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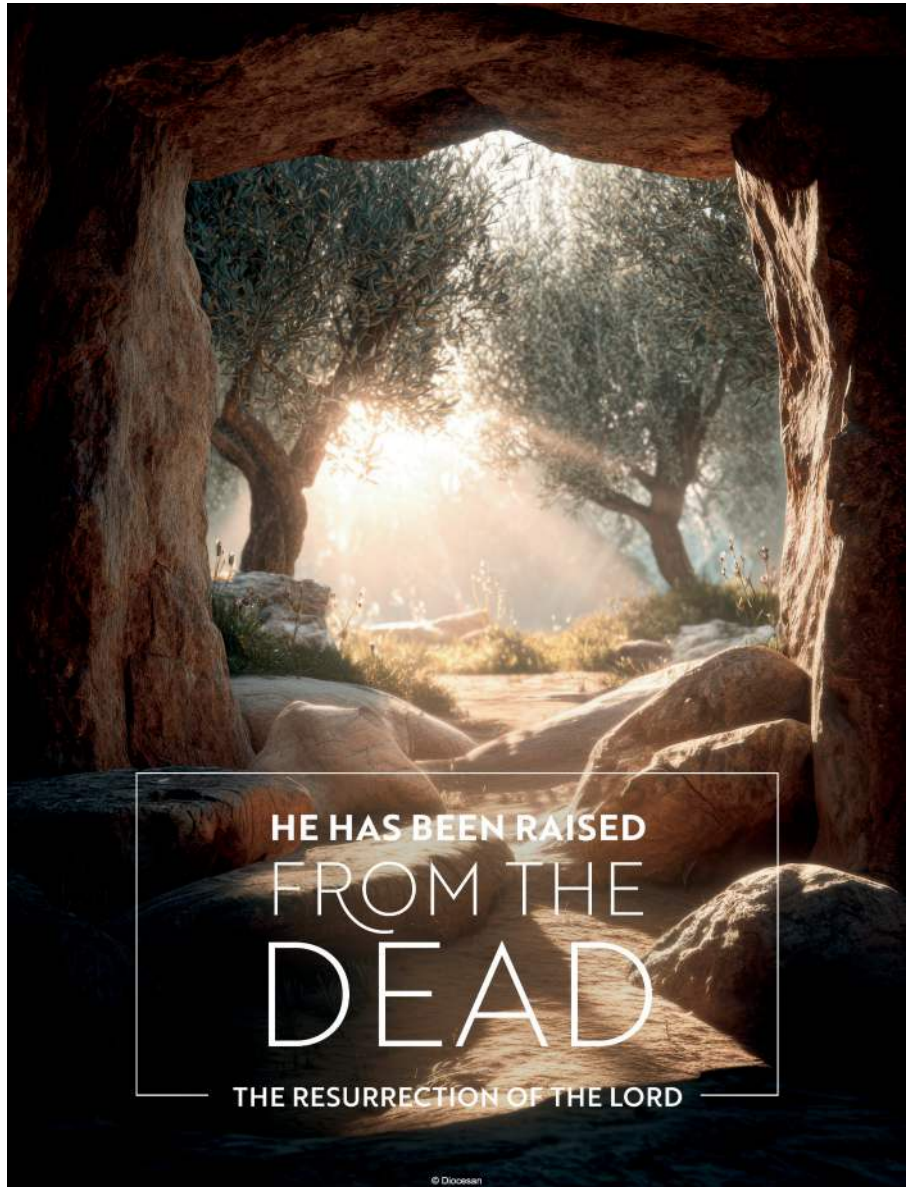
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Monday by 9:00am before the
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call the Parish Office.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | April 5, 2026

Letter From the Principal

Dear. St. Joseph Families,

Alleluia! He is Risen! The students and staff pray that our parish family has a glorious Easter and will have a blessed Easter season. Thank you to all the parishioners who participated as Lenten Prayer Partners. The students loved receiving your letters!

Many thanks to all who volunteered or contributed in any way during each Lenten Fish Fry. I am sincerely grateful to Steve and Connie Marek for their many years of service chairing this annual event. Your support of the parish and school is truly appreciated!

When we return to school on Tuesday, we will begin spring testing, assessing academic and religious knowledge. Prayers appreciated!

Mark your calendars for the annual Artapalooza student Art Show which will be held April 17-22 at Mid-Ohio Educational Center. St. Joseph School will be well represented with our own school display. I hope you are able to stop by and see the wonderful works of our young artists and the works of other student artists from surrounding area schools.

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2026-2027 school year. Re-enrollment of our current students looks positive and all students except two are returning. **St. Joseph School is an Ed Choice Scholarship School provider which offers a tuition scholarship for every student.** Due to having a healthy

tuition assistance account, we are able to offer **FREE PRESCHOOL TUITION** next year! Please encourage friends and family seeking a faith-based education in a caring environment to give us a call.

Have you considered participating in the SGO program through the Diocese of Toledo, which in turn can benefit tuition scholarships for students at our school? This is a Tax Credit, not a Tax Deduction. Donations can be made before April 15, 2026, to credit your tax liability for 2025. Please contact the school office with any questions.

Our final Sr. Citizen luncheon for this year will be on Tuesday, April 21 at 12:15 PM. The cost is \$5.00, and we will be serving chicken salad on a croissant, carrots w/ranch, grapes and a cookie. Please RSVP by April 17 by leaving a message on the school answering machine at 419-683-1284.

In His Name,
Sue Sanders
Principal



Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 5, 2026

Sunday	The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35 (<i>Afternoon or Evening</i>)
Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5,7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday	Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club of St. Juan Diego Deanery will meet **Wednesday April 8th at the Ontario Event Center**. We will gather for social time at 11:30, luncheon at 12 noon, and our speaker will be Angela Eisaman from Taking Roots Farms. We will collect canned goods for Shelby Helpline. All women are invited to attend, so if you need a reservation please call 419-545-2242 Sharon Houseworth, our April chairperson.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Deanery Holy Hour
April 12th at 3:00 pm

St. Peter Parish
60 S Mulberry St, Mansfield

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Exposition
Confessions



Eucharistic Healing Service

Friday, April 10 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Sorrowful Mother Shrine Indoor Chapel, Bellevue, Ohio

Led by Fr. Patrick Gonyeau. This healing service will have prayer for both spiritual and physical healing.

Due to limited seating in the Shrine Chapel, please confirm attendance by RSVP to 419-483-3435 option 4.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday · April 7

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Rhonda Borgelt

Wednesday · April 8

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
The George Hines Family

Thursday · April 9

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph

6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph
For Those Who Have Joined the Church

Friday · April 10

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
For Students and Staff Returning from
Easter Break

Saturday · April 11

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Rodney Cole; Deceased of the Clarence
Studer Family

Sunday · April 12 - Divine Mercy Sunday

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
Jim & Jan Horning; Linda Horning

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
Jerry & Josie Dunn; Gladys Burkhart;
Gerald Bickert

3:00 pm Divine Mercy at St. Peter, Mansfield

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.

<i>Check Ministry Pro for updates.</i>	<i>Sunday, April 12 7:00 am</i>	<i>Sunday, April 12 10:30 am</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Tracy Dzugan	Joann Palm
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Tracy Dzugan Adam Link Connie Marek	Ann Coward Dan Legge Joann Palm
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Morgan Frye Bryce Parsons	Adam Burton Alexandrea Burton Gavin Parsons
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	John & Shari Link	Kevin & Mary Coleman Family
<i>Ushers</i>	Doug DeNero Jerry Studer	Bernadette Karasko Dave Sharrock

Gift Cards from RaiseRight (formerly known as SCRIP)

Please remember our RaiseRight program when shopping or dining out.



Information about RaiseRight 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.

Widow Support Group at Sacred Heart

Sunday, April 26 at 1:00 pm

Sacred Heart School Gymnasium

The Ladies of Sacred Heart Church are inviting all widows to join them in the school gymnasium on **Sunday, April 26th. at 1:00pm** for a time of prayer, sharing, light snacks and games. While rooted in the Catholic faith, all widows are welcome. Please feel free to invite a friend.

For more information: contact Lillian Niese at: rrlniese@hotmail.com or 419-631-1603 or Kathy Cole at: kathym.cole@icloud.com or 419-565-8060



**Megamoolah Mania 15
Winner for March 2026**

Congratulations to Wayne Biglin!

School Advisory Meeting

Thursday, April 9 at 7:15 pm in the Knights room



SACRED HEART AND ST. JOSEPH OCIA "CLASS OF 2026"

BETHLEHEM – OCIA is the means by which one enters into full communion with the Church.

“OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation (formerly RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation),” according to the Diocese of Toledo. “This involves teachings, classes, meetings with a sponsor, rites within Mass, and finally, receiving your sacraments in the Church.”

Everyone is on their own faith journey and this year’s catechumens – those who have not been baptized in any Christian faith tradition – and candidates – who have a recognized baptism in another Christian denomination – have been no different.

Parker Keller

St. Joseph Catholic Church

“I’m a junior at Colonel Crawford High School currently, and I’ve been wanting to do these classes for a long time, but I do sports year round. This year I decided to take these classes to further my faith journey. Even though I was born Catholic, I have enjoyed learning more about our faith.”



Tawny Garvin

St. Joseph Catholic Church

“My journey through OCIA has made my faith grow. I go to mass now and my family and I pray. I am blessed to be going through this journey with my mom and my daughter. I love that I will be officially Catholic. Thank you all so much. Also, I love how I have made so many new friends; I am so blessed”



Andrew Cacchio

St. Joseph Catholic Church

“Growing up, church had always been in my life but I never felt very religious. For me, the process of joining the Church through OCIA and becoming Catholic, has brought religion back into my life and has strengthened my faith.”



Shell Watkins

St. Joseph Catholic Church

“I have always had great faith in the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit, I just have never slowed down in my life to make the time to start the OCIA classes to officially become a baptized Catholic. I am so happy in my life right now and so excited to be baptized into the Catholic Church. I am so blessed in my life to have all of you.”



Zachary Derham

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

“After my mom’s passing, going to mass every Sunday and just feeling God’s presence every Sunday makes me feel closer to her than I’ll ever be. Being able to learn about the true Church and being able to be a part of it this upcoming Easter makes me happy.”



Abigail Brocwell

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

“Church had always been in my life but I never felt very religious. For me, the process of joining the church through OCIA and becoming Catholic has brought religion back into my life and has strengthened my faith!”



Melinda Mess

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

“OCIA has been a very positive experience. I knew I was interested in converting since age 15. My ongoing health issues have become the catalyst in improving my relationship with God. I am very glad I did. I’m still learning and growing every day. A special thank you to Father Jeff, Deacon Steve, and the amazing OCIA team for helping make it all happen.”



Our faith communities – and the Diocese of Toledo as a whole – welcomes its newest members to the beginning of your new journey!





Great things are happening at St. Joseph Catholic School!

St. Joseph, pray for us!



Mrs. Quail is demonstrating an experiment about rain clouds to her preschool class.



April Events

- 4/1-4/6 Easter Break
- 4/8 MAP testing begins
- 4/9 Crawford Soil and Water District visit
First Communion Practice after
6:30 PM Mass
- 4/10 Mass 8:30 AM
- 4/14 Lowe Volk visit
- 4/17 Mass 8:30 AM
Mid-4th Quarter
- 4/17-22 Artapooloza Art Show
- 4/19 First Communion Mass 10:30 AM
- 4/21 Sr. Citizens Luncheon 12:15 PM
- 4/24 Mass 8:30 AM
Visit to Crestline Public Library
- 4/30 ARK testing (Assessing Religion Knowledge)
- 4/31 Mass 8:30 AM

Father Jeff reading to Kindergarten and First Grade students during a class visit.



Congratulations to Della, Maddie and Alice who celebrated their First Reconciliation on March 20.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Crawford County Right to Life Flower Sale. Flowers will be delivered to the school on May 5th.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the K-3 Service-Learning project. The students are shown here with all the pet supplies they donated to the Crawford County Humane Society.



We are so grateful to Deputy Martin who teaches our students the D.A.R.E program each year. He is pictured here with Mrs. Woodard's class.

WANT TO HELP OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?

Donors to the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund can receive a State of Ohio tax credit on their tax return

** A tax credit is different than a deduction. A tax credit is money back in your pocket on taxes you already owe. You can also designate which Catholic school you would like your donation to be directed! Consult your tax professional for questions regarding your eligibility.*

IT'S EASY TO DONATE:

Visit: www.dotsgo.org
Call: 419-244-6711
E-Mail: lrrohrg@toledodiocese.org

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Weekly Offering

March 29, 2026

Total Offertory Collection	\$7,586.50
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,190.00
Loose Checks	\$1,375.00
Loose Currency	\$477.00
Online Giving (All Categories).....	\$289.50
Votive Lights	\$39.00
School Support	\$35.00
Parish Maintenance	\$625.00
Church Building Maintenance	\$1,871.00
Flower Fund.....	\$20.00
Altar Candles	\$45.00
Caritas	\$20.00
Holy Land (Good Friday).....	\$100.00
Easter	\$500.00

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

Update! - We will resume our weekly Holy Hour prayer in church beginning Tuesday, April 7 at 11:00 am.

We hope you can join us as we pray 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.



Easter Sunday

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

Tomb
 Morning
 Stone
 Loved
 Disciple
 Ran
 Burial
 Cloth
 Saw
 Rise



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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 by April 17 by leaving a message on the school answering machine at 419-683-1284.



Pilgrimage to Italy

Pope Leo XIV has declared a Jubilee Year to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. We have the unique opportunity to spend time in Assisi during this Jubilee. The Mansfield area Catholic churches invite you to join us on the upcoming pilgrimage to Italy, which includes three nights in Assisi, with visits to the Basilicas of St. Francis, St. Clare, and St. Mary of the Angels. We will visit the final resting sites of St. Francis, St. Clare, and St. Carlo Acutis. We will also see the San Domiano cross from which Christ spoke to St. Francis in 1206, commanding him to "rebuild my Church".

For additional information about the pilgrimage you may contact Kathy Wilkinson at 419-989-8513 or by email to kmadams58@gmail.com or go catholicfaithjourneys.com.

Women's Retreat - Spa Day for the Soul

Saturday, April 18, 2026

8:15 am - 1:00 pm

St. Mary School, 26 West Street, Shelby, Ohio

Speaker: Emily Jaminet - Catholic author, speaker, podcaster, married and the mother of seven. \$30 per person, brunch and lunch included.

Go to tinyurl.com/MPHM26Women to register. Scholarships available. Please make checks payable to MPHM Altar & Rosary. Contact Myra Snider for more information at 614-563-2856.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Year of St. Francis Pilgrimage Sites

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Year of St. Francis to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. During this time of grace, which extends through January 2027, the faithful have the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence.

Bishop Thomas has designated three Franciscan Pilgrimage Sites in the Diocese of Toledo for the faithful to visit in prayer:

The Portiuncula on the Motherhouse grounds of the Sylvania Franciscans

The Motherhouse Eucharistic Chapel on the grounds of the Tiffin Franciscans

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey

For more information about the Year of St. Francis and details for Franciscan Pilgrimage Sites, visit: toledodiocese.org/franciscan



This Week on Formed

Week of April 05, 2026



What Catholics Believe About the Resurrection: Was Jesus a Ghost?

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did the Resurrection actually happen? Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to the apostles? And what's the deal with the Easter Bunny?



Easter and the Resurrection | The Augustine Institute Show

Alleluia! He is Risen! Join Fr. Brian Larkin, Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Denver, Colorado, as he discusses the Resurrection and the Easter season with Dr. Tim Gray on the Augustine Institute Show.



The Resurrection

In this episode, Mark Hartfiel and other experts unpack the mystery of the Resurrection, going back to the historical places where these world-changing events happened.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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 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.

The Word In Our Lives

Easter Sunday

Believing Is Seeing

You've heard the saying "Seeing is believing." Today's first reading seems to say just the opposite. You might think that when Jesus rose from the dead, everyone would see him. Then his friends would rejoice and those who had put him to death would repent (or run as fast as they could). Yet Peter says that he was only visible to some of the disciples. Jesus did not appear to Herod or Pilate or Caiaphas. The Pharisees and scribes did not see him, either. Even the disciples did not immediately see him.

The first thing they saw was the empty tomb, with burial cloths lying on the ground. They may have thought that if his enemies had stolen Jesus' body, they would not have removed the burial cloths; touching a corpse would have made them unclean.



So it seems the empty tomb helped them to believe, and believing enabled them to see the Lord. The exception to this may be Thomas, who said he would not believe until he saw and touched

Jesus' risen body. Yet when he does see the Lord, Jesus himself declares that believing is primary when he blesses those who have not seen but still believe (John 20:31). Another example could be Mary of Magdala. She saw him, thinking he was the gardener. Then she believed and recognized him.

What does this mean for us? Jesus seems to be hidden again. Yet we say that he is present in the sacraments; Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation show that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in us. So perhaps we just need to believe in order to see him. Mother Teresa could do it. She said she was amazed at the love she felt when she saw Jesus in the poor and the dying people of Calcutta. St. Francis saw him not only in the poor but in all creation. Maybe we need to grow in faith so that we can see Jesus in the poor, the dying, the people who annoy us, even our enemies.

Tom Schmidt (Diocesan.com)

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