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IF TODAY YOU HEAR
HIS VOICE, HARDEN
NOT YOUR
HEARTS.

Letter From the Principal

Dear St. Joseph Families,

"We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight" – our 2025-2026 school theme. I am blessed to be returning to St. Joseph School, and by faith, God will guide our staff through another year educating our students and sharing His Good News!

The start of a new school year is just a few weeks away! Back-to-School Night will be held on Monday, August 18 at 6:00 pm. Families will have the chance to meet the staff, drop off school supplies and enjoy refreshments. Wednesday, August 20 will be the first day of school for students in Kindergarten-Grade 6. The first day of Preschool is Tuesday, September 2.

This year we are excited to welcome two new staff members. Mrs. Theresa Quail has accepted the position of Preschool Teacher and Mrs. Jenna Collene is taking on the "Specials" role, teaching Computer, PE, Art, and Music. I am also pleased to announce that Mrs. Dorothy Fry will be our organist for Friday school Masses. I hope you will join us for Mass each Friday!

Our school building is getting final touches as we prepare for opening day. Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Tesso have tackled several

classroom painting projects, and the school hallway has been painted by an outside contractor. The building looks great!

Grandparents, mark your calendar for Friday, September 5 for the annual grandparents' luncheon. Sr. Citizen luncheons will reconvene on September 16, and we hope many of you will join us each month.

I look forward to a new school year full of faith, learning, and growing together as a school community, partnered with our St. Joseph Parish. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

In His Name,
Sue Sanders
Principal



Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 3, 2025

Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21
Monday	Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13, Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Thursday	Nm 20: 1-13; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 16:13-23
Friday	Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	Dt 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

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**St. Mary of the Snows
FAMILY FEST**

BBQ Chicken Dinner
Wheelbarrow of Fun Raffle
Frontier Land
Adult Card Games
Beer Tent
Cake Wheel
Kid Zone



AUG. 3
Noon-5pm
1830 Ashland Rd.,
Manfield

TODAY

FR. CHRIS MILESKE *Pilgrimage to* **FRANCE**

MARCH 2 - 13, 2026



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Join Father Chris Mileski on a Pilgrimage to France! Embark on an experience of a lifetime as we journey through Northern France visiting places that are tied to the Eucharist, attending daily Mass, and experiencing the Rescue Project March 2-13, 2026. We would love to have you join us! For more details email Kari at kowens@stmaryshelby.org or visit catholicfaithjourneys.com/france2026/

Summer School Office Hours

Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm until school resumes.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday • August 5

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

Wednesday • August 6

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Roger Broach

Thursday • August 7

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph
6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph
For Those Who Struggle to Forgive

Friday • August 8

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
For Those Burdened With Financial Difficulties and Debt

Saturday • August 9

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart
4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Rodney Cole; Daniel Baker

Sunday • August 10

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
Judy Harley
8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Jeanne, Paul & Kathleen Gosser;
Norbert & Dorothy Blum
10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
Barb Swain

Check Ministry Pro for updates.	Sunday, August 10 7:00 am	Sunday, August 10 10:30 am
<i>Lector</i>	Linda Salvati	Dan Legge
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Barbara DiPietro Dave Horning Steve Marek	Denise Belcastro Dan Legge Joann Palm
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Don Alt Morgan Frye	Adam Burton Alexandrea Burton Grace Coffman
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Larry & Ruth Karl Family	Ric & Carleen Higgins Family
<i>Ushers</i>	Doug DeNero Jerry Studer	Matthew Ruhe Dave Sharrock

FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 23, 2025
Sunday, August 24, 2025
St. Bernard
New Washington, Ohio

SATURDAY: 5:30pm—Sandwich stand
Corn Hole Tournament: Max Loy (419.492.1084) to sign up
Live music by *Roger & Robin*

SUNDAY: BBQ Chicken & Ham Dinners with
Homemade Dressing
Dine in & Carry Out, 11:00am—5pm (or sold out)
Drive-Thru from 11am—2pm only

SUNDAY: B-I-N-G-O from 1-4pm
 **Kiddie Tractor Pull** (register @ 2, pull @ 3)
NW Town Band, 6-7pm
Prizes • Games • Refreshments • Hourly Drawings
\$1,000 Reverse Raffle • Crafts • Ice Cream • Beer
42nd Annual Dutchtown 5K Run, 10:30am
Walk & Fun Run, 10:30am / Prize: Runners Quilt

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SATURDAY
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Sammy*

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Judy @ 419-631-7595

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Total Offertory Collection\$4,928.50

Sunday Envelopes \$2,405.00
 Loose Checks \$1,055.00
 Loose Currency.....\$515.00
 Online Giving.....\$400.50
 Votive Lights.....\$33.00
 School Support.....\$90.00
 Parish Maintenance\$115.00
 Church Building Maintenance.....\$290.00
 Caritas\$5.00
 Cemetery.....\$20.00

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>



Seeking Part Time Religion Teacher

St. Mary School in Shelby is seeking a Catholic teacher for the 2025/2026 school year who would like to share their faith. We are accepting applications for a K-6 Religion teacher. Part-time 30 hrs. a week. We are looking for an educator who shares an unwavering commitment to raising student achievement and an appreciation and respect for Catholic culture, identity, and values. A very important role.

Position Requirements:

- If you are interested, an associate or bachelor's degree is needed.
- Candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.

Please send resume and cover letter to Elizabeth Wurm, Principal at ewurm@stmaryshelby.org.

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.



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 A H H Z X A W T G M C
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- Inherit
- Care
- Guard
- Greed
- Land
- Barn
- Grain
- Rest
- Life
- Matter



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Dr. Judith Harley passed away peacefully on July 20, 2025. She was 54 years old. St. Joseph parish sends our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Judie.

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

Flash Flooding Disaster Relief Collection

Our prayers go out to those who perished, their families, and untold numbers of people who were injured and suffered devastation wrought by deadly flash floods across six counties in Central Texas. More than 100 have perished and the death toll is expected to rise as search and recovery efforts continue.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Charities agencies in impacted areas for this disaster relief effort.

You may donate on our secure website (<https://catholiccharitiesnwo.org/how-to-help/new-donate-page.html>)

or mail a check made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. Please designate your donation for **Flash Floods**. Checks can be mailed to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604.

Thank you for compassionately supporting those in need!





DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HOW AND WHY WE, AS CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS, CELEBRATE OUR FAITH THE WAY WE DO? Do you have a friend, co-worker or spouse who is not Catholic but attends Mass with you regularly and might be interested in learning more if they were only invited? Then OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is how you can invite family or friends who have expressed an interest and do not know where to start. Our next group of inquirers, those who have expressed interest or are just curious, will begin sessions in October. For additional information or to express interest for yourself or someone you know, please call or text Katie Di Lullo at 419-961-3494 (Sacred Heart) or Kim Legge at 419-689-3033 (St. Joseph) or call the parish office. Thank you!



This Week on Formed

Week of August 03, 2025



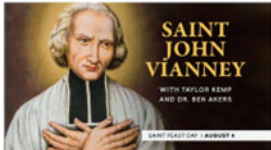
The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.



Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.



Saint John Vianney | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss St. John Vianney, the Cure d'Ars and patron saint of parish priests.

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Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—1:00 pm

School Office Hours:

8:00 am—3:00 pm (While in session)

Please email with any concerns.

Bulletin Deadline:

Nine days before the desired Sunday. To submit items for the bulletin, please email Lisa Simmons at lsimmons@stjosephcrestline.org or call the Parish Office.

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August 2025

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Crestline

Rev. Jeff Smith, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Clare of Assisi

Born to a noble family in Assisi, St. Clare was eighteen when St. Francis was invited to preach at the church of San Giorgio. She was so inspired, she renounced everything to serve God in poverty, penance, and simplicity. Others joined, forming the first Order of Poor Ladies (Poor Clares). St. Clare is most famous for protecting Assisi from invasion by displaying the Blessed Sacrament on the fortress walls, causing the enemy to flee in terror.

The promise of the Assumption

This month, we celebrate Mary's Assumption, body and soul, into Heaven. What is often thought of as a "privilege" unique to Mary is actually a "preview" of what we are made for: endless joy, dwelling in the life and love of the Trinity, souls and bodies. It's another reminder that Catholicism isn't just about spiritual truths but concrete, physical, and tangible realities.

"I want to stress what I think that we...need more; the joy and delight in God which meet us in the Psalms...[The Jews] did not know that He offered them eternal joy; still less that He would die to win it for them. Yet they express a longing for Him, for His mere presence, which comes only to the best Christians" C.S. Lewis.

The Saints and the secret to true happiness

The saints understood that real happiness is about knowing where to find peace, perspective, and joy—no matter what life brings. This month, we look at four saints who show us what it takes to live with true happiness.

Simplicity – St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis gave up wealth and comfort to follow Christ completely. In doing so, he made space in his heart to receive everything from God with peace and joy. While most of us aren't called to material poverty, we can imitate his spiritual poverty—letting go of sin and distractions to focus more fully on our relationship with God.

Trust and Love – St. Thérèse of Lisieux. St. Thérèse's "Little Way" was built on doing small things with great love. Her "humble confidence" in God's mercy gave her strength through illness, loss, and interior suffering. Her path invites us to respond to life's challenges not with fear or striving, but with trust and consistent, simple acts of love.

Holy Humor – St. Philip Neri. St.

Philip Neri understood the spiritual power of joy. Known for his deep prayer life and playful spirit, he used humor to lift others out of gloom, deflate pride, and open hearts to God. He once shaved half his beard just to make

"Thou dost show me the path of life; in thy presence there is fulness of joy, in thy right hand are pleasures evermore."
Psalm 16:11

people laugh. His life reminds us that holiness isn't dour—joy, laughter, and reverence can all go hand-in-hand.

Faithful Friendship – Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Blessed Pier Giorgio balanced an active social life with a deep love for the poor and for Christ. He surrounded himself with friends who shared his love for the faith, frequently inviting them to Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Whether hiking mountains or visiting the sick, he lived with joy rooted in friendship—with others, and above all, with Jesus.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Gospels contain many well-attested accounts of miracles, often witnessed by large crowds. It makes sense that the Creator of the natural order would occasionally suspend it to reveal His power. At the heart of our faith stands the greatest miracle of all—the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Why do Catholics believe in miracles?

St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain, and your faith has been in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14). God continues to work miracles today to bless those who experience them directly and to strengthen our trust in His providence, love, and divine presence.

The Queen who leads us home

When Jesus entrusted Mary to St. John at the foot of the Cross (John 19:27), He gave us one of His greatest gifts: His own mother. In that moment, we were welcomed into His family. As Queen of Heaven, Mary blesses us in many ways. We look to her as:

As Mother: Jesus gave us the person closest to Him on earth to help draw us even closer to Him. He was not content simply to be our Savior—He wanted to be our Brother. Mary is not a barrier to Christ but a window into His heart. Through her, we come to know Him more intimately.

As model: Mary is also a model of faithful discipleship.

Though sinless, she had no supernatural powers or hidden knowledge. She rejoiced and suffered, worked and traveled, just as we do. Her life shows us how to remain faithful in the face of sorrow, uncertainty, and loss—and that perseverance in faith is always rewarded.

As intercessor: God does not need Mary's prayers or assistance to act on our behalf, yet He chooses to involve her in His work. Her intercession—like ours—finds its power in Christ's perfect prayer to the Father. As Queen, Mary is not passive in heaven; she actively cares for us, her children, with a mother's love.

from Scripture

Luke 14:1, 7-14, Humility is holy "self-forgetfulness"

Fewer things are more awkward than accepting an honor publicly—only to discover it wasn't meant for you. In this Gospel passage, Jesus offers a clear lesson: the safest way to "move up" in God's Kingdom is through humility.

In Jesus' time, a person's status at a banquet was reflected in how close they sat to the host. Like today, not everyone knew who had been invited. If you mistakenly sat too close, you could be asked—publicly—to move down. It was wiser to take a lower seat and be invited higher, if appropriate.

Humility is often misunderstood. It's

not weakness, self-doubt, or putting yourself down.

True humility is honest self-awareness—recognizing your flaws and limitations, but also your gifts, strengths, and constant need for God's grace. The humble person doesn't seek to be the center of attention. Instead, they reflect God's goodness and elevate others.

Jesus isn't giving us etiquette tips. He's showing us the posture of the heart that honors God, protects our soul, and prepares us for the only banquet that matters—the eternal one.

Q & A What is a "rule of life" and why should I make one?

A rule of life is simply a structured way to integrate regular prayer into your day. It's a long-standing practice among priests, monks, and nuns—but it's not just for the consecrated. Everyone needs time each day to be with the One who loves us most. Your personal rule can be as simple or as detailed as you need; what matters is remaining faithful to the time you commit.

At first, the idea of a rule of life might seem intimidating. But in reality, most of us already follow one. Maybe we always wake up at the same time or never skip a morning jog. Prayer can—and should—become part of that rhythm. It's not just a duty; it's an investment that transforms us and blesses those around us.

In the *Introduction to the Devout Life*, St. Francis de Sales encourages us to "begin all prayers... in the presence of God." He emphasized the value of consistency—staying faithful to a few well-chosen prayers is more effective than rushing through many. If, during prayer, you feel God inviting you simply to rest in His love, don't worry about finishing every word. The goal is not to check boxes, but to draw close to Him.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 8 – St. Dominic de Guzman (1221). Born to a noble family in Spain, St. Dominic studied to become an Augustinian canon regular, but left to preach against the widely popular but dangerous Albigensian heresy. He founded the Order of Preachers, or "Dominicans," who successfully defeated this heresy. He's also credited with receiving the Rosary from Our Lady and teaching it to others.

August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1950). Declared a dogma of our faith by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken up into Heaven body and soul at

the end of her life. It is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

August 27 – St. Monica of Hippo (387). St. Monica is best known for converting her wayward son and pagan husband by her patience, piety, and prayers. Her son, St. Augustine, became a great saint and Doctor of the Church.

August 29 – The Beheading of St. John the Baptist (1st Century). Today we recall the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist, whose mission was to prepare the Jews for Jesus' coming by calling them to repentance. He was arrested and executed for preaching the truth to powerful enemies. Caving into the pressure of his courtiers, King Herod permitted his niece's request – the head of John the Baptist on a platter.

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