot of my time."

Eva recently participated in the All Ohio Dance Festival in Mansfield. According to organizers, "This festival is intended to bridge the gap between semi-professional and professional companies and smaller dance studios."

A perk is the Master Classes, which offer styles Eva doesn't normally take – this year, she took 'hip hop contemporary' and 'lyrical.' Guest teachers come from studios across Ohio.

Senior year is filled with activities, including Golden Girls, a drill team for football games at Ontario High School during halftime. "We do kick lines, little pom routines," Eva shared.

Technically a student at Ontario High School, "I go to NC (North Central) State in Shelby, the Kehoe Center," said Eva. "I'll graduate with my associate's degree in business. Tuesdays and Thursdays, I usually do some office work in the morning with my grandma" at Rietschlin Construction. Her grandparents are Nick and Meg Rietschlin.

Eva intends to limit her college expenses, noting that she only needs two more years for a bachelor's degree. "I like trying to figure out how to get scholarships so that I don't have debt when I graduate."

She has been awarded the Governor's Merit Scholarship.

Eva is planning to study Business Analytics at Miami University in Ohio starting this fall. She has her eyes on a future job at Abercrombie & Fitch® or a bank.

"I'm hoping to find a position that I really like at a company," she said. "If I don't, I'm going to probably come home and work for Rietschlin Construction in the office and kind of take over what my grandma does."

She hopes to keep dancing with the Miami University Shakerettes Dance Team, though.

"I'll probably minor in dance," she noted.

Even though she spends around 13 hours a week dancing, she has other interests.

"I like to hang out with my friends – get food, go shopping, see movies. Sometimes I'll hang out with my brothers," she laughed, "depending on our relationship at the moment. I also like to just stay home – not sleep – but take it easy because I do a lot of things."

Her favorite restaurant? Bakers Pizza Sports Shack in Bucyrus.

Many people don't know that "I like to read, but I don't have a lot of time for it," Eva shared.

"Murder mysteries, suspense books – something that will keep me on edge the whole book."

Moving away from home won't be easy, she said.

"I'm not a big fan of change," said Eva. "I've had the same schedule my entire life. I've gone to dance, I've lived at home. Moving 3 hours away from my family is a big change for me. It's scary to move so far away."

She has 4 brothers and no sisters, she shared.

Her oldest brother, Logan, inspires her.

"He randomly one day came home and was like, 'yep, I joined the Navy.' I know if Logan can do it, I can do it. I definitely look up to him," she proudly shared.

As a former PSR student - Public School of Religion - at Sacred Heart Church, Eva helps current students connect with the Settlement.

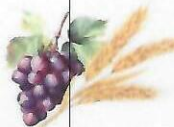
"I'll help teach with my mom – That really helps me get a better relationship with people, Jesus, everything," said Eva.

Her schedule is tight and despite her own plan, she trusts Jesus.

"Whatever He has for me is what I need to do and what is going to be the best. He's really just guiding my path," Eva shared.



Photo submitted by Eva Rietschlin | Settlement Spotlight



# Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



## “Luminous!”

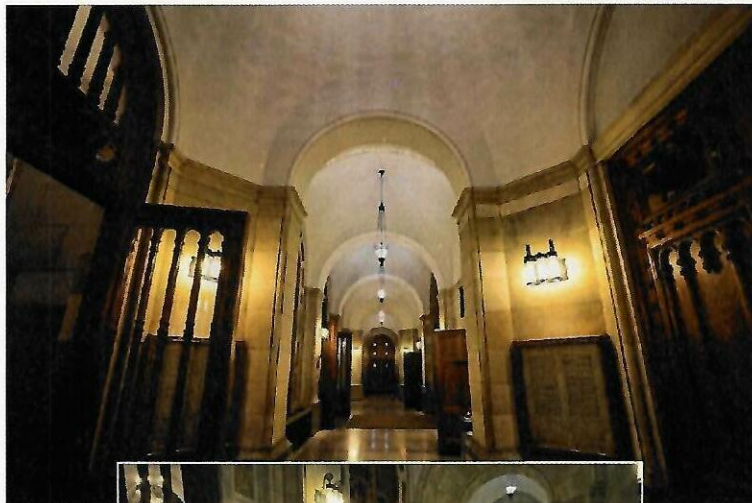
“Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!” I begin with this familiar phrase, used by Pope Saint John Paul II, whenever he began a presentation, discourse, or homily.

And I highlight this phrase for two reasons: first, because Pope Saint John Paul II wanted always to begin and concentrate whatever he was saying around the Lord Jesus Christ, and to offer him praise and honor! And second, because the catalyst for our efforts is that it was Pope Saint John Paul II who, in 2002, in his Apostolic Letter *“Rosarium Virginis*

*Mariae,”* gave the Church five new mysteries of the Rosary: the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan, the Wedding Feast of Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Last Supper or Institution of the Eucharist.

What we are about to do is “luminous,” because it is all about Christ Jesus! And we offer him praise and honor that we’ve arrived at this historic moment! The moment of which I speak of course is that we are now able formally to commence work on adding the Luminous Mysteries to the five empty vaults in the narthex of our splendid Rosary Cathedral! This very exciting project will complete the depiction of all 20 of the Mysteries of the

Rosary at Rosary Cathedral, including the already existing Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries, depicted in the vaults of the side aisles.

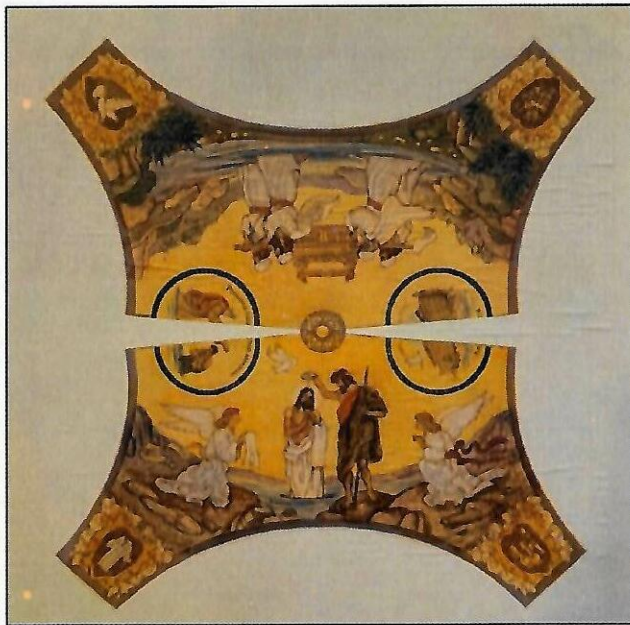


On March 27th, we publicly announced that, following upon the success of the diocesan-wide *Living Christ* capital campaign and the extraordinary generosity of so many donors, the Diocese of Toledo is now able to begin three major initiatives to restore and enhance the mother church of our Catholic diocese, Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. And on April

16th, we held a press event in the narthex formally to announce that one of those initiatives, the realization of the Luminous Mysteries, is now poised to begin. Gathered with the members of our Cathedral Restoration Committee and others, we welcomed the overall project manager of our Cathedral restoration, Mr. Louis DiCocco of St.

Jude Liturgical Arts Studio; we introduced the artist, Mr. David LaFleur whose studio is in Avon Lake, Ohio; we acknowledged and thanked the Luminous Foundation of the Delp family whose generous gift for this purpose to the *Living Christ* campaign makes possible this installation; and we displayed several of the renderings and images which will soon grace those undecorated vaults!

In giving the Luminous Mysteries to the universal Church, Pope Saint John Paul II wrote: "I believe that to bring out fully the Christological depth of the Rosary, it would be suitable to make an addition to the traditional pattern which...could broaden it to include *the mysteries of Christ's public ministry between his Baptism and his Passion*. In the course of those mysteries we contemplate important aspects of the person of Christ as the definitive revelation of God. Declared the beloved Son of the Father at the Baptism in the Jordan, Christ is the one who announces the coming of the Kingdom, bears witness to it in his works and proclaims its demands. It is during the years of his public ministry that *the mystery of Christ is most evidently a mystery of light*. "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world" (Jn 9:5)" [*Rosarium Virginis Mariae* 19].



Once the work is complete, it will "bring out fully the Christological depth of the Rosary" for every parishioner and visitor to our Cathedral. There is no doubt that, as one of the only Cathedrals in North America to so depict all twenty mysteries of the Rosary, Rosary Cathedral will become even more a place of pilgrimage.

Many of you will wonder what artistic form or style the new Luminous Mysteries will take. Every effort from the beginning has been made to envision and ensure that the depiction of the five new mysteries will follow upon and be seen as complementary to the elements and classic style of Jan Henryk de Rosen, the original artist who depicted the 15 mysteries of the Rosary in time for the dedication of the Cathedral in 1940. Thus the images of the Luminous Mysteries will present the New Testament scene of each mystery with its corresponding Old Testament prefigurement, there will be roundels or *tondi* which harken to related scriptural scenes, and escutcheons which bear imagery or iconography which elucidate the mystery. Just as in the great medieval Cathedrals the art was to serve a catechetical purpose, so too our new Luminous Mysteries will, we trust, appear seamlessly harmonious with the other mysteries of the rosary depicted in the vaults of the side aisles. This project will hopefully be completed within six to eight months.

Pope Saint John Paul also wrote: "This addition of these new mysteries, without prejudice to any essential aspect of the

prayer's traditional format, is meant to give it fresh life and to enkindle renewed interest in the Rosary's place within Christian spirituality as a true doorway to the depths of the Heart of Christ, ocean of joy and light, suffering and of glory" [*Rosarium Virginis Mariae* 19].

How striking that adding the Luminous Mysteries to our Cathedral should give fresh life and renewed interest in the Rosary, and how very appropriate that they be depicted above the narthex doors of our Cathedral, underscoring the Rosary "as a true doorway to the depths of the Heart of Christ."

In concluding his Apostolic Letter in which he gave us the Luminous Mysteries, Pope Saint John Paul reiterated the efficacy of entrusting to the Rosary our most difficult problems, noting: "At times when Christianity itself seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the

power of this prayer, and Our Lady of the Rosary was acclaimed as the one whose intercession brought salvation." He added "Today I willingly entrust to the power of this prayer...the cause of peace in the world and the cause of the family" [*Rosarium Virginis Mariae* 19]. How poignant then that we should complete the depiction of the mysteries of the Rosary here in our Cathedral named for Our Lady of the Rosary, and how timely to entrust to the power of this prayer the cause of peace in the world and the cause of the family!

Many of you will recall that, in the homily on the day I was installed as your bishop, I expressed the hope that one day, here in Rosary Cathedral, we would be able to depict the Luminous Mysteries. It was especially moving then, because the date of my Installation, October 22, 2014, was the first time the Church celebrated the Feast Day of Pope John Paul II as a Saint. Often in these intervening years, several of you have asked "Bishop, when are you going to fulfill your hope to add the Luminous Mysteries to our Cathedral?" The answer to that question is: the time has come. How blessed we are to move forward with this exciting initiative to enhance our Rosary Cathedral artistically, historically and spiritually! "Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!"

+ *Daniel E. Thomas*

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
April 17, 2026

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## **3rd & 4th Grade Full-Time Teacher Opening Sacred Heart School – Shelby, Ohio 2026–2027 Academic Year**

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Applications may also be delivered in person to:  
Sacred Heart School Office

Office hours for drop-off: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
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## **St. Joseph School, Crestline Teaching Opportunities:**

**Preschool Teacher Aide:** M-TH 7:30-2:00pm. High School diploma required and willingness to obtain aide certification. Experience preferred.

**K/I Teacher:** Full time, Bachelor's degree and current licensure (or willing to obtain) required.

Interested candidates should support the mission of Catholic schools and pass a complete background check. Send cover letter and resume to [ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org](mailto:ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org) or Sue Sanders, St. Joseph Catholic School, 333 N. Thoman St., Crestline, OH 44827

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