



# SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**May 24, 2026**



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## *Intentions*



### **Monday**

**8:30 am - St. Joseph Cemetery**

*Mass Intention: For the Men and Women who Served and are Currently Serving in the Military*

### **Tuesday**

**6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: Rodney Cole*

### **Wednesday**

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

*Mass Intention: Rev. Jerome Schetter*

### **Thursday**

**5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph**

**6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intention: For Families that are Separated*

### **Friday**

**8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intention: For Shelter for the Homeless*

### **Saturday**

**Most Holy Trinity**

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

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

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

### **Sunday**

**Most Holy Trinity**

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

*Mass Intentions: Lindsey & Lisa Anatra, Deacon Joe Burkhart*

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

*Mass Intention: Jeanne, Paul & Kathleen Gosser*

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

*Mass Intention: Gerald Bickert, Don Palm*

## **Greetings Parishioners,**

I just wanted to remind everyone about our monthly Men's Group meeting. This June will be our one-year anniversary as a group, and our next meeting happens to fall near the Feast of the Sacred Heart. With that in mind, the Holy Spirit has called me to present on the Sacred Heart of Jesus as our next topic. It has occurred to me that I have not done the best job of promoting the group.

I've been present at most meetings and have greatly enjoyed the food and fellowship. The discussions have also been outstanding! So far, we've talked about the pros and cons of artificial intelligence, the seven deadly sins, the seven lively virtues, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, why we keep the Sabbath, St. John Bosco, and the Nicene Creed.

There's no cost to join the group, though donations are welcome to help offset the cost of food. No preparation or prior study is necessary—you are welcome to simply show up and learn as we go.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, June 10 from 8-10 p.m.**, outside the Sacred Heart Parish Office. **THIS GROUP IS FOR ANY MAN FROM ANY PARISH.** We usually meet on the second Wednesday of each month and communicate through an app called Signal. Let me know if you would like to be added to the group by emailing me at [jsmith@toledodiocese.org](mailto:jsmith@toledodiocese.org).

**In Christ,**

**Fr. Jeff**

**COLLECTION:**

May 17, 2026  
\$ 4,990.00

Reg. Offertory  
\$ 3167.00  
Ascension  
\$ 760.00  
Gen Maintenance  
\$ 59.00  
Ch Maintenance  
\$ 5.00  
Cemetery  
\$ 80.00  
Misericordia  
\$ 158.00

Thank you!



Heart of Bethlehem  
\$ 125.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

8:30 am: Lector, Paula Goodman;

Server, Declan Milligan

**Saturday, May 30**

**Sunday, May 31**

MUSIC MINISTER

*Katie DiLullo*

SERVERS

*Rudy & Bridget  
Belcik*

OFFERTORY

*Chris & Christine Vogt*

EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS

*Doug & Tammy Lucius*

*Greg Keller*

USHERS

*Robert Bell*

*Jamie Picou*

LECTOR

*Molly Belcik*

MUSIC MINISTER

*Sean Beeson*

SERVERS

*Olivia Stilwell  
Thea Jordan*

OFFERTORY

*Bob & Rebekah Weber Family*

EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS

*Deacon Steve Vogt, Marti Keller*

*John Bonen, Jerru Schumacher*

USHERS

*Lance Biglin & Rick Gosser*

LECTOR

*Lauren Vogt*

COUNTERS

*Miriam Schroeder, Catherine Turner  
Steve Metzger*

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

**Bible Readings for the Week of May 17, 2026**



**Monday** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14, Ps 87:1-3, 5-7, Jn 19:25-34  
**Tuesday** 1Pt 1:10-16, Ps 98:1-4, Mk 10:28-31  
**Wednesday** 1Pt 1:18-25, Ps 147:12-15, 19-20, Mk 10:32-45  
**Thursday** 1Pt 2:2-5, 9-12, Ps 100:2-5, Mk 10:46-52  
**Friday** 1Pt 4:7-13, Ps 96:10-13, Mk 11:11-26  
**Saturday** Jude 17, 20b-25, Ps 63:2-6, Mk 11:27-33  
**Sunday** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9, (Ps) Dn 3:52-55, 2Cor 13:11-13, Jn 3:16-18

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## Memorial Day Mass

Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery Monday, **May 25 at 8:30 am St. Joseph Cemetery** Please bring your own lawn chairs. In case of rain, we will move the Mass to St. Joseph Church. God Bless all the men and women who gave their lives while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

## May Meeting Date

Finance Council: May 26



## Widow's Group

**Sunday, May 24 at 1:00 pm Sacred Heart Hall**

ATTENTION ALL WIDOWS: Come join us at our 2nd area wide Widow's Group get together. While rooted in the Catholic faith, all widows are welcome. Feel free to invite a friend. For more information contact: Lilian Niese at rrlniese@hotmail.com or Kathy Cole at kathym.cole@icloud.com

## Save the Date(s):

June 05: First Friday Adoration at St. Joseph  
June 12: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass with adoration following.



Bev Hartings	4th.
Jamie Picou	4th.
Eileen Gwartz	5th.
Linda Moore	7th.
Karen Bonen	8th.
MaryPat Davis	13th.
Catherine Turner	19th.
Jean Miller	21st.
Robert Turner	25th.
Jerry Niese	26th.
Greg Keller	30th.

## Shelby Help Line

Free Lunches for Children 18 and Younger who are Shelby & Tiro Residents. Child must be present.  
Monday - Friday June 1st. - August 14th.  
39 Walnut St., Shelby (Back of building)



## Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen

**Please contact the parish office through the school # 419-683-1697 to sign up for the monthly vocations cross! Need volunteers for June and beyond! Thank you!**

## Annual Catholic Appeal Update:

The Toledo diocese has reached 80% of our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal — thank you for the tremendous effort and generosity across the Diocese. Every gift moves us closer to fully supporting the ministries and services that impact lives throughout our Diocese. Let's keep the momentum going strong!

Sacred Heart is at 66.80% of goal.  
Thank you!

## Spring Fling Friday, May 22nd. 6 to 10:00pm St. Mary School, 26 West St., Shelby, Ohio

BINGO with a twist - Each game features a chance to win a Designer Handbag or \$250 Cash! Live Auction, Basket Raffle, 50/50 Raffle and a DJ! Reserve your table: \$400 per table (seats 8 guests). Includes dinner for all guests and one pack of BINGO cards for each guest. Same-day payment in full is required to secure your reservation. For reservations, call 419-342-2626. All proceeds from the Spring Fling go directly to St. Mary School.

## St. Joseph Garage Sale: June 11 - 13

Accepting donations: June 8-10 9:00 - 3:00pm

No clothing or exercise equipment please! Please price all donated items. Contact Cyril Cochran with any questions 419-632-3166.

All proceeds go to St. Joseph School.

**F.I.S.H.** food pantry most urgent needs are: canned potatoes, chocolate pudding cups and beef stew. They could also use cream of celery soup and boxed cheesy potatoes. Thank you for your continuous support!

# *The Heart of Bethlehem*

## NEWSLETTER

—May 2026—

### **April 15th Meeting Minutes,**

Present: Father Jeff, Seth Rietschlin, Lisa Myers, Cody Gosser, Adam Paynter, Kelsey Keller, Molly Belcik, Rebekah Weber, Tom Metzger, Joann Palmer, Stefanie Kuntz, Lil Niese, Sean Beeson

Absent: Monica Finney, Maycee Rietschlin

Met at the school in the 5th and 6th grade classroom. The meeting started at 7:36 pm. Father Opened with Prayer.

Seth Read the minutes from the March 15 meeting, 2026 meeting. Molly moved to approve the minutes, Adam seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

#### **Old Business**

It was stated that the finance council did approve funds allocated for HOB.

The conversation was that things are going really well.

#### **New Business**

Discussion started with Molly stating that we should explain the 10% contingency for the diocese in our budget numbers. Some people have asked her if that money simply goes to the diocese. Seth stated that it is just a contingency to cover any additional costs of construction since the number from Garmann Miller is just an approximated cost. It was discussed also that it should be factored in that maybe 10% of pledges may not be collected. Father reviewed his letter that he will be sending to the Bishop asking for approval to begin campaigning. There were a few minor changes but consensus was letter was very well written and really gave a compelling case for the need for this project. Stefanie put together a fund-raising plan that Father will include with his letter. It included various fundraisers including restaurant sales, bake sales and several others. It was discussed to possibly add a line to festival tickets for HOB. Adam discussed having a night at the races with the CYO. It was decided we will have a table at the green grass gala for donations. Maycee is going to manage a silent pie auction as well. Also, Miss Adkins is going to have the kids do art projects to auction off. Father plans to submit the letter after it is approved by finance and parrish councils with hopes to send out in mid-May. The next step (after diocesan approval) is to get the architectural firm(Garmann Miller) approved by the diocese. Once that is done we can forward with attaining real designs and project blue prints. Seth moved to adjourn the meeting and Cody seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Minutes taken by Seth Rietschlin

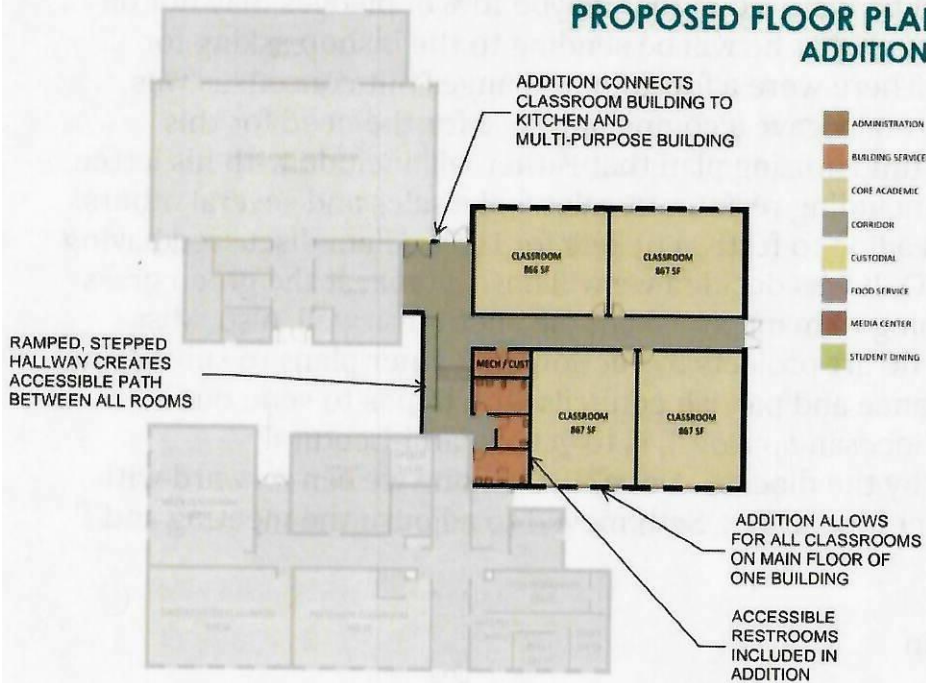
# Soft Pledge & Funding Update

Sacred Heart Heart of Bethlehem received \$1,872,896 in soft pledges to date. Leaving us with \$142,641 left to reach our \$3,201,000 goal!!! Way to go Sacred Heart!!

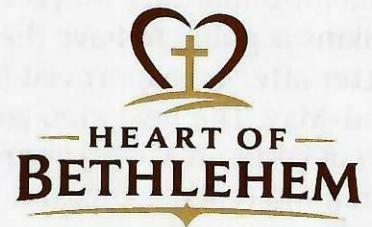
## What is the next phase?

Father will be submitting the necessary letter and all pertinent information concerning the school addition, allocated funds, soft pledges, and fundraising plan to the Toledo Diocese on Friday, May 22nd to advance to the next stage of this process. We kindly request your prayers for Father and everyone involved. As this new phase commences, we will provide updates as they become available. We anticipate being able to announce the exciting news of a Capital Campaign in due course. Should the campaign be approved, the collection of pledges would then begin. During this period, the Heart of Bethlehem will be diligently working on fundraising and finalizing plans. Once the plans are finalized with the diocese and 65% of the funds are secured, construction can commence. The timeline for these phases is currently uncertain, but we will endeavor to keep you as informed as possible.

### PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN ADDITIONS

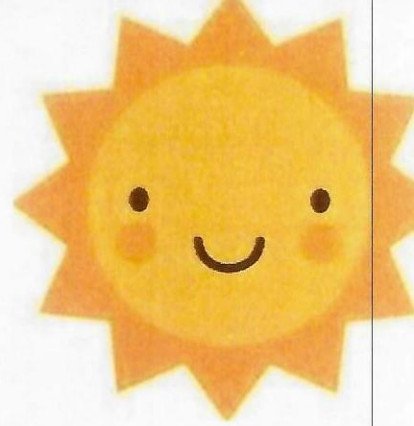


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Follow Sacred Heart on Facebook or visit Sacred Heart website, [sacredheartbethlehem.org](http://sacredheartbethlehem.org) for more information



# Children's **FREE** Summer Lunches

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – August 14<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Monday – Friday**

Pick –Up at:

**Shelby Help Line Ministries**

39 Walnut Street

Shelby, Ohio 44875

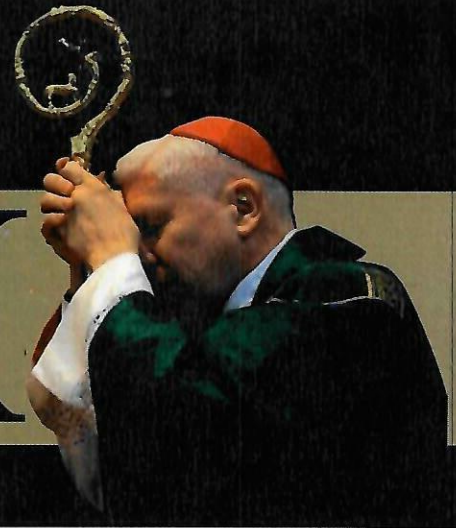
(around back of building)



**\*\*\*Children MUST be present to receive a lunch  
Shelby & Tiro residents only  
Children 18 and younger\*\*\***

# Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



## “A Catholic and American Moment!”

Growing up Catholic in Philadelphia, there were a few realities that simply went with the territory! In our living room, there was always an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, hung there by my parents in accord with the promises of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. What memories I have of hearing my Dad whisper prayers to the Sacred Heart as he passed by that image! My folks instilled in us a deep love for Jesus and His Church!

In the City of Brotherly Love and nearby, there was always the draw of historical places, and my parents made sure that early on we had an appreciation for history and a love for our country. What memories I have of my parents taking us on tours and visits to the Liberty Bell, to Independence Hall, and to Valley Forge. My folks instilled in us a deep love and respect for our country and for her citizenry.



*Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States by Howard Chandler Christy, 1940*

On July 4<sup>th</sup> of this year, we will celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of our nation, grateful for the blessings of this our “land of the free and the home of the brave.” And to mark this “semiquincentennial”, on June 11<sup>th</sup>, the eve of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Bishops of the United States gathered in prayer will consecrate our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This truly is a Catholic and American Moment!

It was two hundred and fifty years ago that a remarkable group of men, including several faithful Catholics, gathered in my hometown of Philadelphia. Their deliberations would change the course of history. The Declaration of

Independence proclaimed that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness” As an American, I have always found those words moving. As a bishop, I find them even more so, for they echo, however imperfectly, truths the Church has proclaimed from her very beginning: that every human person bears the image and likeness of God, and that human dignity is not a gift of government but a gift of God Himself; that our freedom has been won for us by the crucified and risen Lord, and that perfect happiness awaits us in heaven!

### The Catholic Story of America

The story of the Catholic Church in America is as old as the nation itself, indeed, older.

Long before the first shots of the Revolution were fired, Catholic missionaries were planting the Cross in American soil. Franciscan and Jesuit priests journeyed into the unknown wilderness, learning the languages of indigenous peoples and sharing the Gospel at great personal cost. The North American Martyrs, Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, and their companions, gave their lives for the faith on this very continent. Their blood, shed out of love, planted the first seeds of the Church in the New World.

When the Founders gathered in Philadelphia to declare independence and later to frame a Constitution, Catholics were present among them. Charles Carroll of Carrollton was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the last surviving signer to die. His cousin, Bishop John

Carroll, became the first Catholic bishop of the United States, assigned to the newly established See of Baltimore in 1789, the very year George Washington took the oath of office as President. From those intertwined beginnings, the Church and the Country grew, a nation of sinners and saints.

Wave upon wave of Catholic immigrants, many settling right here in Northwest Ohio, came to these shores carrying with them their faith. They built parishes, schools, hospitals, and orphanages in every corner of this land. Catholic Religious Sisters staffed those schools and hospitals, often without pay, serving the uneducated, poor and sick with heroic generosity. Today, the Catholic Church operates the largest private school system in the country and one of the largest networks of hospitals and charitable organizations in the world. This is the Catholic contribution to America, not merely in words, but in works of mercy that have shaped this nation from its earliest days.

### An Historic Act of Consecration

In preparation for the historic *America 250* celebration, this June 11<sup>th</sup> will be the first time the United States has ever been formally consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, entrusting America to the merciful love of Christ.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is among the most beloved and ancient devotions in the life of the Church. It deepened dramatically through the apparitions of Our Lord to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century and has since been championed by pope after pope as a wellspring of grace for individuals, families, and nations.

To consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart is not a political act. It is a profound act of prayer, an acknowledgment that we, the people of this nation, need the mercy, healing, and love that only Christ can give. In a time of deep division, fear, and uncertainty, what better gift could we offer our country than to place it, with open hands, into the Heart of Jesus?

### An Invitation

I warmly invite every parish, school, family, and individual in the Diocese of Toledo to join in this moment of grace. The U.S. bishops are encouraging parishes around the country to join them in consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart in June, praying together for the unity and healing of our beloved country. This is a moment for all of us — not just bishops — to lift our hearts and our nation to Christ.

In the weeks leading up to June 11<sup>th</sup>, the USCCB has prepared a novena and rich prayer resources to help the faithful prepare. We will pray not only for ourselves but for our neighbors, our communities, and for all Americans of every background and belief, that God's kingdom of justice,

### 250 Hours of Adoration & 250 Works of Mercy

The USCCB has also recommended two powerful ways for Catholics to witness and participate in the *America 250* commemoration as a Church. I invite each of our parishes and families to consider taking part in both, together a unique expression of who we are:

**250 Hours of Adoration** Parishes are encouraged to host holy hours or a series of holy hours before the Blessed Sacrament, praying for the unity and healing of our nation. As Pope Francis reminded us in *Dilexit Nos*, we are to "nourish our lives with the strength of the Eucharist" so that we might understand and live Christ's love more deeply. There is no better preparation for the consecration than time spent in silent prayer before the Lord, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

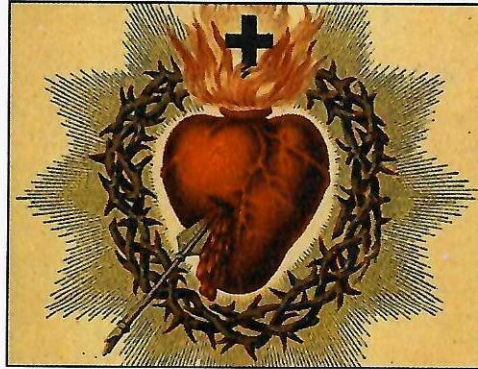
**250 Works of Mercy** Rooted in the Gospel of Matthew, the Corporal Works of Mercy, feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, burying the dead, and giving alms to the poor, are central to our Catholic identity. As we celebrate 250 years of America, let us ask: how can our parish, our family, our school perform works of mercy that reflect the love of the Sacred Heart to those most in need in our community?

For resources on the consecration, the novena, 250 Hours of Adoration, 250 Works of Mercy, and more, I invite you to visit our diocesan page at [toledodiocese.org/america250](http://toledodiocese.org/america250). There you will find everything you need to participate fully and prayerfully in this historic moment.

As I reflect on 250 years of American history, as a Catholic and as an American, I find myself grateful, grateful for the missionaries who carried the Gospel to this continent, for the immigrants who built our parishes with their sacrifices, and for every faithful Catholic who has lived the Gospel in this land. And I find myself hopeful, hopeful that by entrusting our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we renew our commitment to be, as a Church, a leaven of justice, love and peace in our society. As we entrust our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, may we whisper those familiar prayers: Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my hope in you; Sacred Heart of Jesus make my heart like unto thine; Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me a sinner."



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
May 8, 2026



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Congratulations to Sacred Heart eighth grade students who celebrated their graduation on Sunday, May 17th. They were surrounded by their loved ones and in prayer as they move forward to their next chapter of high school.

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

Sacred Heart School is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic full-time **3rd and 4th Grade Teacher** for the 2026–2027 academic year. We invite qualified candidates to become part of our outstanding Catholic school community, rooted in faith, academic excellence, and service.

#### **Application Process:**

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a resume and salary expectations via email to [Lmyers@shelbysacredheart.org](mailto:Lmyers@shelbysacredheart.org).

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.

For additional information, please call **419-683-1697**.

Join us in making a difference in the lives of our students—don't let this opportunity pass!

#### **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

*Thank you Rick Gosser for allowing us to borrow your beautiful spring flowers to adorn our church!*

*Thank you to the flower committee as well!*

