



*A Member of the St. Juan Diego Deanery
Sister Parish with Sacred Heart of Jesus*



Tuesday—March 18

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Intention: Rodney Cole; Bob Niese

Wednesday—March 19

Feast of St. Joseph

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

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

Thursday—March 20

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph

6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph

*Intention: For Those Seeking Food and
Shelter*

Friday—March 21

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Intention: Prayers for Pope Francis

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross at

St. Joseph and Sacred Heart

Saturday—March 22

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

*Intention: Mark Rietschlin;
Ron & Barb Finnegan*

Sunday—March 23

Third Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph

Intention: Patrick Walker; Mary Alt

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

*Intention: John Metzger;
Bob & Shirley Vogt*

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

*Intention: Phil Yochem;
Florence Reinhard; John Neumann*

**March 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Dear St. Joe's and Sacred Heart Parishioners,

This weekend we are thrilled to welcome Bishop Daniel Thomas for the Confirmation of our young people. Many of us do not remember our Baptism where our parents spoke for us concerning our commitment to the faith. But like me I bet you remember your Confirmation day.

I remember that sunny day at St. Mary's Parish in Tiffin and I remember the beautiful liturgy where I welcomed the Holy Spirit with great joy. I imagine you also remember some details from your Confirmation. But do you still realize the effects it has on your life today? If you tend to overlook the actions of the Holy Spirit in your life ... here is a little reminder of some of the graces you received at Confirmation:

-Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace;

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!";

- it unites us more firmly to Christ;

- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;

- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;

- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross!

Hopefully you notice these things in your life. If not perhaps it may be wise to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I was glad to host our deanery Advent reconciliation service but for Lent our deanery penance service will take place at Galion St. Joe's. **Please join other deanery parishioners for our deanery penance service on Thursday April 3rd at 6pm at St. Joseph Galion.**

Keep striving for holiness this Lent!

In Christ,
Fr. Jeff

Weekly Offering

March 9 2025
\$7,178.50

Sunday Envelopes

(44) \$4,170.00

Loose Checks

(6) \$530.00

Loose Currency

\$339.00

Votive lights

\$45.00

School Support

\$465.00

Parish Maintenance

\$930.00

Online Giving

\$189.50

Church Bldg Maint

\$95.00

Caritas

\$25.00

Flower Fund

\$270.00

Altar Candles

\$15.00

Cent/East Eurp Ch

\$100.00

Catholic Relief Sv

\$5.00



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



LITURGICAL MINISTERS: March 23, 2025 Please check Ministry Pro for any updates.

Sunday - 7:00 am

Lector: *Morgan Frye*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Steve Marek, Morgan Frye, Connie Marek*

Servers: *Anna Erwin, James Erwin*

Gift Bearers: *Adam Link Family*

Ushers: *Mike Anatra, Curt Young*

Sunday - 10:30 am

Lector: *Debby Ketcham*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Dave Sharrock, Kristen Wozniak, Peggy Pauley*

Servers: *Adam Burton, Alexandra Burton, Lilly Mills*

Gift Bearers: *Lynn Whites*

Ushers: *Keith Ketcham, Mark Schneider*

**Special Intention of Pope Francis—Month of March**

For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Please continue to pray for Pope Francis.

Readings for the week of March 17

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10 /Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 /Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20 /Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 /Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 /Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 /Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 /Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10 /Ps 1:1-4, 6 /Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a /Ps 105:16-21 /Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 /Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 /Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 /Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 /1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 /Lk 13:1-9

**Pray the Rosary With Us!**

Every Sunday at 9:55 am in church.
Extra rosaries can be found in the narthex.

**Megamoolah Mania 14**

Return your purchased tickets by March 31 to be included in the first drawing for \$500 on March 31.

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph School!

Voice of Hope Baby Bottle Campaign

runs through Sunday, March 30 to raise funds for the Voice of Hope Pregnancy & Family Center. Please give generously.

**High School PSR**

Please join Steve & Sheila Vogt at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. The dates are as follows: March 19 & 26; April 2 & 9. Each session will begin at 7:00 pm and last approximately 1 hour. Hope to see you there!



Living Christ
Diocese of Toledo

Campaign Update

Total Pledged: \$307,250.02

Total Cash Due Parish: \$67,530.82

Disbursement from Diocese

In February 2025: \$1,437.92



There are a limited number of Rice Bowls in church. Please pick one up and fill it with your spare change this Lent. We will be collecting them after Easter on Sunday, April 27. More info at crsricebowl.org.

St. Joseph Senior Citizen Luncheon



**Tuesday, March 18
12:15 pm at the Convocation Center**

Menu: Mashed Potato Bowls (popcorn chicken over mashed potatoes topped with corn, cheese, and gravy), Peaches and Dinner Roll. Cost is \$4. **Please RSVP to the school office (419-683-1284) as soon as possible.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place today at the 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart. Bishop Daniel Thomas will be the celebrant.

Listed below are the Confirmandi from St. Joseph Parish:

Alexandrea Burton
Jeffrey Davis
Mayson Davis
Anna Erwin
Lillian Mills
Bryce Parsons
Alexander Potter
Jake Rafferty
Gabriel Saum
Cora Schroeder
Olivia Thoman (OCIA)
Luci Wozniak



As we begin our Lenten Journey, so too are the OCIA elect and candidates beginning their journey to be received into the Catholic Church. Please keep the following in your prayers throughout this season of Lent:

To receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist:

St. Joseph: *Madison Sipes, Cohen Burkhart and Giovanni Mensi*

Sacred Heart: *Keith Ball, Amy Davies and Luke Davies*

Those preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist:

St. Joseph: *Emily Potter, Olivia Thoman*

Sacred Heart: *Brayden Burkhalter*



Many thanks to those who came out and enjoyed our fish fry this past Friday! We hope you'll be back. If you weren't able to make it, please consider joining us for a great meal this coming Friday. **We'll do the cooking for you every Friday during Lent from now through April 11. Dine-In and Drive-Thru, 5:00 pm until sold out.**

We still have some volunteer positions open for the last three fish fry dates (March 28, April 4 & 11).

Contact Tressa Reith at 419-631-1321 if you can help. Thank you!



Marie Vuich passed away peacefully on March 10, 2025 surrounded by her loving family. She was 87 years old.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."



Joe Frye of Shelby, a St. Joseph School alumni, passed away on March 5, 2025 at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving family.

St Joseph Parish sends our sincere condolences to the families and friends of Marie Vuich and Joe Frye.

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Catholic Life Every Day

Thanks to you and Diocesan, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish!

Upcoming Area Events:

Mansfield Tri-Parish Lenten Mission

Featuring Fr. William Slattery 6:00—8:00 pm

March 16 & 17: St. Peter Church, Mansfield

March 18: St. Mary of the Snows, Mansfield

March 19: Resurrection Parish, Lexington



Share Hope

WHERE THERE IS LIFE, THERE IS HOPE!

Voice of Hope Invites You to our
Annual Open House Event

March 22, 2025

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

PLEASE VISIT US AT ANY OF OUR THREE LOCATIONS

Marion Center

217 W Center St.
Marion, OH 43302

Upper Center

134 E Wyandot Ave
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351


Bucyrus Center

117 W Rensselaer St.
Bucyrus, OH 44820

Enjoy Refreshments~ Tour Facility~ Meet Staff

RSVP BY MARCH 17TH

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Natural Family Planning Contacts

Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—1:00 pm

School Office Hours 8:00 am—3:00 pm
Please email with any concerns.

When traveling masstimes.org
will help you find a Sunday Mass to attend.

Bulletin Deadline: The Friday a full week before the desired Sunday. To submit items for the bulletin, please email Lisa Simmons at lsimmons@stjosephcrestline.org or call the Parish Office.



MAKE YOUR HOME A SAFE HAVEN

CELEBRATE A SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

YEAR 1: Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children

The Diocese of Toledo will observe Safe Haven Sunday on the weekend of March 23, 2025 and continue annually at or near the third weekend of lent.

In today's digital age, the need for greater pastoral care on internet safety has never been more important. As part of our commitment to supporting individuals, marriages, and families, we are introducing Safe Haven Sunday—an initiative designed to provide education, awareness, and practical resources to help safeguard our homes from the harmful effects of pornography.

Join parishes across the diocese in equipping families to live porn-free.



toledodiocese.org/safe-haven-sunday

Celebrate March 19 the Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary, with FORMED!



This Week on Formed

Week of March 16, 2025



Joseph of Nazareth

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.



St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father

While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. St. Joseph stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue. Encounter St. Joseph in a new way with St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father.

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