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Monday by 9:00am before the
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the bulletin, please email
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call the Parish Office.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | November 23, 2025

Letter From the Pastor

Greetings parishioners,

As you may know, this is my second year offering "Teenager Order of Christian Initiation" — a program for young people who have a desire about the Catholic faith but were not raised Catholic. This year, the program has grown significantly compared to last year, and this year I meet with ten teens on Saturday mornings. These students come from both public and Catholic schools and are seeking to join the Church through this program.

This is wonderful news — that young people who were not raised in the Catholic faith are now choosing to become Catholic! However, there is a bit of an obstacle. Although these teens have fallen in love with Jesus, many are journeying alone in that relationship. Their parents have graciously given them permission to join the Church, yet most of these teens do not have anyone in their lives who can serve as their sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

I would like to ask for your help!

If you would be open to serving as a teenager's Catholic sponsor, please prayerfully consider this invitation.

A Confirmation sponsor is not merely a name on a certificate or someone who stands beside a candidate on the big day. A good sponsor is a guide, mentor, and example of what it means to live as a committed Catholic. Sponsors accompany their candidates through prayer, conversation, and encouragement

— helping them to recognize the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how those gifts shape everyday life.

To serve as a sponsor, one must be a confirmed Catholic, at least sixteen years old, and actively practicing the faith. Also, if married their marriage must be recognized by the Church. Most importantly, a sponsor should strive to live in a way that reflects Christ's love — someone the candidate can look to as a model of faith, service, and integrity.

If you are asked to be a sponsor, take time to pray about it. Say "yes" not only to the ceremony but also to Jesus' call to be a fisher of men and women — even after the Easter Vigil. Stay in touch with your candidate after Confirmation. Celebrate their milestones and remind them that the Holy Spirit is always at work in their lives, especially during times when faith feels challenging.

Through this sacred friendship, both sponsor and candidate grow closer to Christ and His Church. What a beautiful calling that is!

For more information, please email me at jsmith@toledodiocese.org, and I will connect you with a teen with whom you may have a few things in common. But you already share the most important thing — a desire to know and love Jesus Christ!!!

With gratitude and blessings,
Fr. Jeff

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 23, 2025

Sunday	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
Monday	Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

2026 Calendars

The lovely Catholic Heritage 2026 calendars generously donated by Gompf Funeral Service are available in church. Please take one or two home with you.



Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Mass at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, November 26 at 6:30 pm
(Note - No 8:30 am Mass)

Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, November 27 at 8:00 am
(Note - No 6:30 pm Mass)

No Mass at St. Joseph on Friday, November 28.

High School PSR

Please join Steve & Sheila Vogt at the Sacred Heart Parish Center on **December 3**. The session will begin at 7:00 pm and last approximately 1 hour. Hope to see you there!



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday · November 25

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

*Deceased of the Clarence Studer Family;
Rodney Cole*

Wednesday · November 26 - Thanksgiving Eve

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

*Living & Deceased of the Henry Weaver
Family*

Thursday · November 27 - Thanksgiving

8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph

*Cyril & Bonnie Cochran 60th Wedding
Anniversary*

No 5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph

Friday · November 28

No 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday · November 29

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

*For The People of St. Joseph and Sacred
Heart Parishes*

Sunday · November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph

Josephine Irene Cipriani

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

*Derek, Carl & Louann Metzger; John
Metzger & Richard Vogt*

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

*Charles Marek; Gladys Burkhart; For Our
Deceased Loved Ones*

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Money raised will support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

#iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection.

Perpetuate the Gift

Your gift to the Perpetuate The Gift appeal supports our retired diocesan priests, enabling them to pay for their living expenses (medical, housing, car, food, etc.). All funds contributed now through December 31, 2025, assist our parish in fulfilling its assessed contribution to the fund. For your convenience, please look for the special envelopes in church. Our parish and our retired priests are so very grateful for your support!

<i>Check Ministry Pro for updates.</i>	<i>Sunday, November 30 7:00 am</i>	<i>Sunday, November 30 10:30 am</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Linda Salvati	Tracy Dzugan
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Don Alt Morgan Frye Steve Marek	Ann Coward Joann Palm Adrienne Ruhe
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Anna Erwin James Erwin	Adam Burton Alexandrea Burton Brylee Warnecke
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	John & Shari Link	Anne Looney
<i>Ushers</i>	Don Alt Curt Young	Mark Schneider Brett Warnecke

Job Opening at St. Joseph School - Secretary

St. Joseph Catholic School is currently accepting resumes for a **School Secretary**. This position plays an important role in fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for students, families, and colleagues in alignment with our school mission.

Top Qualifications:

- Supporting daily office operations and administrative functions
- Handling parent and student communication with professionalism and compassion
- Assisting the principal with general office support as directed
- Demonstrates kindness, patience, and sensitivity to the needs of children
- Practicing Catholic preferred

For more information and a complete job description, please contact Sue Sanders at 419-683-1284 or at ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org

Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

Kindly remember in prayer all our Priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on Monday, December 1 for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through our prayers, and the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may the Lord grant them spiritual grace, renewed fidelity, consolation and joy in ministry.

The Parish Office will be closed November 27 & 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!



Weekly Offering

From November 16, 2025

Total Offertory Collection \$5,881.25

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,150.00
Loose Checks	\$415.00
Loose Currency	\$709.00
Online Giving	\$425.25
Votive Lights	\$43.00
School Support	\$705.00
Parish Maintenance	\$725.00
Altar Candles	\$5.00
School Endowment	\$25.00
Caritas	\$132.00
Church Building Maintenance	\$355.00
All Saints	\$65.00
All Souls	\$10.00
Catholic Campgn Human Devlp	\$117.00

Thank You !



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

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.



Sanctity of Life Ad - Crawford County Right to Life

Sunday, November 30 - Collection taken after both Masses



We are asking your help in funding a half-page ad which will appear in four local newspapers, Crawford County Now online, as well as the Crawford County Right to Life Facebook page the week of January 11, 2026.

Hopefully, this ad will change hearts and minds, abolish abortion, and gain support for our area pregnancy centers.

Thanks in advance for our support of this endeavor!

Gift Cards from SCRIP

Please remember our SCRIP program for your shopping and gift-giving needs this upcoming holiday season.

Information about SCRIP can be found on our school's website at stjosephcrestline.org/school-news or in the back of church.

Lindsay Mills is our program coordinator, and she can be reached at 419-961-4276 for assistance. Thanks for your support of our school.



Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

~Luke 23:42-43

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Crestline Assistance and Ministries Program (C.A.M.P.)

As C.A.M.P. prepares for the upcoming holiday season, we are reaching out once again to ask for your help. We aim to assemble and distribute even more Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes this year, and we cannot do it without your generous donations. Any support you can provide, whether it be monetary contributions, non-perishable food items, or volunteer time, would be greatly appreciated.

How You Can Help

- **Monetary Donations:** These help us purchase turkeys, canned goods, toys and other essentials. Please send any monetary donations to PO Box 126, Crestline, Ohio 44827.
- **Non-Perishable Food Items:** Canned goods, pasta, rice, juices and other shelf-stable products are always needed. Please contact Page at 419-689-2708.
- **Volunteer Time:** Assisting with the assembly and distribution of boxes for Community Christmas.

Your involvement makes a significant impact on our community. Together, we can ensure that no family goes without the warmth and happiness that the holiday season should bring. Please contact Page at 419-689-2708 if you are able to contribute in any way.

Thank you once again for your continued support and generosity!

Mark Your Calendars for Pack-A-Pickup for C.A.M.P.

Sunday, November 30 - after both Masses

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items for C.A.M.P..



C.A.M.P. Giving Tree

Please take a tag from the giving tree and purchase the listed item. Return all purchased items with tags attached by **Sunday, December 7.**

Thanks in advancing for supporting C.A.M.P. which helps so many people in our community.



This Week on Formed

Week of November 23, 2025



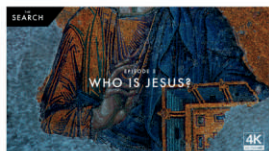
Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!





Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

Dear Fellow St. Joseph Parishioners,

Since I composed the original bulletin announcement thanking Steve and Connie Marek for their nine years of service as Fish Fry Chairpersons and **asking parishioners to consider following in their footsteps by volunteering to fill that role in time to shadow them during their tenth and final Fish Fry season this coming Lent**, I thought I should follow up with some important information. This is Tressa Reith, and I have had the pleasure of watching Steve and Connie work their Fish Fry magic for several years. **No one has stepped forward to volunteer or even called Steve to learn about the task, so I thought I'd go ahead and answer a few unasked questions.**

The new Fish Fry Chairpersons do not have to be a married couple. That worked beautifully for Connie and Steve, but future Fish Fry leadership might look different. It could be two people, or more than two, if that's what it takes to get volunteers, and they certainly don't have to be married.

The new Fish Fry Chairpersons do not have to commit to ten years. Of course, once the new leaders learn the job and get comfortable with it, we hope they will be able to stay in place for a good while but, if ten years isn't in the cards, that's OK.

The new Fish Fry Chairpersons will not be working alone. There are at least 40 of us who don't feel up to taking the leadership role but who do help and who plan to continue to help. We have a great group of parishioners who pick up the frozen fish every Wednesday and deliver it to the Convocation Center kitchen where another great team unpacks it, thaws it, and layers it in pans that are kept chilled and ready for cooking on Friday. There is another great team who gathers on Thursdays to prep condiments and side dishes. Anything that can be done prior to Friday is taken care of by this team. Friday has a food prep team, a set-up team, and a kitchen team. When it's go-time on Friday, we have two who fry fish, one who bakes fish, four who bread fish, kitchen runners, food servers, outdoor order takers, cashiers, table bussers, dish washers, and clean-up crew. We also have someone whose responsibility it is to get all these helpers signed up for each week. (That's my job.) I tell you all this to assure you that volunteering to Captain the Fish Frys once Steve and Connie hang up their aprons at the end of Lent 2026 will not be a lonely position. There are lots of us who help. We just, for as many reasons as there are people, are not up to being in charge of the whole operation.

I won't speak for my fellow Fish Fry helpers, although I feel pretty sure that I could, but I will tell you that I am still willing to do the jobs that I've been doing for these last several years. Along with scheduling volunteers, I also do the advertising and marketing. I suspect that most of my Fish Fry partners in this project are going to continue doing their usual jobs as well. It's fun!

If you want to volunteer in any capacity at all, I will gladly sign you up. I'll share my phone number closer to Lent. If you have volunteered in the past, you know I'll be asking you to help again. **Most of all, if you are someone who is thinking that you just might have what it takes to be our new Fish Fry leadership, know that you will have lots of support from those of us who have worked Fish Frys in the past. If anything about this intrigues you or if this assurance of help convinces you that you can do this job, please contact Steve Marek at (419) 295-1827.** I've filled you in on what we helpers do. We are support staff. Only Steve and Connie know the complete job description for the leadership roles. Please call Steve if you want to know more.

Thanks for reading all of this!

Sincerely,

Tressa



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Mass Cancellation During Inclement Weather

***The following policies are in effect for St. Joseph Parish
when inclement weather threatens:***

On mornings when there is a school Mass, if there is a 2-hour delay the Mass will be at 1:30 p.m. IF school is cancelled, the Mass is CANCELLED.

If school is cancelled on a day when Mass is in the evening, please listen to the radio or call the Parish Office to check to see if Mass is cancelled for that evening. Father Jeff will decide by Noon on those days.

Tune in to WVNO @ 106.1 FM or WMFD.com for updates

In all cases, please use common sense and your best judgment!

2025 USCCB

Special Pastoral Message on Immigration



United States
Conference of
Catholic Bishops

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (*Genesis* 1:27).

As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (*Zechariah* 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (*2 Corinthians* 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (*Luke* 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (*Matthew* 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (*John* 13:34).

“To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (*cf. 1 Corinthians* 12:26). You are not alone!”

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We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint!
(*cf. Romans 5:5*)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

The USCCB Special Pastoral Message on Immigration was issued on November 12, 2025 at the Fall Plenary Assembly of Bishops in Baltimore. It was approved by the general membership of bishops and released for immediate distribution.



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Additional Resources

More information about migration and Catholic social teaching can be found on the USCCB's website: usccb.org/resources/migrationandCST

To support the Church's longstanding accompaniment of newcomers, the USCCB has launched You Are Not Alone. More information about the initiative is available on the Justice for Immigrants website: justiceforimmigrants.org/you-are-not-alone

The USCCB invites Catholics to consider The Cabrini Pledge as a reminder of our immigrant heritage and a call to deeper engagement with our faith in response to current events: usccb.org/cabrinipledge

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