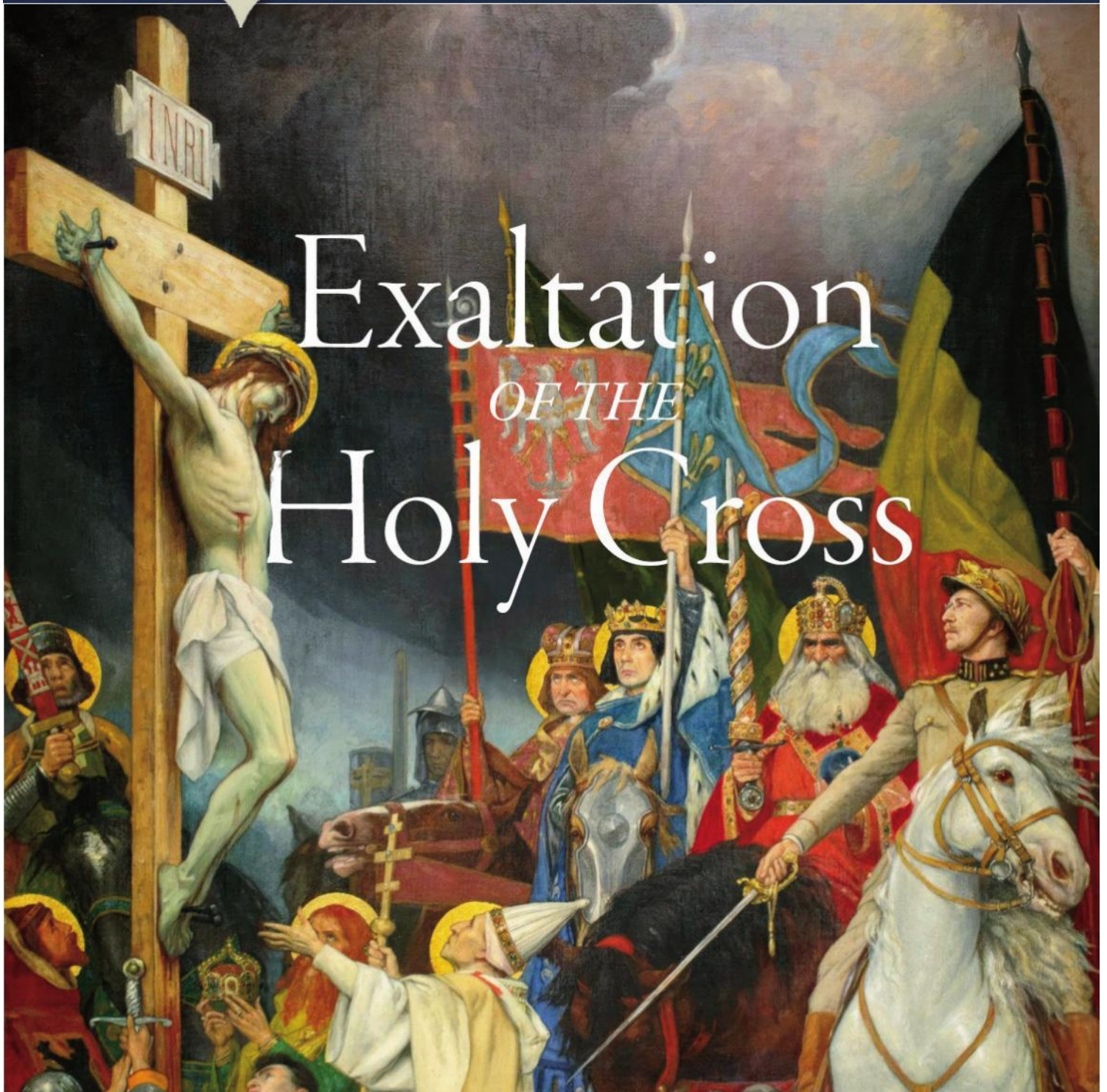




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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | September 14, 2025

## Letter From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As you may have heard Bishop Daniel Thomas released a document entitled; "The Body Reveals the Person: A Catholic Response to the Challenges of Gender Ideology." I found it to be a great document which includes scientific and philosophical data. Such data is important when feelings and emotionally charged opinions seem to rule modern conversation. This document is rich in wisdom and in scientific study backed by superb citations. This document is meant to help minister to those struggling with gender identity disorder and to help the reader logically discern the truths of the human person. If interested the document can be found here: [toledodiocese.org/diocesan-news/gender](http://toledodiocese.org/diocesan-news/gender)

As Catholics we know our bodies are important in our journey to heaven. As we know we are a composition of both soul and body. Our bodies matter! The biggest things we celebrate throughout the Church year deal with the body and its goodness. At Easter we celebrate the resurrection of the body. At Christmas the second person of the Holy Trinity takes on a body as a baby. And each Sunday we celebrate the Eucharist where Jesus gives us his body to consume so he can live within us! In our bodies we literally are one with Jesus... we become the body of Christ!

Indeed, both soul and body are essential to our faith. May we allow Jesus to live in and through our bodies. May we also help others to better understand that they are called to glorify God in their body as a biological male or female. In a world that sadly sees the truth as whoever talks the loudest ... may we observe the logical and scientific data the Bishop shares.

In Christ,

Fr. Jeff

## Scripture Readings

*For the Week of September 14, 2025*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</b> 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs</b> 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50
<b>Friday</b>	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</b> 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13



## 2025 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

*Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral  
October 26, 2025 / 3:00 p.m.*

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2025 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit [www.toledoanniversarymass.org](http://www.toledoanniversarymass.org).

## PSR Parents Meeting

*Monday, September 15 at 6:30 pm*

*St. Joseph Convocation Center*

At this meeting we will go over the details, and answer any questions that may arise for the year. This is also an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher.

Please let PSR Director Keri-Ann Kalavity know ASAP if you cannot attend this meeting by emailing her at [keri\\_annk@hotmail.com](mailto:keri_annk@hotmail.com).

**Classes begin on Sunday,  
September 21 at St. Joseph.**



## St. Joseph Senior Citizen Luncheon

*Tuesday, September 16 at 12:15 pm in the  
Convocation Center*

The menu is Au gratin potatoes with ham, broccoli, California fruit, and dessert. The price is \$5.00.

**Please RSVP as soon as possible to the school office (419-683-1284) by Friday, September 12.** Hope you can join us!



**Saint Joseph Catholic Church**



St. Joseph Catholic  
School

# Designer Purse BINGO



St. Joseph Catholic School IS MAD ABOUT BINGO!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025**

ST. JOSEPH CONVOCATION CENTER  
333 N. Thoman St.  
Crestline, OH 44827

*DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM*

**BINGO STARTS AT 6:30 PM**

**Dinner and Bingo cards included.**

Adult beverages & additional bingo cards  
available for purchase.

Traditional Bingo - 15 designer purses as prizes

Basket Raffle \* Wine Pull \* 50/50  
and loads of fun!

*This is a 21 and over event.*

**\$50**

per ticket

**\$400**

per table of 8

For information, contact Andrea Burton at the school office 419-683-1284



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Tuesday • September 16*

**6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart**  
*Francis, Marie & Joe Biglin*

*Wednesday • September 17*

**8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart**  
*For the People of St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Parishes*

*Thursday • September 18*

**5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph**  
**6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph**  
*For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life*

*Friday • September 19*

**8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph**  
*For all serving in the military and their families*

*Saturday • September 20*

**3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart**  
**4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart**  
*Rhonda Borgelt*

*Sunday • September 21*

**7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph**  
*Tom Stewart; Scott Evans*  
**8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart**  
*Bob & Charlie Niese; Margaret Kromer*  
**10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph**  
*Tammy (Atzinger) Crawford*



## Please Return Your Postcard

We would like to have all the postcards with your feedback on the South School Building returned by **September 30**. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you!

<i>Check Ministry Pro for updates.</i>	<i>Sunday, September 21 7:00 am</i>	<i>Sunday, September 21 10:30 am</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Linda Salvati	Mark Schneider
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Barbara DiPietro Dave Horning Steve Marek	Joann Palm Peggy Pauley Steve Vogt
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Bryce Parsons Jake Rafferty	Mayson Davis Natalee Davis <b>Sub Needed</b>
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Steve & Connie Marek	Matt & Adrienne Ruhe Family
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike Anatra Dave Horning	Keith Ketcham Chris Wozniak



**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!

### Solemnity of Saint Francis of Assisi

**Saturday, October 4, 2025**

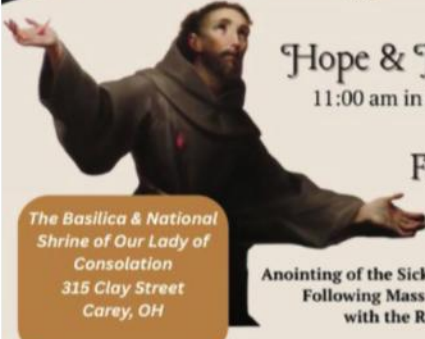





**Hope & Healing Mass**  
11:00 am in the Upper Basilica

**Full Shrine Devotions**  
2:00 pm in the Upper Basilica

Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within Mass. Following Mass, all may receive a blessing with the Relic of the True Cross.

Lunch, served by the Knights of Columbus, will be available from 11:30am-1:30pm in the Shrine Cafeteria. A donation of \$7.00 is suggested.

Celebrating 150 Years of the Miraculous Statue of Our Lady and the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church

## Weekly Offering

From September 7, 2025

**Total Offertory Collection .....\$4,568.50**

Sunday Envelopes ..... \$1,955.00

Loose Checks .....\$400.00

Loose Currency.....\$469.00

Online Giving .....\$306.50

Votive Lights.....\$33.00

School Support.....\$660.00

Parish Maintenance .....\$600.00

Church Building Maintenance.....\$90.00

Altar Candles .....\$10.00

Flower Fund .....\$10.00

Catholic University .....\$35.00

## 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.



## Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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## Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### Bearing Our Crosses With Joy

We may have any number of crosses throughout our lives. Some may be small, some may be big. Some may be heavy, some may be light. Some may be temporary, some may be long lasting. As Christians, we are called to bear those burdens, not begrudgingly but joyfully. Sometimes that seems downright impossible. How can I have joy in my life when every moment is filled with pain (whether that be physical or emotional)?

The answer is, it is not possible without a profound relationship with our Lord, that includes constant surrender to His will. In His great love for us, He often allows things to happen that we don't understand, but are for our good or for the good of others. After all, the goal for each of us is eternal salvation, not earthly comfort.

But whether we suffer rejection, loneliness, illness, pain, hunger, cold, or even torture and death, we know that He has experienced it all and knows exactly how it feels. We can ask Him to walk with us each step of the way and be our strength when our own fails.

We may get to the point where we are able to rejoice in our sufferings like St. Paul, or endure them without complaint or remember to offer them up. But above all, may our crosses be a constant reminder to us of today's powerful Gospel passage: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Tami Urcia (Diocesan.com)

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Mother of Sorrows Chapel  
7212 N. Auburn Road  
(just north of Auburn Lake Park)  
North Auburn (Tiro), Ohio

**Sunday, October 5, 2025**

**Pork & Chicken Dinners**

**11:00am-3:00pm**

Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes,  
Applesauce, Green Beans, Dessert

DRIVE-THRU, CARRY-OUT OR  
DINE IN THE HALL

**Reverse Raffle Drawing with \$1,000  
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**- PLUS -**  
**The Farmers Market,**  
**BAKED GOODS, and fall décor**  
**will be inside the hall.**





## Gaza Humanitarian Relief

The Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has asked for a special collection to provide humanitarian relief to those struggling to survive in Gaza and surrounding areas of the Middle East.

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas invites you to join in helping our brothers and sisters in need with lifesaving emergency assistance.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for this international humanitarian relief effort. You may donate on our secure website: [www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org) noting **Gaza Humanitarian Relief** as your donation designation. Or make checks out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, designating **Gaza Humanitarian Relief**. Please mail checks to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you.

## Eucharistic Adoration at the Ohio Statehouse

*Tuesday, September 23, 2025*

The Catholic Bishops of Ohio invite all the faithful to spend time with Jesus and pray for our nation, state, and government leaders in the Ohio capitol building.

**Tuesday, September 23, 2025 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**Governor Thomas Worthington Center (inside the Ohio Statehouse)**  
**1 Capitol Square, Columbus, Ohio, 43215**

For more information and parking options, please visit: <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/adoration>



## This Week on Formed

Week of September 14, 2025



### The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.



### Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.



### The Seven Sorrows of Mary | Brother Francis

Join Brother Francis as he prays and explores the Seven Sorrows of Mary Devotion!

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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### Parish Office Hours:

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. Email addresses are listed above

### Bulletin Deadline:

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

When traveling [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) will help you find a Sunday Mass to attend.

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