

YOU ARE THE  
salt  
OF THE  
earth.  
matthew 5:13

**February 5, 2023**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

**331 N. Thoman Street, Crestline, Ohio 44827**

**Fifth Sunday Ordinary time Year "A"**

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

**Monday-6 On the Priest  
Calendar Rev. Nicholas Weibl**

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

**Tuesday-7**

**Mass SHJ 6:30 p.m.**

Mass Intention: For Catholic  
Educators

**Wednesday-8**

**Mass: SHJ 8:30 a.m.**

**Intentions:** Roger Broach, Staff  
& Students SHJ School

**Thursday-9**

**Confession @ St. Joseph 5:30**

**Mass: 6:30 p.m.**

**Intentions:** For all the Faithful  
Departed, Rev. John W. Fleck

**Friday-10**

**Mass: St. Joseph 8:30**

**Intentions:** For the Needs of this  
Faith Community, Rev. Gregory  
R. Hite

**Saturday-11**

**Confessions 3:30 p.m. SHJ**

**Mass: 4:30 p.m. Sacred Heart**

**Intentions:** : Lucy Rietschlin, Jim  
Finnegan

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**

**Sunday-12**

**7:00 a.m. St. Joseph**

Archie, Kelly, & Knute Hagy

**Mass SHJ 8:30 a.m.**

**Intentions:** Thomas  
Weaver, Diane Hall

**Mass: 10:30 a.m. St. Joseph**

**Intentions:** Dolly Hatfield,  
Martha Schroeder

Dear St. Joseph Families,

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated with enthusiasm with a full week of activities. We are grateful for your prayers and support! Our Scholastic Book Fair was also a success. Thank you to all the families that stopped by after Mass to support the school and a special thanks to a donor who donated money so that every student in K/1 received a book. The generosity of St. Joseph Parish is unending – thank you!

The students responded well to our "Penny War" in support of The Wounded Warrior Project. I will be sure to update everyone on how much was raised after all the coins are counted.

We are quickly approaching mid-third quarter and parent/teacher conferences. We are also looking forward to the Sacrament of Reconciliation when our second grade students will make their First Penance on Thursday February 16.

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is now being accepted. St. Joseph School is an EdChoice Scholarship School provider and also offers financial assistance to families in need. Please encourage friends and family seeking a faith based education in a caring environment to give us a call. An Open House will be set for later in the spring. Applications for Preschool – Grade 8 are being accepted.

School will not be in session on February 17 due to conferences and on February 20 in honor of President's Day. Teachers will participate in an in-service day on the 20<sup>th</sup> as we prepare for our Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association visit on February 27 and 28.

May God continue to bless you as you have blessed St. Joseph School.

In His Name,

Sue Sanders

Weekly Offering January 29, 2023 \$3686.00
Sunday Envelopes (47) \$2345.00
Loose Checks \$270.00
Loose Currency \$401.00
Altar Candles \$5.00
School Support \$220.00
Parish Maintenance \$265.00
Votive Lights \$30.00
Caritas \$10.00
Central/Eastern European Churches \$40.00
Initial Offering \$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception \$45.00



**PRAYERS  
ARE  
NEEDED  
FOR OUR  
COUNTRY**

Join us as we pray the Holy Hour Tuesday's in St. Joseph Church at 11 a.m. Please come and pray the Rosary and other prayers for our beloved country.



**St. Joseph Coffee Cups** are for sale in the parish office. The cost is \$15.00 each. Office Hours 8-1. We have note cards also.

Responsorial Psalms  
The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.  
Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)

### **Readings for the week of February 5, 2023**

**Monday+** Gn 1:1-19 / Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c / Mt 4:23 / Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday+** Gn 1:20—2:4a / Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Ps 119:36, 29b / Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday+** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 / Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 / See Jn 17:17b, 17a / Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday+** Gn 2:18-25 / Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 / Jas 1:21bc / Mk 7:24-30

**Friday+** Gn 3:1-8 / Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 / Acts 16:14b / Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday+** Gn 3:9-24 / Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 / Mt 4:4b / Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday+** Sir 15:15-20 / Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 / 1 Cor 2:6-10 / cF. mt 11:25 / Mt 5:17-37



### **Liturgical Ministers February 12, 2023 Please check Ministry Pro for any changes.**

#### **Sunday Mass - 7:00 p.m. February 12**

**Lector:** Morgan Frye

**Eucharist Minister:** Connie Marek,  
Morgan Frye

**Servers:** Carleen Higgins, Swap requested

**Gifts Bearers:** Adam Link Family

**Usher:** Don Alt, Dave Horning  
(chalice not offered)

#### **Sunday – 10:30 a. m.**

**Lector:** Dan Salvati

**Eucharist Minister:** Dave Sharrock, Adrienne Ruhe

**Servers:** Adam & Alexandria Burton

**Gift Bearers:** Kevin & Mary Coleman family

**Ushers:** Bernadette Karasko  
(chalice not offered)

**Walking Track will be open!** Hours will be Monday and Thursday from 3:30pm to 8:00pm, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30pm to 7:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 419-683-1284.



**MEGAMOOLAH MANIA 12 WINNER**

for January 2023 is

**Jane Frye**

Congratulations, thank you for supporting St. Joseph School.

Tickets can still be purchased in school or parish office!



### **Mass Cancellation During Inclement Weather**

**The following policies are in effect for St. Joseph Parish when inclement weather threatens:**

- On mornings when there is a school Mass, if there is a 2 hour delay the Mass will be at 1:30 p.m. IF school is cancelled, the Mass is CANCELLED.
- If school is cancelled on a day when Mass is in the evening, please listen to the radio or call the Parish Office to check to see if Mass is cancelled for that evening. Father Jeff will make a decision by Noon on those days.

Tune in to WVNO @ 106.1 FM or WMFD.com for updates

**In all cases, please use common sense and your best judgment!**



Have you ever said, "I would help with parish projects if only someone would ask me." Well, this is me asking. It will soon be **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** season. Please check your calendars for these Friday dates: **February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31**. If you are available on any or all of these dates from 4:30 until 7:15 pm, we could use your help. The jobs are easy and the camaraderie is delightful. Please contact me, Tressa Reith, with the dates you are available at [reith.tressa@gmail.com](mailto:reith.tressa@gmail.com) or text or call 419-631-1321 to volunteer. I can let you know what Friday jobs are available and explain what they entail. We also have some jobs that require attention earlier in the week. If you can help with preliminary food prep jobs during the afternoons on Wednesdays or Thursdays during any of our Fish Fry weeks, please contact me. We would be grateful for your assistance. Many thanks and God bless!



On January 29, 2023 Burke Allen Robinette is the son of Timothy & Rachael Robinette was baptized into the family of God here at St. Joseph Church. Father Jeff Smith performed the Sacrament after 10:30 Mass.

### CONGRATULATIONS BURKE ALLEN ROBINETTE

Welcome to the Family of God

**Congratulations Mark Schneider** on being elected Board Chair of the Avita Health System Board of Directors! Mr. Schneider has served on the Avita Board of Directors, and previously the Galion Community Hospital Board of Directors, since 2007 Thank you for your service to the health system, and the many ways you serve our St. Joseph Community!

**Theology on Tap** Please join us for Theology on Tap! It is a time when young adults (18-40 years of age) can get together for some wonderful food, drinks and a chance to learn about and discuss their faith and meet other young Catholics from the area! Topics that connect with our daily lives in a laid-back setting. The cost to attend each is based on the food prices at each venue. All are welcome to come without purchasing meals or beverages. We hope to see you there! The next meeting will be held on Feb 15th. and feature **Al & Sue Bishop** from Bucyrus, Holy Trinity to be held at Baker's Pizza in Bucyrus. The hours will be 6-8:00pm. For more information or to R.S.V.P. contact Elizabeth Wurm at: [ewurm124@gmail.com](mailto:ewurm124@gmail.com) or 419-561-3900.

Euchre Tournament February 26th. \$20.00 per team Doors open at 12:30pm. Play begins at 1:00pm 50/50 drawings, food and drinks for sale Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Contact Kelsey Keller to register @ 419-565-1241 Thank you for supporting PTO Sacred Heart School



The Accessibility Ministries Office of the Diocese of Toledo is updating records on families for persons with disabilities to serve and assist them in the formation of their faith and effectively minister to them. This request is for all families in the Diocese, if there is someone in your household with a permanent disability, please access, complete, and submit the google document per the instructions listed here <https://toledodiocese.org/personswith-disabilities> Thank you for your time and cooperation. Please contact Lynn Priest, Accessibility Ministries Specialist with any questions or concerns at [lpriest@toledodiocese.org](mailto:lpriest@toledodiocese.org)

Every Sunday join in praying the rosary before 10:30 Mass. There are extra rosaries in the Narthex of the church. All are welcome!





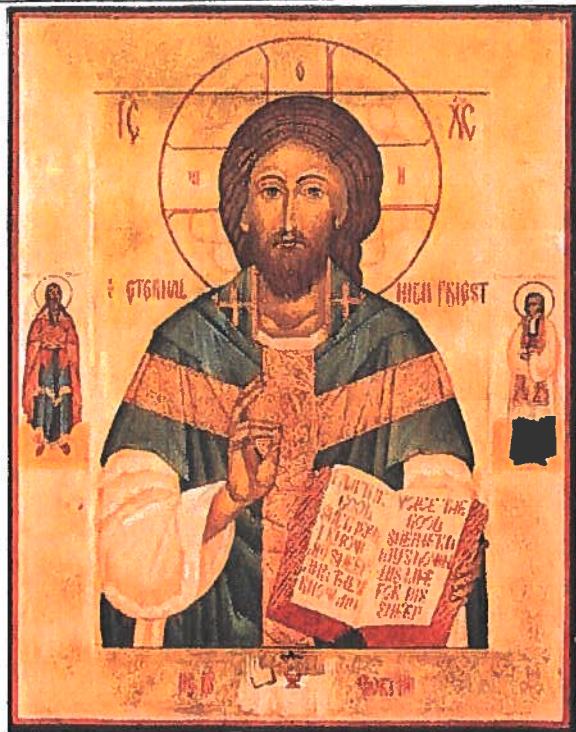
***Congratulations!***  
***Confirmed in the Holy Spirit Today!***

***Titus Ridgeway Peter Beeson***  
***Bridget Colleen Gemma Belcik***  
***Kyleigh Marie Ann Biglin***  
***Tessa Marie Teresa Biglin***  
***Baylee Kaelyn Teresa Bishop***  
***Carley Christine Elizabeth Evans***  
***Nicholas Brayden Nicholas Gosser***  
***Addysen Rae Catherine Giesige***  
***Kaitlyn Teresa Catherine Hicks***  
***Sara Ann Joan Holt***  
***Carter Gregory John Johnston***  
***Colten Jeremiah Francis Keller***  
***Evan Andrew Francis Keller***  
***Salem Rose Joan Keller***  
***Michael Lewis Jonathon Michael Lenz***  
***Sydney Ella Anne Link***  
***Blaise Thomas Ignatius Metzger***  
***Evan Derek Paul Metzger***  
***Noah David Andrew Metzger***  
***Charlyce Joelle Mary Milligan***  
***Phoebe Lynn Catherine Rafferty***  
***Jack Alan Michael Rietschlin***  
***Grady Charles Gabriel Schroeder***  
***Isabella Grace Rita Sefcek***  
***David Thomas Sebastian Seitz***  
***Molly Marie Catherine Wirick***



# Parents of Priests *Prayers for Priests*

Prayers for Clergy, Religious, and/or Groups of Individuals for each day of the month.



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.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

## February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PRIESTS</b>			<b>Pope Francis</b> 1	<b>Bishop Daniel E. Thomas</b> 2	<b>Your Parish Priests</b> 3	<b>Increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life</b> 4
<b>Parents of Priests</b> 5	<b>Rev. Nicholas Weibl</b> 6	<b>Rev. Joseph Weigman</b> 7	<b>Rev. Andrew Wellmann</b> 8	<b>Rev. George Wenzinger</b> 9	<b>Rev. Thomas Westhoven</b> 10	<b>Seminarian Mr. Kevin McGraw</b> 11
<b>Rev. David Whalen</b> 12	<b>Rev. Jonathan Wight</b> 13	<b>Rev. Scott Woods</b> 14	<b>Deacons and Missionary Priests</b> 15	<b>Rev. Richard Wurzel</b> 16	<b>Rev. Paschal Mary Yoke</b> 17	<b>Rev. Alan Zabler</b> 18
<b>Rev. Austin Ammanniti</b> 19	<b>Rev. James Auth</b> 20	<b>Rev. James Back</b> 21	<b>Religious Brothers and Sisters</b> 22	<b>Rev. John Bamman</b> 23	<b>Pray for Peace</b> 24	<b>Rev. Albert Beltz</b> 25
<b>Seminarian Mr. Evan Sekerak</b> 26	<b>Rev. Michael Bialorucki</b> 27	<b>Deceased Priests of the Diocese</b> 28	<b>+++ DIOCESE OF TOLEDO +++</b>			



# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

February 2023

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Rev. Jeff Smith, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### Flee temptation

Christians are meant for Heaven.

Yet, the world can work against our efforts for holiness. St. Peter tells us to "escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (2 Peter 1:4). Ask God often to protect you from sin, to give you the wisdom and courage to make good choices and, become sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. God will reveal when you've messed up, and rejoice with you when you get it right.

### Serve without complaint

Every job has aspects about it that are tedious, messy, and unrewarding, yet they are necessary. However, they can be opportunities to grow in virtue: humility, patience, self-discipline, etc. When you dread doing your work, smile and say a prayer, "and your Father, who sees in secret, will repay you" (Matthew 6:4).

"The works of God are all of them good; in its own time every need is supplied" (Sirach 39:16).



## Take steps to share your faith during Lent

Jesus didn't intend for the Great Commission – "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) – to be a heavy burden.

He meant witnessing to His love to come through the natural course of living a Christ-inspired life. Consider making more disciples this Lent:

**Live a Catholic life.** Non-believers may hear what we say about Jesus, but they are persuaded by seeing how our love for Him shapes our lives. It is critical that worship – Sunday Mass, Confession, Scripture – informs our life choices. When we spend time in Jesus' presence, His character rubs off on us.

**Bring Christ out into the world.** Jesus asked that we care for the poor and needy, thus acting as

His hands and feet in the world. We may not be able to solve all of their problems, but we can show them the reality of Christ's love in their lives.

**Talk about God's plan.** God wants us each to experience the peace He offers.

**Help others know that**

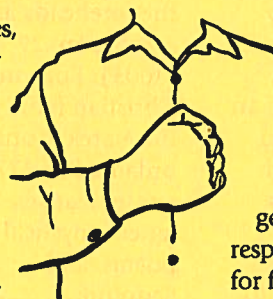
God's love is personal and He has a specific plan for each of us.

**Invite.** Some people will be ready to "come and see," so consider inviting seekers to Mass. Others might be ready to "take up and read." Share your favorite inspirational reading. If you need other suggestions, ask your pastor or favorite religious.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

When we use our voices, our minds, and even our bodies during prayer, we pray with deeper meaning and enthusiasm. During the Confiteor at Mass, for example, we strike our chest three times, saying,



## Why do Catholics strike their chests?

"through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." It's an ancient symbol of sorrow and repentance for having offended God or hurting our neighbor. Such a gesture reminds us to take responsibility for our actions and pray for forgiveness and grace to change.



# Lent leads us back to God

*"For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment"* (Joel 2:13). Lent may be a penitential season, but it is also a wonderful reminder that no matter how we let sin interfere in our relationship with God, He always wants us back. Gracious and merciful is He.

*"Return to me with your whole heart."* Throughout the year, sin creeps into our daily lives almost without our noticing. A bad habit such as using bad language or gossiping can keep



us from loving God fully. Lent is a time to examine our lives and sweep aside whatever keeps us from giving God our whole heart.

*"Rend your hearts, not your garments."* God doesn't just want outward acts of repentance. Our Father wants a change of heart. Start with Confession and then practice virtues such as prudence, temperance, and fortitude.

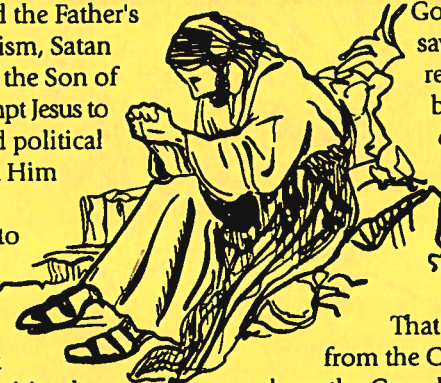
*"Gather the people, notify the congregation."* Become more active in your parish to build it up. Consider attending Mass more often than just once a week.

## from Scripture

### Matthew 4:1-11, Victory in the wilderness

In this passage, Jesus is tempted by the devil. Having witnessed the Father's declaration at His baptism, Satan tested Jesus' identity as the Son of God. His goal was to tempt Jesus to embrace an earthly and political mission and to distract Him from the suffering and death that would lead to the world's salvation.

Satan tempted Jesus to satisfy His hunger with a miracle – to put physical needs above spiritual needs. In His response, Jesus taught us to put spiritual needs first and to entrust both body and soul to God's care. Next, Satan commanded Jesus to jump from



the temple roof in an effort to force God to miraculously save Him. Again, Jesus refused. God is not to be forced or controlled.

Finally, Satan offered to surrender all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would worship him.

That would save Jesus from the Cross. Instead, Jesus chose the Cross because it was the only way to save us. When tempted to do what's "easy" versus what's morally right, ask for the strength to choose what's right.

## Q & A

### What's a simple way to explain the Faith, if asked?

St. Peter says to be ready to *"account for the hope that is in you"* (1 Peter 3:15). Consider using this simple, five-point explanation, inspired by Bishop Michael Jackels:

**Pinky:** The smallest finger recalls our weakness and need for a Savior.

Although Jesus redeemed us, we're still weak and must pray for God's graces daily.

**Ring finger:** To save us, Jesus took on our human nature, "wedding"

Himself to us. At Sunday Mass, we worship God and become one with Him in Holy Communion.

**Middle finger:** Jesus was raised up on the Cross for sins, then raised from the dead. We attend Confession monthly and receive the saving graces. We hope to be raised to eternal life.

**Pointer:** Jesus' call is universal, yet personal. He singled you out and chose you to follow Him; only you can give Jesus your "Yes" – in word and deed.

**Thumb:** Lastly, hitchhikers point their thumbs to ask, "Are you on my way?" Likewise, we're called to ask, "Are you going His Way?" (John 14:6).



## Feasts & Celebrations

Lent begins February 22, and is devoted to the Passion of Our Lord. One form of observance is to pray the Stations of the Cross and meditate on Jesus' walk to Calvary.

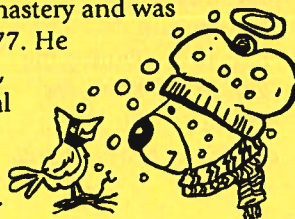
**February 1 – St. Brigid of Ireland (525).** Born to an Irish chieftain and an enslaved mother in Ireland, St. Brigid founded a monastery for monks and nuns at Kildare and served as abbess until her death.

**February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858).** A heavenly "lady" appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor girl

from a village in France and a miraculous spring emerged from a nearby cave. The "lady" revealed herself as the "Immaculate Conception," the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**February 22 – Ash Wednesday.** The first day of Lent. Ashes are placed on the foreheads as a sign of penance.

**February 27 – St. Gregory of Narek (1003).** Born in Armenia to a devout Christian family, St. Gregory entered the Narek Monastery and was ordained in 977. He wrote treatises, letters, mystical poems, and Scripture commentaries.



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Popes Francis  
February 2023 Intentions

**For parishes**

*We pray that parishes, placing  
communion at the center, may  
increasingly become communities of  
faith, fraternity and welcome towards  
those most in need.*



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Gatherings During this diocesan year of the National Eucharistic Revival, join us for a worshipful evening of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration to enhance our understanding of, love for, and living out of the Holy Eucharist. Each event will be from 3:00pm-4:30pm. **Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will be the celebrant.** We hope you will join us at the event nearest you!

**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

St. Michael the Archangel, Gibsonburg

**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

St. Patrick, Br

**Sunday, February 19, 2023**

St. Mary, Norwalk

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

St. Peter, Mansfield

**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

St. Michael, Kalida

**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

St. John XXIII, Perrysburg

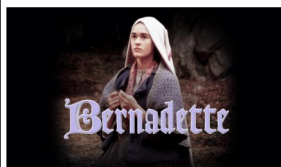
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In a culture as noisy and busy as ours, these precious, silent moments are the moments in which the Lord plants seeds.

**Bring more Catholic Wisdom into our lives watch Formed**

**Week of February 05, 2023**



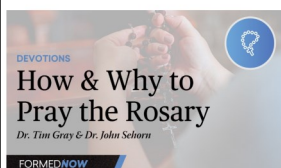
### Bernadette

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



### Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.



### How and Why to Pray the Rosary

As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!