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Sister Parish with Sacred Heart of Jesus

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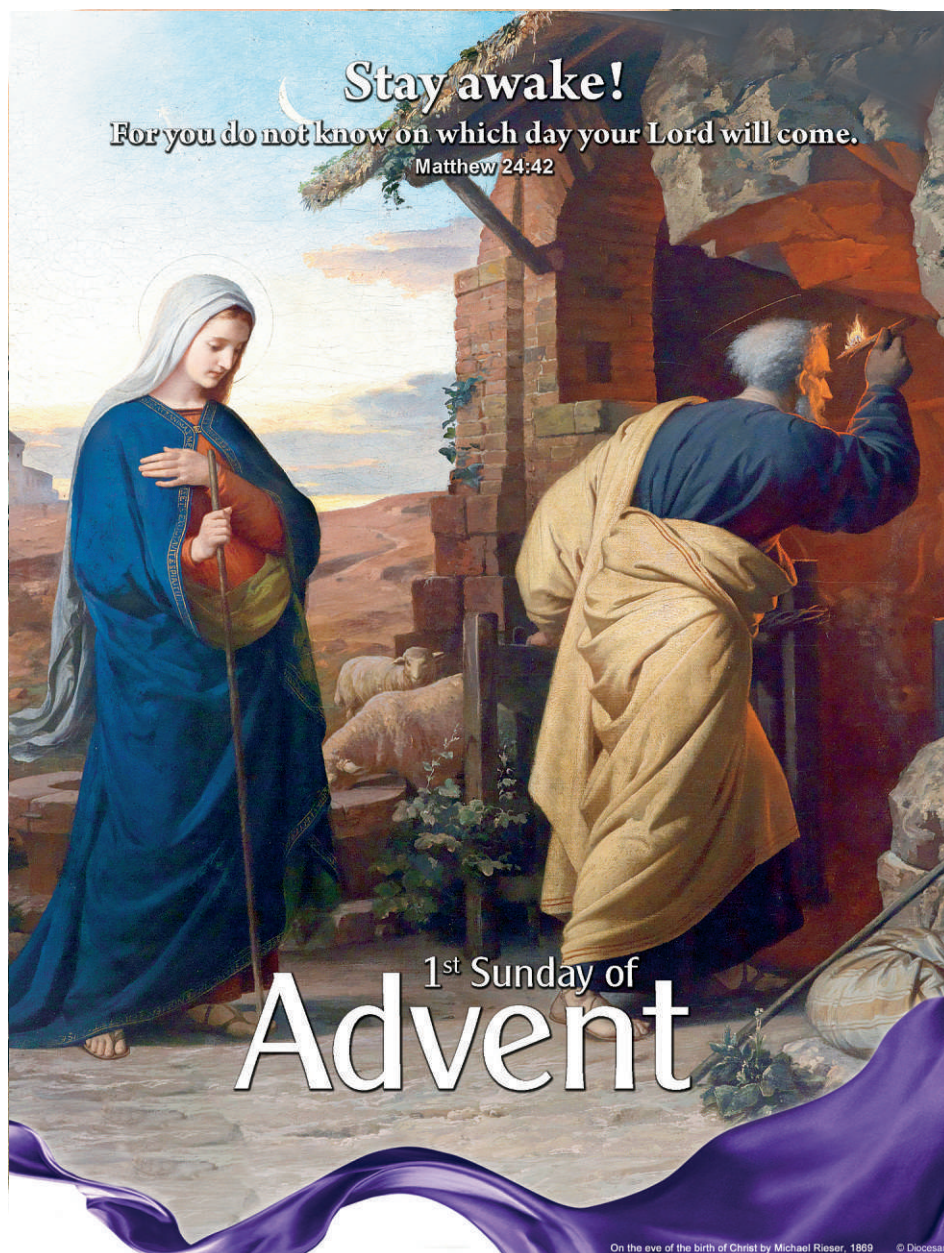
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Bulletin Deadline

Monday by 9:00am before the
desired Sunday. To submit items for
the bulletin, please email
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call the Parish Office.

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 30, 2025

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Monday	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

St. Joseph School Advisory Meeting

Thursday, December 4 at 7:15 pm in the Knight's room.

Save the Date - St. Joseph School Christmas Program

Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm in the Convocation Center



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 5

St. Joseph Church

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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!



Boys Basketball Coaches Needed

St. Joseph and Sacred Heart boys basketball teams need coaches. We are looking for head and assistant coaches. If interested in helping out, please call or text Jonah Studer at 419-543-0119 for more information. Thanks!.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday • December 2

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
For the George Hines Family

Wednesday • December 3

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Rosemary Sutter

Thursday • December 4

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph

6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph
Daniel Rinaldi

Friday • December 5

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

Saturday • December 6

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Rodney Cole; Eileen Cochran

Sunday • December 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
Living & Deceased Members of the Moyer Family; Rita (Vuckovich) Solowey

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Margaret Kromer; Francis, Marie & Joe Biglin

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
William (Bill) Sharrock; Tony Tesso

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
~ Psalm 122*



Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass Schedule

Monday, December 8

St. Joseph at 8:30 am

Sacred Heart at 10:30 am

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Other Mass times in the area are as follows:

12:30 pm at St. Joseph in Galion

6:00 pm at St. Bernard in New Washington

6:30 pm at Holy Trinity in Bucyrus

7:00 pm at Most Pure Heart of Mary in Shelby and at St. Peter in Mansfield.

<i>Check Ministry Pro for updates.</i>	<i>Sunday, December 7 7:00 am</i>	<i>Sunday, December 7 10:30 am</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tracy Dzigan	Adrienne Ruhe
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Barbara DiPietro Dave Horning Connie Marek	Denise Belcastro Peggy Pauley Kristen Wozniak
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Don Alt Jake Rafferty	Lilly Mills Grayson Wozniak Luci Wozniak
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jerry Studer Family	Matt & Sheila Bickert Family
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike Anatra Jerry Studer	Keith Ketcham Chris Wozniak

Mass Volunteers Needed for Holy Days

We have some openings for ushers and Eucharistic Ministers for the Immaculate Conception Mass on Monday, December 8. Looking ahead, we will also need servers, ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Please check Ministry Pro to see where you can help or call or text Kim Legge at 419-689-3033. Thank you.

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.

Weekly Offering

From November 23, 2025

Due to the early bulletin submission deadline for the Thanksgiving holiday, the offertory collection information is not available for printing.

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.



1st Sunday of Advent

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- Dismay
- Sun
- Moon
- Stars
- Sea
- Waves
- Heavens
- Glory
- Signs
- Pray



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Sanctity of Life Ad - Crawford County Right to Life

Today, Sunday, November 30 - Collection taken after both Masses

We are asking for 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!

Catholic Women's Club

Catholic Women's Club for the St. Juan Diego Deanery will hold the December gathering on **Wednesday 12/10 at Resurrection Parish**, 2600 Lexington Ave. Lexington, Ohio. We will gather for Mass at 11:00am in the church, with a luncheon to follow in the hall at 12:00. Cost of lunch is \$20. Entertainment will be provided by Granny Creek Musical Group. All ladies from the deanery are welcome to attend and invite a friend to join in the fun.

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.



Rev. James E. Risacher, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on the night of Tuesday, November 11, 2025. A native of St. Peter Parish, Mansfield, Fr. Risacher was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 1952, by Most Rev. George J. Rehring.



Rev. Robert Joseph Kill, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Sunday afternoon, November 16, 2025, at The Meadows of Delphos. He was 81 years old. He was ordained April 3, 1971 in Columbus, Ohio.

Please remember them in your prayers. *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.*

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!



This Week on Formed

Week of November 30, 2025



Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent | Trailer

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.



Week One | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns

Join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for week one: watchfulness.



Week One | Encountering Emmanuel with Heather Khym

In week one, Heather speaks about the first reason for the Incarnation—Jesus saves us. Heather helps us to give our sorrows to Jesus, and open our hearts to the saving power of Christ.

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Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Today is 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.

All purchased items with tags attached need to be returned by next Sunday, December 7.

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

Check Out Formed for Advent

Explore the wonderful programming Formed has to offer to help you journey through Advent and prepare for the birth of Jesus. It's all free! To create an account, visit: <http://signup.formed.org/> and enter your parish zip or name, then enter your name and email and enjoy!



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December 2, 2025

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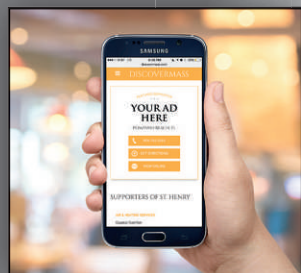
First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

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