



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



Tuesday—September 3

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

*Intention: For the People of Sacred
Heart Parish*

Wednesday—September 4

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Intention: Edna Keller & Dorothy Blum

Thursday—September 5

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph

6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph

*Intention: For the People of St. Joseph
Parish*

Friday—September 6

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Intention: Ken Parr, Jr.

**7:30 pm First Friday Adoration at
Sacred Heart**

Saturday—September 7

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

*Intention: Rodney Cole;
Lawrence & Mary Alice Biglin*

Sunday—September 8

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph

Intention: John DiPietro, Joseph DiPietro

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

*Intention: Mark & Lucy Rietschlin;
Jeanne, Paul & Kathleen Gosser*

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Intention: Josephine Chinni

***September 1, 2024
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Dear St. Joseph Families,

How blessed we are! We had a flawless opening to the 2024-2025 school year! The North building feels great with the installation of the mini-split units installed in each room; the Convo looks fresh and clean with a new paint job; we were excited to welcome several new families; and the faculty and staff are prepared and ready to implement some new curriculum and teaching strategies learned through summer professional development.

As always, we are so grateful for all the support you, our dedicated parishioners, give to the school. Sincere thanks to Steve Marek, John Link, Dave Horning, Mark Schneider, and so many others, for the update and maintenance of our campus buildings and grounds. Also, the outpouring of such generous support for the flooring project was just amazing. Installation will begin soon, and after its completion, we will have an open house for everyone to view. Thank you so very much!

Each Friday morning the school community will join parishioners for 8:30 Mass. In addition to weekly Mass, the school calendar is filling up quickly with events and activities. This week we begin our fall standardized MAP testing which will help us drive class instruction. On Monday, September 9, we will honor our grandparents as they are invited for lunch and to tour our school.

I am excited to announce that monthly Sr. Citizen luncheons will resume this school year. Please join us on Tuesday, September 17 at 12:15. The menu is chicken fettuccine, salad, applesauce, breadstick and ice cream. The cost is \$4.00. Please RSVP to the school office (419-683-1284) by Friday, September 13. I hope you will join us!

I am grateful and blessed for another school year at St. Joseph. Please continue to pray for our students and staff, as we will continue to pray for all of you. **WE WILL... ENCOURAGE!**

Have a blessed Labor Day weekend.

In His Name,
Sue Sanders

Principal



Weekly Offering

August 25, 2024

\$3,580.75

Sunday Envelopes

(41) \$2,160.00

Loose Checks

(4) \$180.00

Loose Currency

\$266.00

Votive lights

\$29.00

School Support

\$175.00

Parish Maintenance

\$410.00

Online Giving

\$240.75

Caritas

\$75.00

Flower Fund

\$10.00

Assumption

\$35.00

Thank You

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: September 8, 2024 Please check Ministry Pro for any updates.

Sunday - 7:00 am**Lector:** Nancy Cozad**Eucharistic Ministers:** Steve Marek, Morgan Frye, Dave Horning**Servers:** Adam Link, Samantha Link**Gift Bearers:** Jerry Studer Family**Ushers:** Mike Anatra, Jerry Studer**Sunday - 10:30 am****Lector:** Rex Holt**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Zucker, Joann Palm, Tracy Dzugan**Servers:** Brooke Zucker, Tyler Zucker, Sarah Holt**Gift Bearers:** Matt & Adrienne Ruhe Family**Ushers:** Matthew Ruhe, Brett Warnecke**Special Intention of Pope Francis—Month of September**

For The Cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Readings for the week of September 2

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Ps 119:97-102 / Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16 / Ps 145:8-14 / Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9 / Ps 33:12-15, 20-21 / Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23 / Ps 24:1-6 / Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5 / Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 / Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15 / Ps 145:17-21 / Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Is 35:4-7a / Ps 146:7-10 / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37

**Pray the Rosary With Us!**

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



The Parish office will be closed
 on Monday, September 2.

Happy Labor Day!

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Friday, September 6

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Copies of **The Word Among Us** for September 2024 are now available on the registers in church. It is a great resource for the daily Mass readings and reflections. Be sure to pick up a copy.

Live Music **JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY!** **FAMILY FEUD**

HOLY TRINITY FESTIVAL
Save The Date **Sun., Sept. 15**
11:00am

BBQ Chicken & Pork Chop Meals
Dine-In or Carry-Out
(No Drive-Thru)

ENTER TO WIN **Raffles Gift Baskets** **Decathlon** **Bounce House** **Lego Building** **Mario Kart**

Euchre Tournament



Do you have a friend, co-worker or spouse who is not Catholic but attends Mass with you regularly and might be interested in learning more if they were only invited? Then OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is how you can invite family or friends who have expressed an interest and do not know where to start. Our next group of inquirers, those who have expressed interest or are just curious, will begin sessions in October. For additional information or to express interest for yourself or someone you know, please call or text Katie DiLullo at 419-961-3494 (Sacred Heart) or Kim Legge at 419-689-3033 (St. Joseph) or call the parish office. Thank you!



Please register for PSR!

PSR registration forms for Grades 2 through 8 are available in the back of church, or you can download them from the parish website at <https://stjosephcrestline.org/announcements>.

Last day to register is today—September 1. Classes begin Sunday, September 22 at Sacred Heart.

We asked and once again you came through!

We have reached our goal to purchase new flooring for our classrooms.

Thank you for always supporting our mission - St. Joseph School!



The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance.

Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth.

The last 3-year audit was conducted in October of 2021. The next on-site audit will be conducted in September of 2024.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.



Ken Parr, Jr. passed away on Monday, August 26. He was 74 years old. St. Joseph Parish sends our sincere condolences to Ken's family and friends.

*"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen."*



Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Thomas!

In celebration of Bishop Daniel E. Thomas' 10-year anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, we are building a "spiritual bouquet" to present to him. You are invited to offer prayers, Holy Hours, Masses, Fasting, or Acts of Charity in thanksgiving for Bishop Thomas' ten years of service in the Diocese of Toledo. Visit toledodiocese.org/10years to send in your offerings for the spiritual bouquet. They will be presented to Bishop Thomas on October 22, 2024. *Please note: This will be a surprise for Bishop Thomas! Please do not mention it to him.*

Upcoming Area Events:

K of C 22nd Annual Chicken BBQ

Saturday, September 7 11am—6pm \$13 per meal
St. Joseph Activity Center, Galion

Catholic Women's Club

Mass and Lunch at Galion, St. Joseph

Wednesday, September 11 11am \$22 for lunch
RSVP to Sheryl Weber (419-610-3884) before noon on Thursday, September 5, 2024

REBOOT Featuring Chris Stephanick

Wednesday, September 11 @ 7pm

St. John XXIII Church
24250 N Dixie Hwy; Perrysville, Ohio

Tickets \$33-\$39

For more info and to register: <https://reallifecatholic.com/reboot/>

Permanent Deacon Virtual Inquiry Sessions

Open to men between the ages of 29 and 59

After speaking with Fr. Jeff about your interest, please attend one of the following virtual inquiry sessions via Zoom

Thursday, September 12 or Monday, September 16

7:00—8:00 p.m. Pre-registration not required

Visit toledodiocese.org/diaconate for information and Zoom links

2024 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

Celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years of marriage Sunday, October 27 @ 3pm

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo
Please register at <https://toledodiocese.org/mass-on-anniversaries> to receive a commemorative certificate and invitation to the reception following Mass. Note: this is an updated website address.

Why do we celebrate workers on Labor Day?

The idea of a Labor Day was sparked in the 19th century as a means to honor our labor unions and workers across the country.

For context: Prior to the inception of the holiday, labor unions were advocating for "very specific improvements in their working conditions," according to [CNN](#). Most workers in America were indulging in physically or mentally taxing jobs—and doing so all seven days of the week, with no real limit to the hours per day. So, through resilience and a dose of well-intentioned stubbornness, the labor unions saw some amazing wins! In short, they are the reason we now have a 40-hour work week and company benefits such as paid time off, vacation time, and sick leave! Labor Day honors the common American workers who helped change the way our country views its workforce, allowing for economic freedom and liberty.

While there are conflicting reports on who specifically came up with the holiday, we can more than likely accredit it to two people: Peter J. McGuire and Matthew Maguire, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Some people believe that one man over the other is responsible, but that's an entirely different debate.

The first unofficial Labor Day dates back to September 5, 1882, taking place in New York City. Though it took some time, states slowly but surely began adapting the holiday as their own over the years. By June 28, 1894, Labor Day was an official holiday according to Congress, passing an act that declared the holiday be celebrated on the first Monday in September of each year.

Written by: Josiah Soto - assistant editor of news and social for The Pioneer Woman.



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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.

September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Pope Francis	2 Bishop Daniel E. Thomas	3 Your Parish Priest	4 Parents of Priests	5 Seminarist Steven Billmaier	6 Rev. John Blaser	7 Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
8 Rev. Stephen Blum	9 Rev. Nathan Bockrath	10 Rev. Christopher Bohnsack	11 Rev. Daniel Borgelt	12 Rev. Monsignor Marvin Borger	13 Rev. Joseph Brickner	14 Deacons and Missionary Priests
15 Rev. Ronald Brickner	16 Rev. Herold Brown	17 Rev. James Brown	18 Rev. Michael Brown	19 Rev. Zachary Brown	20 Rev. David Bruning	21 Religious Brothers and Sisters
22 Rev. Joseph Cardone	23 Rev. Albert Ceranowski	24 Rev. Gerald Ceranowski	25 Rev. Gerald Chmiel	26 Rev. David Cirata	27 Rev. Anthony Coci	28 Deceased Priests of our Diocese
29 Rev. Nathan Cromly	30 Rev. James Cryan					

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



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September 2024

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Rev. Jeff Smith, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Peter Claver

Born into a farming family in Spain in 1580, St. Peter joined the Jesuits at the age of twenty and was ordained in 1615. While serving in Colombia in 1610, he was horrified by the slave trade. Rushing to meet each arriving slave ship, he brought water, medicine, food, and clothing to the enslaved people on board. He taught them about God and baptized nearly 300,000 individuals. St. Peter lived humbly and penitentially, in solidarity with those he served.



Don't delay to seek Love

Don't wait to become perfect before seeking God's love, or you never will. The good news is, we don't have to. God already loves us — infinitely. When we accept His love and grace with open hands, it will transform our hearts.

"My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you" (Isaiah 54:10).



Find true peace

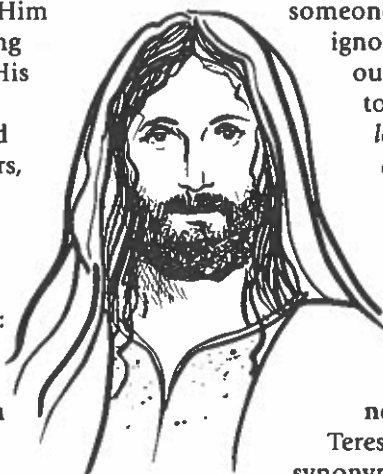
As Catholics, we understand that the key to true happiness and peace lies in proclaiming Christ as our Lord and following Him faithfully. By knowing Jesus, experiencing His love, keeping His Commandments, and serving Him in others, we will find genuine joy, fulfillment, and peace.

Know Jesus and experience His love: God invites each of us to enter into a deep friendship with Him (John 15:15). This friendship is characterized by mutual respect, intimacy, and cooperation. Jesus reveals His love for us through the Scriptures, the Sacraments of the Church, and especially through the Mass. In prayer, ask God to reveal His personal, everlasting love for

you. That's a prayer He is eager to answer.

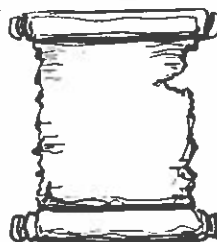
Love Him back: Do you know someone who claims to care but ignores what you say? Jesus, our greatest Friend, asks us to listen to Him. *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"* (John 14:15). By living the Ten Commandments and the Eight Beatitudes (see Matthew 5:3-ff), we demonstrate our love for Jesus.

Serve Him in our neighbors: For Mother Teresa, serving the poor was synonymous with serving Jesus (Matthew 25:40). She prepared their beds and treated their wounds as if He were the next to use them. By performing ordinary tasks with love and intentionality, we can experience true and lasting happiness.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Just as families have household rules guiding how each member contributes to supporting the home, the Catholic Church has issued rules, called precepts, that act as the principal obligations of every Catholic. These are: attend Mass every Sunday



Why are there Church's precepts?

and Holy Day of Obligation, receive Communion and attend Confession at least once annually, study Catholic teaching, observe the Church's marriage laws, give children religious training, to strengthen and support the parish community, do penance, and join in the Church's mission.

Mistakes can be blessings

Do you dread making mistakes and feel remorse when you do? Instead, realize that mistakes are simply outcomes we didn't expect and can lead to growth.

Start by admitting your mistake. You can only learn from a mistake if you admit you made one. Acknowledging the error takes the focus away from assigning blame and moves it toward understanding a future course of action.

Enlist help. Talking to someone else about what happened gives you the benefit of another's experience. He or she may have made a similar mistake

or know of a solid solution. Plus, describing the event forces you to think it through and may even help you see

opportunities you didn't know were there.

Decide on change. Ask, "What will I do better next time?" Real growth and change happen when you see possibilities for improvement.

Benefit from mistakes. If you can learn from the current error, you may be able to avoid a future one. Remember, God is the only one you know who doesn't make mistakes.

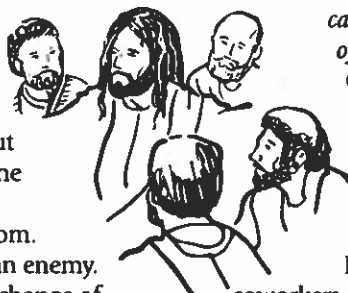


from Scripture

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, The demands of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear about an unfamiliar man who healed in Jesus' name. Their initial reaction was one of jealousy. They seemed more concerned about losing the spotlight than the healing itself. Jesus put things into perspective. The man shared their goal of building up God's Kingdom. They gained an ally, not an enemy.

Discipleship requires a change of heart, lifestyle, and habits. Jesus was very clear: if we choose to follow Him, we cannot harbor private sins on the side. If our sins lead others into sin, our responsibility is even greater.



These are serious words, but the opposite is great news: "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19).

God rewards us for the good we do for others.

Our example holds powerful influence.

Being a faithful disciple isn't easy.

Embracing unfamiliar coworkers, rooting out sin, and setting a good example can be challenging, but we are not alone, nor are we without grace. Whatever God asks us to sacrifice, the reward will be infinitely greater.

Q How can I get & better at defending my beliefs?

One good way to be sure you can explain what you believe is to have solid information at your fingertips.

To start, keep a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* handy. It summarizes what we believe and why, with an excellent glossary to help navigate. Your library may have one or you can buy it from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org, 800-235-8722).

Read some common questions and answers about Catholic faith and practices by Church experts. For example, a helpful resource, *Catholic Answers to Catholic Questions*, by Paul Thigpen, Ph.D., is available at Our Sunday Visitor books (www.osv.com, 800-348-2440). Or, ask your priest for a Church-approved recommendation.

Know the common misconceptions. There are many misunderstandings about the Catholic Faith. Knowing what the Church actually teaches on topics like the Eucharist, Mary, the Saints, and salvation will prepare you to clarify these points.

Don't forget to ask for help from the Holy Spirit. In fact, just let the Spirit do the talking.

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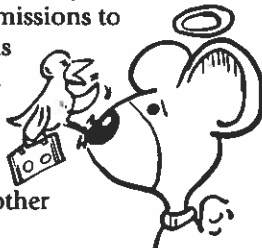
Feasts & Celebrations

Sept. 3 - St. Gregory the Great (604). St. Gregory resigned as chief prefect of Rome to become a monk at the Abbey of St. Andrew. As Pope, he used his political skills to make peace with the invading Lombards, save Rome from famine, and restore order within the Church itself.

Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. Despite her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified and fearless while others ran away.

Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul (1660). St. Vincent de Paul was devoted to the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick. He founded several hospitals and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa.

Sept. 29 - The Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Three archangels entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother, announcing she was to be the Mother of God.



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Parish Office hours Monday—Friday, 8am—1pm
School Office hours 8:00am—3:00pm
Please email with any concerns.

When traveling masstimes.org
will help you find a Sunday Mass to attend

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday by 12 noon, the week prior to the desired date. To submit items for the bulletin, please email Lisa Simmons at lsimmons@stjosephcrestline.org



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GENDER & THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY (AGES 13+)

TUESDAY

September 10, 2024

7:45 - 8:45pm

What's the meaning of sex, gender, and the human body? The truth of masculinity and femininity are being questioned like never before. Discover how your body as a man or woman reveals your identity and calling.

Purchase Tickets with QR Code:



Break 7:30-7:45 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration 8:45-9:15 PM

Tickets: chastity.com/purified

Info: thunyor@delphosstjohns.org or 419-695-4050 ext.1120

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 01, 2024



Pope Saint Gregory the Great

In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn.



Modernism | Heresies | Episode 7

We live in a post-modern world. But to understand the post-modern world, we must understand the heresy of modernism. What is modernism? Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Christopher Mooney for an informative discussion on the heresy of modernism.



The Catholic Family in a Post-Christian World | The Mission of the Family | Ep 1

God has a plan for marriage and the family. By understanding God's goal for family life and its relationship to the world, families will be better prepared for the challenges of living this vision in modern society.

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