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Sister Parish with Sacred Heart of Jesus

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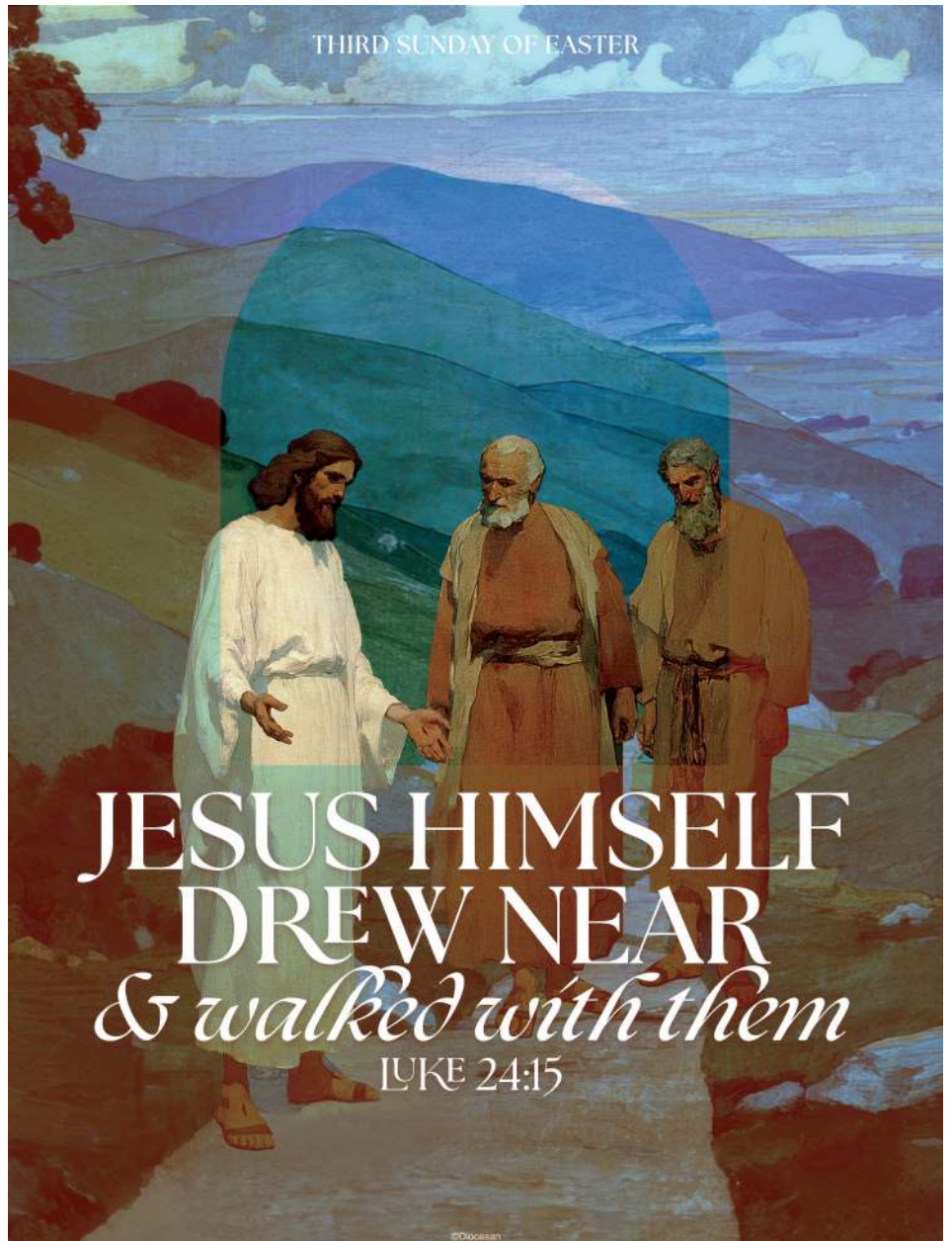
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### Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:00am to 1:00pm

### Bulletin Deadline

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

## Letter From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

At the heart of every celebration of the Mass is a beautiful cooperation between God's grace and the faithful who assist at the altar. One of the most important ministries that supports the reverent celebration of the liturgy is the ministry of altar serving.

This summer I will be holding altar server training for any child interested, 4th grade and up. Serving at Mass is not only a practical help to the priest and the parish; it is also a wonderful opportunity for young people to grow in their faith, deepen their understanding of the liturgy, and learn reverence and responsibility.

Serving at the altar teaches attentiveness, discipline, teamwork, and above all, love for the Lord present in the Eucharist. Parents are encouraged to prayerfully consider inviting their children to participate in this ministry. Training will cover the basic movements, responsibilities, and reverence expected of servers so they can serve with confidence and devotion.

If your child is interested, please let me know and then watch the bulletin for upcoming training dates or contact me via e-mail. Whether your child has served before or is just beginning, we welcome them to take part in this beautiful ministry of service.

P.S.

Because we have so many servers, our altar servers do not get as many opportunities to serve as those at other parishes. Therefore, this training session may be a helpful review for your child. Your child may have matured since they first began training. At this point in their development, they may benefit from attending the summer training program. This session could be a nice review for those who have matured since their first training and might pick up on things that first went unnoticed at their initial training.

In Christ,

Fr. Jeff

## Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 19, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a; 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist</b> 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

## First Communion

We welcome our First Communicants and their families at the 10:30 am Mass today. Please pray for these young people as they receive the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ for the first time.



## Hope In Action

We are currently at 65.76% of our parish goal of \$12,435.80. Thank you for supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal!

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Tuesday · April 21

**6:30 pm** Mass at Sacred Heart  
*Pope Francis*

### Wednesday · April 22

**8:30 am** Mass at Sacred Heart  
*For All First Communicants*

### Thursday · April 23

**5:30 pm** Confessions at St. Joseph

**6:30 pm** Mass at St. Joseph  
*Carl Giordano*

### Friday · April 24

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Joseph  
*For Families Who are Separated*

### Saturday · April 25

**3:30 pm** Confessions at Sacred Heart

**4:30 pm** Mass at Sacred Heart  
*Jeff Belcik; Paul Gosser*

### Sunday · April 26

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Joseph  
*Anna Moyer; Rev. Stanley Szybka;  
Walter Johnson*

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

**10:30 am** Mass at St. Joseph  
*Gerald Bickert; Jim Horning*

## Preschool Teacher Aide – St. Joseph Catholic School, Crestline

St. Joseph Catholic School, Crestline, is seeking a part-time Preschool Teacher's Aide for the 2026-2027 school year. The hours would be Monday - Thursday from 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM.

### Qualifications:

- High-school diploma
- Successful background checks and completion of Virtus
- Experience working with young children is preferred
- Willingness to obtain Aide Certification
- Nurturing and patience toward children
- Support the mission of our Catholic school

Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to [ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org](mailto:ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org) or Sue Sanders, St. Joseph Catholic School, 333 N. Thoman, Crestline, OH 44827

<i>Check Ministry Pro for updates.</i>	<i>Sunday, April 26 7:00 am</i>	<i>Sunday, April 26 10:30 am</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Nicole Roberts	Dan Legge
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Adam Link Dave Horning Connie Marek	Denise Belcastro Adrienne Ruhe Dave Sharrock
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Don Alt Jake Rafferty	Jeffrey Davis Layla Strassell Harper Warnecke
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Steve & Connie Marek Family	Anne Looney Family
<i>Ushers</i>	Doug DeNero Dave Horning	Lynn Whites Chris Wozniak

## K/1 Classroom Teacher – St. Joseph Catholic School, Crestline

St. Joseph Catholic School, Crestline is seeking a combined K/1 classroom teacher for the 2026–2027 school year.

### Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree required; preferred background in early childhood education, elementary education, or a related field
- Current Ohio teaching license or willingness to obtain appropriate certification
- Successful background checks and completion of Virtus
- Support the mission of our Catholic school

Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to [ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org](mailto:ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org) or Sue Sanders, St. Joseph Catholic School, 333 N. Thoman, Crestline, OH 44827

**THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT**

**Is Jesus Christ calling me to become a priest?**

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**Sundays at St Peter**  
**2 to 3:30 PM**  
**April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>**

CONTACT Hayden at 419-606-4584 or [haymdb6@gmail.com](mailto:haymdb6@gmail.com) or Fr Kishore at 567-623-3050 [kkottana@toledodiocese.org](mailto:kkottana@toledodiocese.org)

*Are you a young man in high school who is open to discovering God's plan for your life? Have you ever felt a stirring in your heart towards the priesthood? We invite you to join us for the Melchizedek Project, a discernment group for high school men considering the priesthood.*



Parents of Priests  
*Prayers for Priests*

PRAY FOR CLERGY, RELIGIOUS, OR THE SPECIAL INTENTION FOR EACH DAY

*Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.*

# April 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Pope Leo XIV	2 Bishop Daniel E. Thomas	3 Your Parish Priests	4 Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
5 Parents of Priests	6 Rev. Gerald L. Ceranowski	7 Rev. Jesse C. Chick	8 Rev. Gerald J. Chmiel	9 Rev. David J. Cirata	10 Rev. Shaya Anand Clement	11 Deacons and Missionary Priests
12 Rev. Anthony J. Coci	13 Rev. Nathan Cromly	14 Rev. Eric J. Culler	15 Rev. Nicholas J. Cunningham	16 Rev. Michael G. Dandurand	17 Rev. Mark E. Davis	18 Religious Brothers and Sisters
19 Rev. Charles J. Denny	20 Rev. Micheal J. Diemer	21 Rev. Todd M. Dominique	22 Rev. Jason D. D'Souza	23 Rev. Melwin D'Souza	24 Rev. Frederick J. Duschl	25 Deceased Priests of our Diocese
26 Rev. Frank K. Eckart	27 Rev. Francis O. Ejimofor	28 Rev. Thomas J. Extejt	29 Rev. Paul A. Fahrbach	30 Seminarian Oliver Fall		

*Saint John Vianney, patron of parish priests, pray for us.*



Diocese  
of Toledo

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during this month a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Together, for the next nine days, let's pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse, and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

# Novena

## for Protection and Healing from Abuse

### Intercessions

- Day 1:** May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation.
- Day 2:** May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing.
- Day 3:** May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.
- Day 4:** May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.
- Day 5:** May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.

**Day 6:** May all those who have committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God.

**Day 7:** May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported.

**Day 8:** May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse.

**Day 9:** May our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.

### Prayers

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Prayer for Healing*

### Prayer for Healing

God of endless love,  
Ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters  
who have been gravely harmed,  
and the cries of those who love them.

Soothe their restless hearts with  
hope, steady their shaken  
spirits with faith.

Grant them justice for their cause,  
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom,  
humility and grace, to act with justice.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.

Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## Weekly Offering

April 2, 2026 through April 12, 2026

<b>Total Offertory Collection .....</b>	<b>\$11,411.31</b>
Sunday Envelopes .....	\$2,610.00
Loose Checks .....	\$1,090.00
Loose Currency .....	\$977.80
Online Giving (All Categories).....	\$622.51
Votive Lights .....	\$75.00
School Support .....	\$630.00
Parish Maintenance .....	\$1,959.00
Church Building Maintenance .....	\$140.00
Caritas .....	\$55.00
Holy Land (Good Friday).....	\$260.00
Easter .....	\$2,937.00
Altar Candles .....	\$10.00
Cemetery .....	\$40.00
Catholic Home Missions .....	\$5.00

**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. 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.



## 3rd Sunday of Easter

L F V I S I T O R K  
 Z B B R E A D V Y N  
 J E S U S L K F J S  
 R E D E E M D C V U  
 E S K R E M V M I H  
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 S P R O P H E T M W  
 R N F E Y E S Y B A  
 N Q W A P P E A R L  
 E M W Z U O P E N K

Village  
 Jesus  
 Eyes  
 Walk  
 Visitor  
 Prophet  
 Redeem  
 Bread  
 Open  
 Appear



**SUNDAYKIDZ**

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## Fish Fry Thank You

Dear Friends,  
 God has blessed us greatly, and we know that, in part, by all the help you have given to make each of the last sixty fish frys a success.

We are grateful to Carol Rall and later Bonnie Cochran who handed over the Lenten Fish Frys to the Knights of Columbus and us. And now we are grateful to our new leaders - Nancy Cozad and Dave Horning. Please continue to support them in any way you are able.

Each week it takes about 65 hours of time commitments to make 90 minutes of serving happen. Over ten years, together, we have helped serve more than twelve thousand meals and raise more than \$73,000. for our beloved school. Without this amount of support in preparing and serving each meal and all those folks who came each week to enjoy that meal none of this would be possible.

This year we are pleased to report a profit of \$9,234.31, all of which has been donated by the Knights of Columbus to Saint Joseph School.

May God continue to bless us all,  
 Steve and Conn Marek

## Church Cleaners Needed

We are looking for some volunteers to join the church cleaning crew. Do you have some time on Monday mornings a couple of times a month to help out? Duties include dusting, vacuuming, and dry mopping. If you are interested, please contact Bonnie at the Parish Office - 419-683-2015. Thank you!

## St. Joseph Senior Citizen Luncheon

Tuesday, April 21 at 12:15 pm - Convocation Center

The cost is \$5.00, and we will be serving chicken salad on a croissant, carrots w/ranch, grapes and a cookie. **Please RSVP as soon as possible by leaving a message on the school answering machine at 419-683-1284.**

Come for the fun, fellowship and prizes!





# Living Christ Campaign Update

Diocese of Toledo

Total Pledged:	\$307,175.02
Total Cash Due Parish:	\$86,784.31
<b>Disbursement from Diocese in March 2026:</b>	<b>\$4,404.17</b>

## Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



## Homeschooling Graduation Mass - Save the Date!

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the 2026 Homeschool Mass on **Tuesday, June 2nd, at 7:00 PM at Rosary Cathedral, Toledo**. This special celebration is open to all homeschooling families. At the end of Mass, we will recognize 8th grade and graduating high school seniors. If your student would like to participate, please contact Monica Depinet at [homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com](mailto:homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com). We look forward to celebrating with you!



## This Week on Formed

Week of April 19, 2026



### St. Mark the Evangelist

Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself, Dr. Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.

no had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. "And as they beheld him, they fell down before him and cried out." "And he strictly ordered them not to make him king in the mountain, and called to him those whom he desired." "And he appointed twelve, to be with him, and had authority to cast out demons." "Simon whom he named the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James and Andrew, that is, sons of thunder; and James the son of Alphaeus; and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus; and Simon the Cananite; and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him."

### Lectio: Mark

Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching.



### Via Lucis

Via Lucis, or the Stations of Light, is a devotional practice for reflecting on the joy and hope of the Resurrection during the Easter season. While the Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' journey to his crucifixion and death, the Stations of Light focus on the events that followed the Resurrection.

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## 3rd & 4th Grade Full-Time Teacher Sacred Heart School, Shelby, Ohio

Sacred Heart School is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic full-time 3rd and 4th Grade Teacher for the 2026–2027 academic year. We invite qualified candidates to become part of our outstanding Catholic school community, rooted in faith, academic excellence, and service.

### Qualifications:

- Valid and appropriate state teaching licensure
- Successful completion of BCI and FBI background checks
- Strong commitment to Catholic education and values and a passion for fostering student learning and development

Position Benefits include competitive salary; paid personal and sick leave; comprehensive benefits package including health, dental, vision, and life insurance; and retirement plan. Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a resume and salary expectations via email to [Lmyers@shelbysacredheart.org](mailto:Lmyers@shelbysacredheart.org) or applications may also be delivered in person to the Sacred Heart School Office.

## Sacred Heart Secretary Opening

Parish Office Secretary - Sacred Heart, Bethlehem Parish is seeking a Part-Time Administrative Assistant that projects the parish's vision and goals through interactions with the pastor, visitors, parishioners and colleagues. The secretary serves as a welcoming face of our parish and provides essential administrative and clerical support to the pastor, business manager, and other staff members.

### Top Qualifications:

- Detail oriented
- Possesses strong organizational skills and record keeping
- Good communication skills
- Proficient in computer skills specifically using Microsoft Office products

Interested persons should send a resume to Fr. Jeff Smith at [jsmith@toledodiocese.org](mailto:jsmith@toledodiocese.org).

## Principal - St Francis Xavier Catholic School, Willard

St. Francis Xavier School in Willard, Ohio, is accepting resumes for the position of principal for the 2026-27 school year. Successful candidates will be a practicing Catholic, hold valid Ohio licensure and ideally have a minimum of 3 to 5 years of experience as a Teacher in a Catholic School. The projected enrollment is 130 students in K-8 and preschool. The school has an experienced support staff and is financially solid. Please submit a resume, cover letter, references, and any salary requirements to [emueller@toledodiocese.org](mailto:emueller@toledodiocese.org) or mail to St Francis Xavier Church, Rev. Eric Mueller c/o Principal Search Committee, 25 W. Perry St. Willard, OH 44890 or drop off at the Parish Office at the same address. Review of applications will begin immediately.

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