



A Member of the St. Juan Diego Deanery
Sister Parish with Sacred Heart of Jesus



Tuesday—March 11

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

*Intention: Francis, Marie & Joe Biglin;
Dorothy Blum*

Wednesday—March 12

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Intention: Roger Broach

Thursday—March 13

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph

6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph

Intention: Maureen Hoffman

Friday—March 14

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

*Intention: For the People of St. Joseph
and Sacred Heart Parishes*

**7:00 pm Stations of the Cross at
St. Joseph and Sacred Heart**

Saturday—March 15

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Intention: Madonna Gamble Chancellor

Sunday—March 16

Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 am NO Mass at St. Joseph

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Intention: For All Confirmandi

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

*Intention: Dan & Martha Schroeder;
Brady Sinnes*



**March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
331 N. Thoman Street, Crestline, Ohio 44827
419-683-2015
www.stjosephcrestline.org**

Greetings Parishioners,

Next week is Confirmation for our St. Joe's and Sacred Heart youth! It is always an honor to host the Bishop for this event every two years! This year the Mass of Confirmation will take place next Sunday 8:30am at Sacred Heart on March 16th.

Everyone is welcome to attend this special and slightly longer Mass, but the large crowd might not be everyone's cup of tea or preferred experience. If that is the case, please consider attending either Saturday's 4:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart or Sunday's 10:30am Mass at St. Joe's next week. **Sadly, we were unable to get a substitute to cover Sunday March 16th's 7am Mass at St. Joe's. Please be sure not to attend that Mass time!**

I hope next Sunday's circumstances for no 7am St. Joe's and a very populated 8:30 at Sacred Heart does not cause anyone to miss out on the 2nd Sunday of Lent!!! Once again Saturday 4:30pm at Sacred Heart and Sunday 10:30am at St. Joe's are (business/ Mass) as usual at my parishes.

If these circumstances at my parishes are inconvenient to your schedule ...I very much encourage you to attend Mass elsewhere. Some options might be the following:

Sunday morning March 16th:

- 7:30am St. Peter's in Mansfield
- 8am St. Bernard's in New Washington
- 8am St. Joseph in Plymouth
- 8:30am Holy Trinity in Bucyrus
- 9am Resurrection parish in Lexington
- 9:30am St. Peter's in Mansfield

In Christ,
Fr. Jeff

P.S.

If you go to Mass elsewhere but want to make sure Sacred Heart and St. Joseph gets your weekly offering ... just make sure your collection envelope has that parishes name labeled on it. (and the parish you visit will send it our way.)

Weekly Offering

March 2 2025

\$4,813.25

Sunday Envelopes

(44) \$1,980.00

Loose Checks

(5) \$470.00

Loose Currency

\$355.00

Votive lights

\$18.00

School Support

\$305.00

Parish Maintenance

\$1,066.00

Online Giving

\$239.25

Church Bldg Maint

\$195.00

Caritas

\$5.00

School Endowmt

\$85.00

Black & Indian Msn

\$5.00

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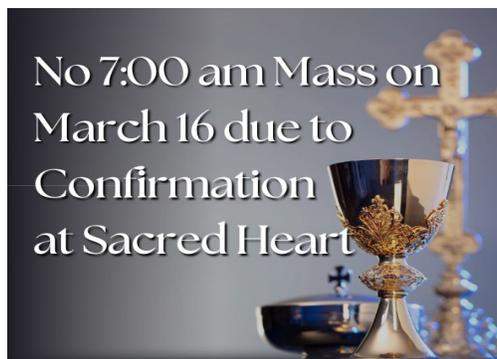
\$65.00



Please join us as we pray a Holy Hour on Tuesdays in St. Joseph Church at 11:00 a.m. Please come and pray the Rosary and other prayers for our beloved country. God bless us all and the USA.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS: March 16, 2025 Please check Ministry Pro for any updates.

**Sunday - 10:30 am****Lector:** Tracy Dzugan**Eucharistic Ministers:** Steve Vogt, Tracy Dzugan, Sub Needed**Servers:** Mayson Davis, Natalee Davis, Mia Strassell**Gift Bearers:** Kevin & Mary Coleman Family**Ushers:** Bernadette Karasko, Matthew Ruhe**Special Intention of Pope Francis—Month of March**

For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Please continue to pray daily for Pope Francis.

Readings for the week of March 10

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 /Ps 19:8-10, 15 /Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11 /Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 /Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10 /Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 /Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 /Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 /Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28 /Ps 130:1-8 /Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19 /Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 /Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 /Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 /Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 /Lk 9:28b-36

**Pray the Rosary With Us!**

Every Sunday at 9:55 am in church.
Extra rosaries can be found in the narthex.

The Rite of Election of Catechumens is taking place today at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo.

Please keep our elect in your prayers as they travel to Toledo today, and continue to pray for them as they prepare to receive the sacraments of full communion at the Easter Vigil.

O.C.I.A. Elect

Keith Ball, Brayden Burkhalter, Amy Davies, Luke Davies, Alex Potter, Emily Potter, Madison Sipes, and Olivia Thoman

**High School PSR**

Please join Steve & Sheila Vogt at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. The dates are as follows: March 12, 19 & 26; April 2 & 9. Each session will begin at 7:00 pm and last approximately 1 hour. Hope to see you there!



Voice of Hope
Pregnancy & Family Center

Baby Bottle Campaign

This campaign kicks off today and runs through Sunday, March 30 to raise funds for the Voice of Hope Pregnancy & Family Center which serves local women, men and families from locations in Bucyrus, Marion, and Upper Sandusky.

Please pick up a baby bottle for your family, and see the insert in today's bulletin for more information on ways to donate to this life-affirming organization. Online giving is also available. Thank you!

Father Michael Geiger has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Corpus Christi University Parish, Toledo. He is residing at St. Joseph Parish Rectory, 5373 Main St., Sylvania OH 43560



Many thanks to those who came out and enjoyed our first fish fry this past Friday! We hope you'll be back. If you weren't able to make it, please consider joining us for a great meal this coming Friday. **We'll do the cooking for you every Friday during Lent from now through April 11. Dine-In and Drive-Thru, 5:00 pm until sold out.**

We still have some volunteer positions open for the last three fish fry dates (March 28, April 4 & 11). Contact Tressa Reith at 419-631-1321 if you can help. Thank you!



St. Joseph Senior Citizen Luncheon



**Tuesday, March 18
12:15 pm at the Convocation Center**

Menu: Mashed Potato Bowls (popcorn chicken over mashed potatoes topped with corn, cheese, and gravy), Peaches and Dinner Roll. Cost is \$4. **Please RSVP to the school office (419-683-1284) by Thursday, March 13.**



Megamoolah Mania 14 is Here!

Look for your tickets in the mail.

Return your purchased tickets by March 31 to be included in the first drawing for \$500 on March 31.

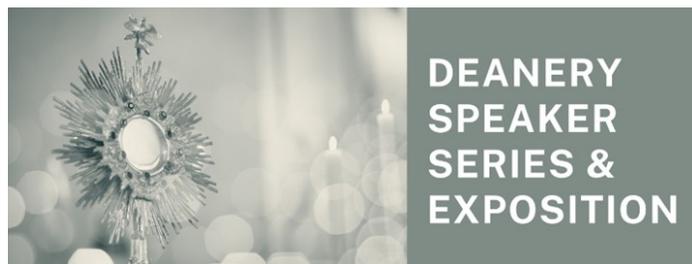
Thank you for supporting St. Joseph School!

**Plymouth St. Joseph
Altar & Rosary
Spaghetti or Lasagna Dinner
Dine-In or Carry Out**



Sunday, March 16, 2025 - 9:30 am - 1:00 p.m.

Spaghetti or Lasagna with Homemade Meat Sauce
Breadsticks, Salad, & Dessert
Free Will Offering



DEANERY SPEAKER SERIES & EXPOSITION

MARCH 13

ST. PETER

60 S Mulberry St, Mansfield
Father John Miller • *The Eucharist and Calvary*

- 6:30 pm Social Time with snacks provided
7:00 pm Presentation with time for questions & answers
8:00 pm Exposition, concluding at 8:30 pm



Jill Lynette Mower of Beaver Dam, Arizona, the adopted daughter of Jim and Jan Horning, passed away on January 18, 2025 at the age of 57.

St. Joseph Parish sends our sincere condolences to Jill's family and friends.

"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."

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Thanks to you and Diocesan, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish!

Upcoming Area Events:

Mansfield Tri-Parish Lenten Mission
Featuring Fr. William Slattery 6:00–8:00 pm
Sunday & Monday, March 16 & 17:
St. Peter Church, Mansfield
Tuesday, March 18:
St. Mary of the Snows, Mansfield
Wednesday, March 19:
Resurrection Parish, Lexington



Voice of Hope Pregnancy & Family Center is a life-affirming organization that promotes the Sanctity of Human Life and educates and equips individuals to make positive choices consistent with God's for family and sexuality.

Your support makes it possible to provide these free life-affirming services:



Pregnancy Center

We offer laboratory grade pregnancy tests and first trimester ultrasounds. We also offer parenting education, adoption options, and information on the effects of abortion.



Family Center

We provide a parenting education program to better equip parents with the tools to be successful. Parents earn 'Baby Bucks' to purchase the supplies they need.



Restoration Center

We partner with Moms and Dads who have been ordered to take parenting classes to regain or maintain custody of their children.

How to give to the Baby Bottle Campaign

1. Collect a Baby Bottle from your church.
 2. Fill the Bottle with coin, cash or check.
 3. Return the Bottle to your church on collection day.
 4. Pray for our ministry and look forward to hearing about the impact your change has made!
- Donations can also be given online at: voiceofhopepc.org
by texting: *bottle* to 740-448-4672
- or scan this QR code with your camera



voiceofhopepc.org

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Bucyrus Center: 419-562-2274

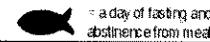
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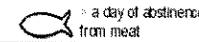
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Marion, Ohio 43302

LENT 2025



= a day of fasting and abstinence from meat



= a day of abstinence from meat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>March</p> <p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>			<p>5 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Attend Mass and receive ashes as a sign of penance. Ask the Lord to help you grow closer to Him this Lent.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Prayerfully choose meaningful but achievable practices of prayer, penance, almsgiving.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Wake up five minutes early to dedicate your day to God's service.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Offer to pay for coffee, fast food, or groceries for the person in line behind you.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>"Each tree is known by its own fruit" (Luke 6:44). After Mass, ask God what "good fruit" He wants your life to bear this Lent.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Practice true charity: "Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself" (St. Francis de Sales).</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Take fifteen minutes today for silent prayer. Don't worry about finding the right words. Just be still and let Him love you.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Enjoy pretzels, a traditional Lenten snack invented by monks. They thought the folded loops resembled arms crossed in prayer.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Skim the glossary of the <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> until something strikes your interest, and dive deeper.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy today, especially for the dying. You can find more information here: https://www.usccb.org/prayers</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Write a note of encouragement to someone you think needs cheering up.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Stay after Mass today to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>In honor of St. Patrick's missionary work in Ireland, offer extra prayers for those who teach the Faith.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Listening well is a small but meaningful act of courtesy. Give the gift of your full attention.</p>	<p>19 St. Joseph's Day</p> <p>In honor of St. Joseph, focus on the Joyful Mysteries today, reflecting on St. Joseph's role in each event.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Lent and Holy Week are busy times in a Catholic parish. Call or stop by your parish office and ask how you can help.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>"There is no such thing as innocent slander" (Pope Francis). Today, practice the penance of not complaining about anyone.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-435-7277 or www.crs.org) to see how you can support any of their projects.</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Write down three points you remember from Father's homily. Choose one you want to put into practice this week.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Honor your word, even to yourself. Perform a chore you've been putting off.</p>	<p>25 The Annunciation</p> <p>Happy Solemnity! Today, we celebrate that God became man (John 1:14). Attend daily Mass or have a dessert—or both!</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Make a small sacrifice today: No cream in your coffee, no butter on your toast, no music in the car.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Ask God to show you whatever keeps you from fully experiencing His love. Resolve to deal with it before Lent ends.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Counter pride with authentic humility. Pray, "O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!"</p>	<p>29</p> <p>"Return, O Israel, to the LORD, your God; you have collapsed through your guilt." (Hosea 14:2) Pray the Act of Contrition and ask for forgiveness.</p>
<p>30 Laetare Sunday</p> <p>Today marks the halfway point to Easter! Have a dessert to celebrate that you have made it halfway to Lent.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Renew your commitment to your Lenten resolutions.</p>	<p>1 April</p> <p>Examine your conscience, using the Ten Commandments as a guide (Exodus 20:1-17).</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Go to Confession and experience God's mercy. Thank Him for His love and resolve to avoid future sin.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Instead of spending time on your screen, read a good spiritual classic.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Attend daily Mass or visit the Blessed Sacrament sometime today. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice of love.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Choose to forego a financial luxury, such as online shopping or eating out. Abstain from it until Easter and donate the extra money.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Extend fellowship. Invite friends to brunch after Mass, either at a restaurant or at your home.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Loving others well starts with knowing we are loved. Ask God to reveal His love to you today.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Read the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 22-23). What areas of your life and heart need His grace?</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Reduce the contents of your closets. If you used or worn something in a year, donate it to charity.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Go for a walk and look for signs of Spring.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Observe a (recreational) screen fast, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm, the time Jesus hung on the Cross.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, mediating on Christ's Passion through the eyes of His mother.</p>
<p>13 Palm Sunday</p> <p>When listening to the Gospel readings at Mass, imagine yourself in the scene. How would you respond?</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pray for all those coming into the Church at Easter Vigil.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Forgive anyone who has hurt you. Ask forgiveness of anyone you have harmed.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Reflect on your Lent: where did you grow? What graces did you receive? What habits would you like to continue after Easter?</p>	<p>17 Holy Thursday</p> <p>Make a Holy Hour today in a church or chapel to console Jesus for the abandonment, indifference, and sacrilege He suffers by us.</p>	<p>18 Good Friday</p> <p>Reread Luke 23. Jesus carried His Cross out of love for you. Resolve to imitate Him more faithfully this year.</p>	<p>19 Holy Saturday</p> <p>Light a candle and renew your baptismal vows to remain committed to Christ.</p>



IVF Destroys Human Life, Bishops Urge Ethical Alternatives

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February 20, 2025

WASHINGTON – “As pastors, we see the suffering of so many couples experiencing infertility and know their deep desire to have children is both good and admirable; yet the Administration’s push for IVF, which ends countless human lives and treats persons like property, cannot be the answer,” reflected Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and Bishop Robert E. Barron, chairman of the Committee for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, in response to President Donald Trump’s executive order calling for policies to make in vitro fertilization (IVF) less costly and more available.

“The IVF industry treats human beings like products and freezes or kills millions of children who are not selected for transfer to a womb or do not survive. Tuesday’s executive order promoting IVF is thus fatally flawed and stands in regrettable contrast to the [promising pro-life actions](#) of the Administration last month.

“Every human person is a precious gift with infinite dignity and worth, no matter how that person was conceived. People born as a result of IVF have no less dignity than anyone else. It is our moral responsibility to uphold the dignity of their brothers and sisters who are never given the chance to be born.

“For the sake of couples trying to bring precious new life into the world, we look forward to working with the Administration to expand support for restorative reproductive medicine that can help ethically treat often-overlooked root causes of infertility. However, we will strongly oppose any policy that expands destruction of human life, or forces others to subsidize the cost.”

For more on assisted reproductive technology, including in vitro fertilization, please see: <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/reproductive-technology>. And for more on infertility, including ethical restorative reproductive medicine and research, please see: <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/infertility>.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Crestline

Rev. Jeff Smith, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Agnes of Bohemia

Imagine refusing marriage proposals from two kings and the Holy Roman Emperor.

For Agnes, daughter of Queen Constance and King Ottokar I, none but the King of Heaven could win her heart. In 1236, after financing the construction of a Poor Clare monastery in Prague, she entered this monastery with seven other noblewomen. Elected abbess, she continued to perform the lowliest tasks in the community. She exchanged letters with St. Clare of Assisi, which survive today.

Scripture is God's love letter

Sacred Scripture isn't just a record of events that happened long ago but is intended for us today. When we read the Bible through the lens of Church teaching, we see God revealing the ways of the love of His heart for each of us, "back then" and still today.

"And what is the secret of perseverance? Love.

Fall in Love, and you will not leave him." —St.

Josemaría Escrivá

Cultivate a heart for Lent

Just as an experienced gardener prepares the soil before planting to ensure healthy growth, we must prepare the "soil" of our hearts during Lent. This season invites us to clear away obstacles that hinder our relationship with God and nourish our spirits through prayer and the Sacraments. By doing so, we cultivate the "good fruits" that lead to a renewed and vibrant spiritual life.

Uproot the Weeds: Studies suggest that forming a new habit takes at least three weeks, depending on its nature. Begin by uprooting unhealthy habits and replacing them with holy, life-giving practices. Start small but be consistent — like waking up just five or ten minutes earlier to pray. Even small acts of self-discipline build the spiritual strength needed to face greater

challenges, including temptations.

Nourish the Soil: Spiritual growth isn't possible without grace. Mother Teresa, despite her incredible work, insisted on a daily Holy Hour, affirming, "How can we last even one day living our life without hearing Jesus say, 'I love you' — impossible." Follow her example by creating and following a routine of daily prayer, weekly Mass, and monthly Confession.

Preserve the Fruits: Commit to practices that bring new life, like choosing kindness over gossip, and prayer over screen time. By nurturing these habits, you'll encounter Jesus' love more deeply and reflect that love to others.

As we journey through Lent, may our hearts become fertile ground where faith, hope, and love can blossom abundantly.

Why Do Catholics Do That? Why do Catholics give something up for Lent?

Catholics around the world make sacrifices during Lent to remind us that God is greater than anything the world can offer. By giving up small comforts or practicing acts of self-denial, we acknowledge that every good gift comes from Him. The sacrifice serves to remind us.

True love requires sacrifice. God demonstrated this perfectly by giving His only Son for our salvation (John 3:16). Our Lenten sacrifices help us imitate this divine love. By uniting our sacrifices with Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the Cross, we become more like Him.

The virtue that leads to a balanced life

Prudence is the virtue of wise decision-making, guiding us to apply moral principles in everyday life with clarity and integrity. It empowers us to navigate complex situations with fairness and sound judgment.

Act justly and fairly by treating others with justice, free from favoritism or prejudice. For example, when caring for children, prudence ensures we give equal attention to each child, fostering an atmosphere of respect and equality.

Balance courage and caution by finding the middle ground between fear and recklessness. Prudence empowers us to make bold yet responsible choices. For

example, taking out a mortgage for a comfortable home is a prudent investment, whereas going into excessive debt to impress others is not.

Master desires and avoid greed to keep from becoming enslaved by life's pleasures. This virtue helps us avoid excessive consumption. Prudence allows us to appreciate good food, fine entertainment, or the latest technology without falling into excessive consumption.

Prudence brings us practical wisdom. When we practice prudence, we not only make better decisions but also move closer to living a balanced, fulfilling life.

from **S**cripture

John 9:1-41, Faith gives us true sight

In this Gospel reading, Jesus cured a blind man on the Sabbath by making mud and smearing it on the man's eyes. This cure was two-fold; the man received both physical sight and the sight of faith. As he was being questioned by the Pharisees, his understanding of who Jesus was moved from knowing Him as simply a man, to acclaiming Him as a prophet, and finally, to worshipping Him as the Son of God.

While the faith of the cured man progresses, the spiritual sight of

the Pharisees does the opposite. In their anger, they were blinded to the truth—that the curing of the blind man was God's work. Furious that Jesus failed to observe the Sabbath, they refused to believe that the man had been blind from birth and had been healed by Jesus.

In Baptism, we are given the gift of faith—the ability to “see” God and our life in relation to him. The longer we follow Jesus and learn from Him, the better we understand Him. However, through sin, we can become spiritually blind.

Q & A Why don't I feel better after Confession?

After Confession, many feel lighter, more peaceful. Other times, we may feel no change, or even sadness. Still, we are forgiven. Here's how to find peace.

Make amends: That lingering unease might be God's gentle nudge to make things right. Forgiveness is given in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but healing continues through restitution. If you confessed to stealing \$20, you're forgiven—but you still need to return it. Making amends completes the reconciliation process.

Reject false guilt: “Healthy” guilt alerts us to sin, like a burglar alarm. Once you've confessed, the alarm should turn off. If guilt lingers, recognize it as a temptation to doubt God's mercy. God doesn't hold grudges and neither should you. If you're struggling, seek help from a priest, counselor, or trusted Catholic friend.

Then do what pleases Him most – be still and let Him love you.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 6 - St. Colette (1447). St. Colette was born in Corbie, France. She was orphaned at seventeen and gave her inheritance to the poor. She later became a Franciscan Tertiary and later reformed the Poor Clares. She founded seventeen convents under the reformed rule.

March 17 - St. Patrick (493). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited with establishing the Church there.

March 19 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. Jesus' earthly foster father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and protector of families.

March 20 - St. Cuthbert (687). St. Cuthbert joined the Benedictines at the Melrose Abbey. For his holiness, fervor and charity, he was made abbot of the Lindisfarne Abbey. He retired to be a hermit.

March 25 - the Annunciation. The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God's grace and trusted in his wisdom.

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Please email with any concerns.

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Bulletin Deadline: The Friday a full week before the desired Sunday. To submit items for the bulletin, please email Lisa Simmons at lsimmons@stjosephcrestline.org or call the Parish Office.



The Sorrowful Mother Shrine
Welcomes You to
Grieving With Great HOPE

Friday, May 16 (7-9 pm) & Saturday, May 17 (10—4 pm)

Grieving with Great HOPE is a weekend workshop for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Fr. Jim Seibert, C.P.P.S. will join John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic Bereavement Apostolate, who will facilitate the workshop.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please pick up a registration form in the back of church.

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+ Prayer for Pope Francis +

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of our Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



This Week on Formed

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Week One | Restore

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.



St. Frances

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



Living Lent as a Family

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

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