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Sister Parish with Sacred Heart of Jesus

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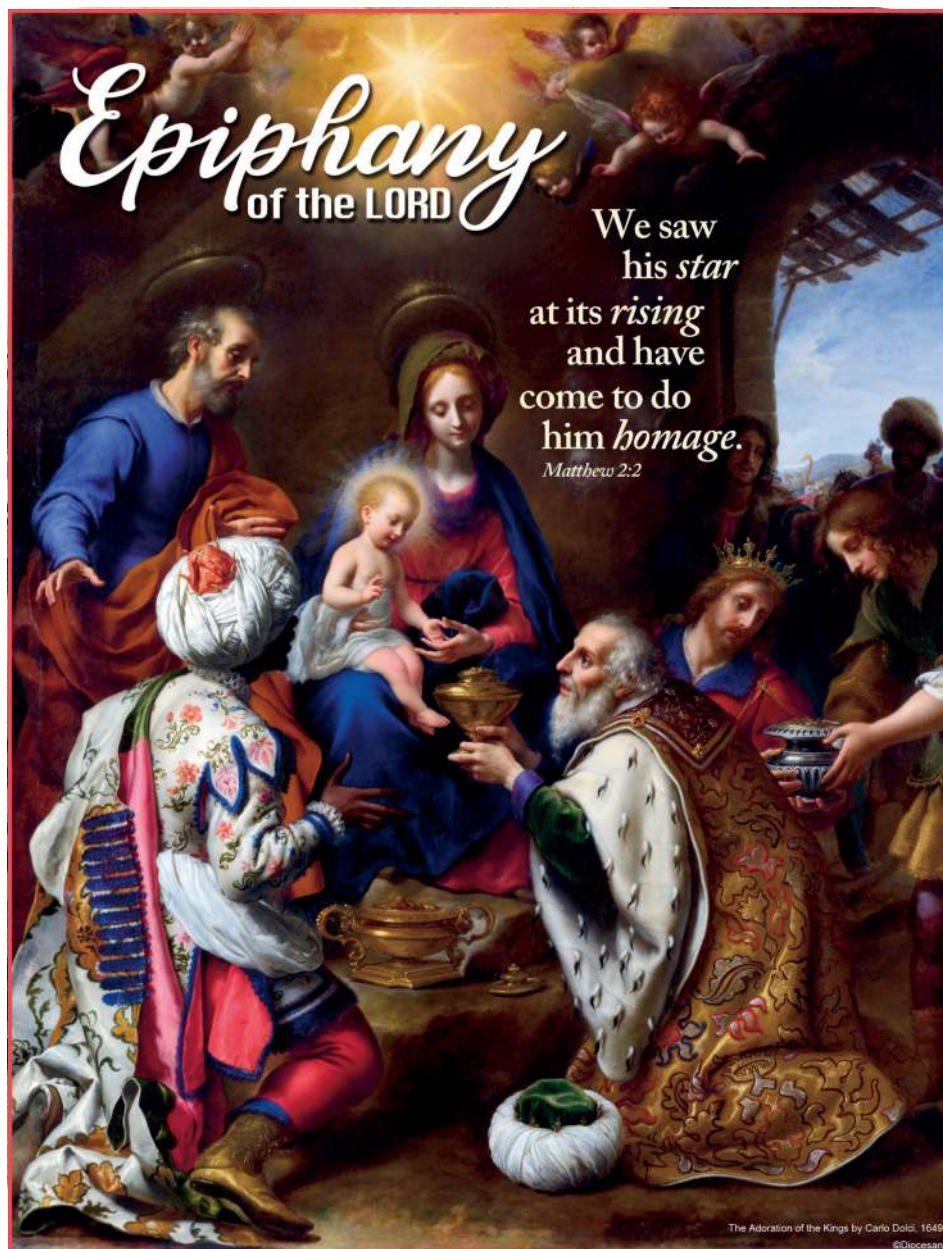
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Bulletin Deadline

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

Letter From the Principal

Dear St. Joseph Families,

Happy New Year! The students and staff are enjoying a relaxing Christmas Break, and will return Monday, hopefully rested and eager to learn!

We had a wonderful Christmas program before we left for the holidays. We are so blessed with dedicated students and staff who made this yearly production so enjoyable. On Thursday students were excited to exchange their Secret Santa gifts and then on Friday we had a snow day to end the week. We are praying for more favorable weather in 2026!

When we return from break, we will welcome Mrs. Jenna Collene as our school secretary. Mrs. Collene is currently serving as our "specials" teacher. We will also welcome back a familiar face as Mr. Dan Salvati will serve as our part-time Physical Education and Computer teacher.

It is now time to turn our attention to Catholic Schools Week. We will have a kick-off **Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser on Saturday, January 24 at the Convocation Center from 5:00-7:00 PM.** We are extremely grateful to the VFW for donating funds to help cover some of the food costs. The school will also be participating in a variety of activities the week of January 25 following the national theme United in Faith and Community.

Our next **Sr. Citizen Luncheon is set for Tuesday, January 20 at 12:15 PM.** The menu will consist of: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, fruit and dessert. The cost is \$5.00 and we ask that you **RSVP to the school office (419-683-1284) by January 16.** We hope you can join us for good conversation, a delicious meal, and prizes!

Congratulations and good luck to our Crawford County Spelling Bee participants: Alek Burkhart, Oliver Langdon and Giovanni Mensi. The Bee will be held virtually on January 15.

The entire school community wishes you a happy, healthy, and holy New Year!

In His Name,

Sue Sanders

Principal

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 4, 2026

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| Sunday | The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12 |
| Monday | Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 |
| Tuesday | 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44 |
| Wednesday | 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52 |
| Thursday | 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22 |
| Friday | 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16 |
| Saturday | 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30 |
| Sunday | The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 3:13-17 |

Since we are near the end of the Christmas season, you may take a poinsettia home with you after Mass today.



Fish Fry Leaders Needed

We are still seeking interested persons to shadow our Fish Fry leaders in 2026 and then to take over, beginning in 2027. **The first Fish Fry of this upcoming season will be Friday, February 20.** Our trainees need to be in place well before that date. Contact Steve Marek with any interest or questions at 419-295-1827. Thank you!

Epiphany House Blessing

The church extends itself on the Epiphany to the homes of the faithful. You can place the following inscription above the entry of your house as a reminder that we should be with and go to Christ in all our comings and goings.

20 + C + M + B + 26

The initials of the Magi are separated by crosses and the year. The initials CMB also stand for the words "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "May Christ bless this house". The Epiphany House Blessing and blessed chalk can be found in the church vestibule to take home.



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday · January 6

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
John Metzger & Richard Vogt

Wednesday · January 7

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Rev. Joseph Weigman

Thursday · January 8

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph

6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph
Rev. James Risacher

Friday · January 9

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
Rev. Robert Kill

Saturday · January 10

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Rodney Cole

Sunday · January 11 - The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
For the People of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Parishes

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Rosemary Sutter; James & Keith Niese;
Dorothy Blum

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
Lindsey & Lisa Anatra

| <i>Check Ministry Pro for updates.</i> | <i>Sunday, January 11 7:00 am</i> | <i>Sunday, January 11 10:30 am</i> |
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| <i>Lector</i> | Linda Salvati | Joann Palm |
| <i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i> | Morgan Frye Adam Link Steve Marek | Denise Belcastro Joann Palm Adrienne Ruhe |
| <i>Altar Servers</i> | Anna Erwin James Erwin | Claire Coffman Grace Coffman Jeffrey Davis |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i> | Steve & Connie Marek Family | Chris & Kristen Wozniak Family |
| <i>Ushers</i> | Doug DeNero Jerry Studer | Bernadette Karasko Matthew Ruhe |

Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club of St. Juan Diego Deanery will meet January 14th at 11:30 for social time and luncheon at 12:00 at the Ontario Event Center 3985 Park Ave. W. Our speaker will be Christine Myers from The Visual Bucket List Foundation. We will also have collections of women's personal hygiene items for Hope Ignited.

All women from the deanery are welcome. If you miss your phone call or need a reservation, please call Kathy Saunders 419-295-5137 or January chairperson, Lois Steele 419-565-8490.

Pick Up Your Free Book

Many thanks to the generous parishioners that have provided our parish with copies of The Forgotten Way by Matthew Kelly. Please pick up your free copy today in the church.

Senior Citizen Luncheon

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Gift Cards from SCRIP

Please remember our SCRIP program when you shop and dine out.

Support our School!

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.



Mark Your January Calendars!

Our annual **Spaghetti Supper** to kick off Catholic Schools Week will take place on **Saturday evening, January 24, 2026 from 5:00 until 7:00** in the Convocation Center. Come enjoy spaghetti, salad, bread sticks, and a beverage for only \$10 per person / \$5 for kids 12 and under. Desserts will be available for a donation. See you there!



Great things are happening at St. Joseph Catholic School!

St. Joseph,
pray for us!



Happy New Year!



Elianna Ettel places
an ornament on
the Jesse Tree
during Advent as
her classmates look
on.

*Congratulations to
Oliver Langdon,
Alek Burkhart, and
Gio Mensi who will
represent the
school in the
Crawford County
Spelling Bee.*



January Community Service Project

Scripture in a Sack!



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

**CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS
WEEK**

January 24-30

A complete list of the
week's activities will be
posted in an upcoming
bulletin.



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Sully, Greyson, and Landon in
Mrs. Woodards third grade
class show off their "Maker
Space" STEM projects
featuring a Christmas theme.



Christmas Program 2025



A Catholic View to Resolutions

Catholics view New Year's resolutions as great opportunities for spiritual growth, focusing less on worldly goals and more on drawing closer to God through prayer, sacraments, acts of mercy, scripture study, and virtue development, often by integrating specific Catholic practices like monthly fasting or devotion to a saint into the new year, making it a time for deeper conversion, not just self-improvement.

Key Catholic Resolutions

- **Sacramental Life:** Attend Mass more regularly (daily if possible), go to Confession, and focus on receiving grace.
- **Prayer:** Start or deepen a prayer routine, like the Morning Offering, Daily Examen, or Rosary, and reflect on the daily Scripture readings.
- **Works of Mercy:** Commit to feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, comforting the lonely, or giving to the poor.
- **Spiritual Disciplines:** Practice fasting, give up gossip, learn about a new saint each month, or learn more about your faith through educational resources like FORMED.org.
- **Forgiveness:** Actively seek reconciliation with enemies or alienated family members.

Catholic Approach to Resolutions

- **Humility:** Acknowledge past failures and accept God's forgiveness through confession.
- **Focus on God:** Resolutions should aim for holiness and mission, not just worldly achievement.
- **Specifics:** Start with clear, actionable goals (e.g., "Pray the Rosary every Tuesday").
- **Integration:** Weave resolutions into your daily Catholic life, not just as a separate task.

Weekly Offering

From December 21, 2025

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| Total Offertory Collection | \$6,620.00 |
| Sunday Envelopes | \$2,110.00 |
| Loose Checks | \$1,685.00 |
| Loose Currency | \$553.00 |
| Online Giving (Not Available at Time of Print) | |
| Votive Lights | \$72.00 |
| School Support | \$65.00 |
| Parish Maintenance | \$995.00 |
| Caritas | \$115.00 |
| Church Building Maintenance | \$265.00 |
| Initial Offering | \$10.00 |
| Retired Religious | \$70.00 |
| Christmas | \$595.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$35.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary (Jan. 1) | \$50.00 |

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 note: During these winter months, we will not be meeting in church on Tuesdays. Please continue to pray at home for our beloved country. We will resume sometime this coming spring. 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.



Epiphany of the Lord

K I N G T U K X S F
K C K R R D C S C B
O I P U E P H H R P
W J T L A R I E I N
L P F E S I L P B G
A S N R U E D H E E
N B T L R S X E S J
D O A A E T A R D A
F R A D R S J D M E
U N X L H B S E H W

Born
King
Star
Priests
Scribes
Land
Ruler
Shepherd
Child
Treasure



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Thank you for your interest in making a donation to the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund! Remember, the state tax credit is limited to \$750 for an individual taxpayer or \$1,500 for married couples filing jointly, and the tax credit cannot exceed the Ohio tax owed. Donors should consider writing two separate checks if they are married filing jointly. **Donations received prior to April 15th, 2026 can be applied to the 2025 tax year.** An acknowledgment letter will be mailed to you for tax credit purposes. **Your donation can be designated to St. Joseph School, Crestline.** To make your gift to the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund, select Donate Now from our secure site at <https://www.dotsgo.org>. Select Mail a Check for a printable form (designate St. Joseph School, Crestline) to include with your check, or select Donate Online and enter your school selection as St. Joseph School, Crestline. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Sanders at 419-683-1284 or ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org.

Healing for a Caregiver's Heart Retreat

A retreat designed to bring hope and healing to caregivers presented by Carol Kurivial and Kristen (Kurivial) Hug of Luminous Ministries on **Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM** (lunch included) at St. Joseph Parish Ministry Center Workshop (204 W. Wayne Street, Maumee OH 43537). For Inquires contact: lpriest@toledodiocese.org. To register, visit: <https://toledodiocese.org/fox.com/caretakers-retreat>

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Married Couples

Retrouvaille is a weekend program designed to help couples who are experiencing difficulty in their marriage—whether they are struggling to communicate, feel distant or disconnected, or are considering separation or divorce. Retrouvaille offers hope, support, and practical tools to help couples restore, rebuild, and rediscover their relationship. The next Retrouvaille weekend for Northwest Ohio / Toledo and Adrian, Michigan will be held **January 30 – February 1, 2026**. For confidential information or to register, call 419-481-1116, email 3033@helpourmarriage.org, or visit helpourmarriage.org.



DEANERY-WIDE

Eucharistic Mission

February 9 - 12, 2026
St. Joseph Activity Center & Church, Galion

Monday
Fr. John Miller

Tuesday
Fr. Chris Mileski

Wednesday
Fr. Jeff Smith

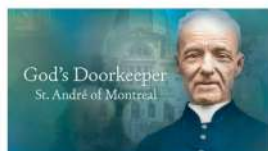
Thursday
Fr. Chris Mileski

Each evening will begin at the Activity Center at 6:30pm with a light dinner followed by a presentation about Jesus in the Eucharist at 7:00. Following the presentation, we will move to the church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30pm.



This Week on Formed

Week of January 04, 2026



God's Doorkeeper

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



The Three Wise Men

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.



Epiphany

Have you ever wondered what the Epiphany is? In this engaging episode of the True Meaning of Christmas, join Dr. Michael Barber to find out what the Epiphany is.

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The Word In Our Lives

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Star of Bethlehem

Almost every year at Christmastime, you can find an article or documentary about the star of Bethlehem. Astronomers give various theories about whether the magi saw a new star, perhaps a supernova, or a comet, or a conjunction of two or more planets. Since the magi are generally believed to be astrologers, the conjunction seems most likely.

But more important is the meaning of the star. In Matthew's Gospel, light is used as a symbol of the good news of Jesus coming into the world. Jesus is the light of the world, so the magi follow that light to get to Jesus. That's why verse 9 of the Gospel has the image of the star preceding the wise men and stopping over the house where Jesus was. By following the star, they become followers of Christ. So what do the magi show us about following Jesus?

First, they take the initiative. They saw the star, figured out what it meant, and made their journey. As followers of Jesus, we can look for what needs to be done (in our family, parish, or community) and do it. We don't have to wait for the pastor to call us and beg for help—there are probably articles in this bulletin asking for help.

Second, they expressed their faith in Jesus by the gifts they brought: gold—a gift for a king, who is worthy to be followed; frankincense—Jesus is worthy to be worshiped as Son of God; and myrrh—Jesus becomes king by dying for us all. We can express our faith in many ways. We can volunteer to help the poor, the elderly, or the disabled. We can teach our children how to pray and tell them about all that God has done for us.



Third, they were not afraid to take risks for Jesus. When they went back home without telling Herod where they found the child, Herod was furious (Matthew 2:16). For all they knew, he could have come after them. How often do we take risks for the Lord, by openly speaking about our faith or giving God credit for the good that we do? Let the star of Bethlehem remind us that Jesus is the star of our lives.

Tom Schmidt (Diocesan.com)

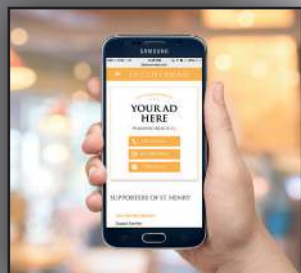


That I, Too May Do Him Homage

MATTHEW 2:8

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