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Sister Parish with Sacred Heart of Jesus*

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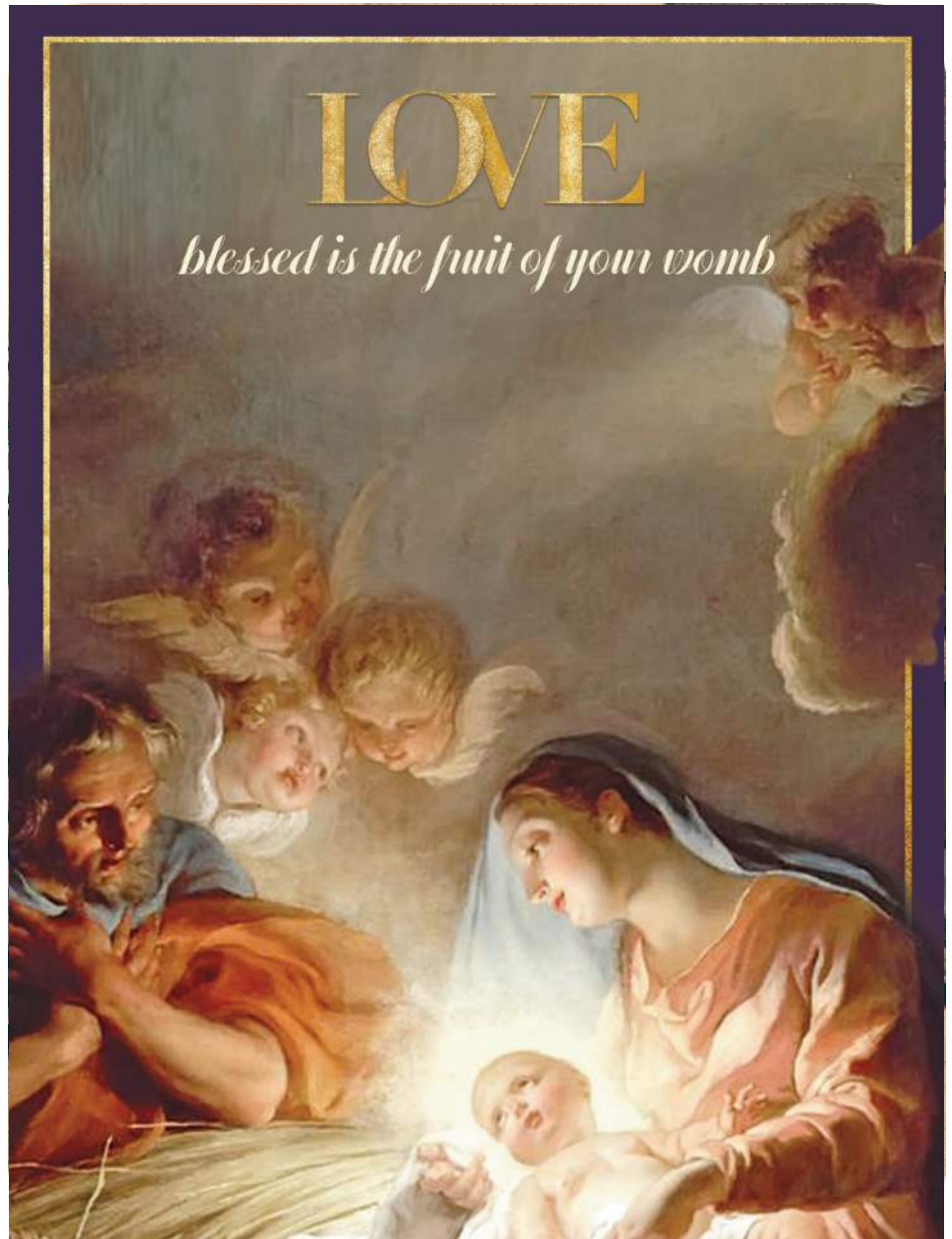
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Bulletin Deadline

Monday by 9:00am before the
desired Sunday. To submit items for
the bulletin, please email
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call the Parish Office.

Letter From the Pastor

Greetings Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the final step in our journey toward Christmas. The first three candles have reminded us of hope, peace, and joy—but now we light the final candle, the Candle of Love. Its flame tells us that God's love is not an idea or a feeling, but a Person who draws close to us.

As we enter these last days before Christmas, we are invited to slow down—even just for a moment—and imitate Mary and Joseph. Where is God asking us to trust? Where is He inviting us to welcome His love? Sometimes His arrival is quiet, almost hidden, but His presence transforms everything.

May these final days of Advent draw us deeper into God's love and prepare our hearts to celebrate the wondrous gift of Emmanuel—God with us.

Remember our Christmas Mass times!

Wednesday December 24th Christmas Eve Masses:

4:30 pm Sacred Heart

7:00 pm St. Joseph

Thursday December 25th Christmas morning Mass times:

8:30 am Sacred Heart

10:30 am St. Joseph

Love draws near!

In Christ,
Fr. Jeff

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 21, 2025

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Monday 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;

Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Christmas Mass
Schedule

Wednesday, December 24
4:30 pm - Sacred Heart
7:00 pm - St. Joseph

Thursday, December 25
8:30 am - Sacred Heart
10:30 am - St. Joseph

*Please note: There will be
no morning Mass on
Friday, December 26 at St.
Joseph.*

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday · December 23

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
For the Living & Deceased of the Jacob Gosser Family

Wednesday · December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Ron & Barb Finnegan; Jeff Belcik

7:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph
Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

Thursday · December 25 - Christmas

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
John Metzger; Norbert & Dorothy Blum

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
Gladys Burkhart; Charles Marek; Deacon Joe & Sandy Burkhart

Friday · December 26

NO 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday · December 27

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
For the People of St. Joseph & Sacred Heart Parishes

Sunday · December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
Charles Marek

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Bob Niese; Richard Vogt; Dennis Markwell

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



<i>Check Ministry Pro for updates.</i>	<i>Sunday, December 28 7:00 am</i>	<i>Sunday, December 28 10:30 am</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Nicole Roberts	Dan Legge
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Don Alt Morgan Frye Adam Link	Denise Belcastro Tracy Dzugan Peggy Pauley
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Anna Erwin James Erwin	Jeffrey Davis Brylee Warnecke Harper Warnecke
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Larry & Ruth Karl Family	Ric & Carleen Higgins Family
<i>Ushers</i>	Doug DeNero Curt Young	Mark Schneider Brett Warnecke



Christmas Ministry Schedule

Wednesday, December 24 - 7:00 pm Mass

Lector - Mark Schneider

Eucharistic Ministers - Adam Link, Denise Belcastro, Adrienne Ruhe

Servers - Samantha Link, Sydney Link, Miles Ruhe

Gift Bearers - Matt & Adrienne Ruhe Family

Ushers - Bernadette Karasko, Matt Ruhe

Thursday, December 25 - 10:30 am Mass

Lector - Linda Salvati

Eucharistic Ministers - Ann Coward, Dave Sharrock, Kristen Wozniak

Servers - Elliott Wozniak, Grayson Wozniak, Luci Wozniak

Gift Bearer - Lynn Whites

Ushers - Bernadette Karasko, Chris Wozniak

Retirement Fund for Religious

Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity! "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.

Mark Your January Calendars!

Our annual **Spaghetti Supper** to kick off Catholic Schools Week will take place on **Saturday evening, January 24, 2026 from 5:00 until 7:00** in the Convocation Center. Come enjoy spaghetti, salad, bread sticks, and a beverage for only \$10 per person / \$5 for kids 12 and under. Desserts will be available for a donation. See you there!

Weekly Offering

From December 14, 2025

Total Offertory Collection	\$5,338.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$1,770.00
Loose Checks	\$210.00
Loose Currency	\$366.00
Online Giving (Not Available at Time of Print)	
Votive Lights	\$32.00
School Support	\$700.00
Parish Maintenance	\$1,410.00
Caritas	\$20.00
Church Building Maintenance	\$145.00
Retired Religious	\$315.00
Christmas	\$200.00
Immaculate Conception	\$120.00
All Saints	\$50.00

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 note: During these winter months, we will not be meeting in church on Tuesdays. Please continue to pray at home for our beloved country. We will resume sometime this coming spring. 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.



Gift Cards from SCRIP

Please remember our SCRIP program when you shop and dine out.

Information about SCRIP 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.



The Parish Office will closed on the following days:

December 24

December 25

January 1



ADVENT



WORDSEARCH

MARY
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Fish Fry Leaders Needed

We are still seeking interested persons to shadow our Fish Fry leaders this year and then to take over, beginning in 2026. The first Fish Fry of this upcoming season will be Friday, February 20. Our trainees need to be in place well before that date. Contact Steve Marek with any interest or questions at 419-295-1827. Thank you!

Healing Through the Eucharist Retreat

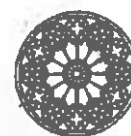
Saturday, January 3, 2026 - 9:00 am - 2:45 pm

Sorrowful Mother Shrine, 4106 State Route 269, Bellevue

Start 2026 with a retreat on the most important food you will ever eat in this life; the Eucharist! We'll dive into the radical truth of the Most Blessed Sacrament that is the very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. We'll also dive deep into considering the healing power of the Most Blessed Sacrament and how the Eucharist truly is the meal that heals! \$25 registration fee which includes lunch. **Call to register and pay by December 22, 2025 - 419-483-3435, option 4.**

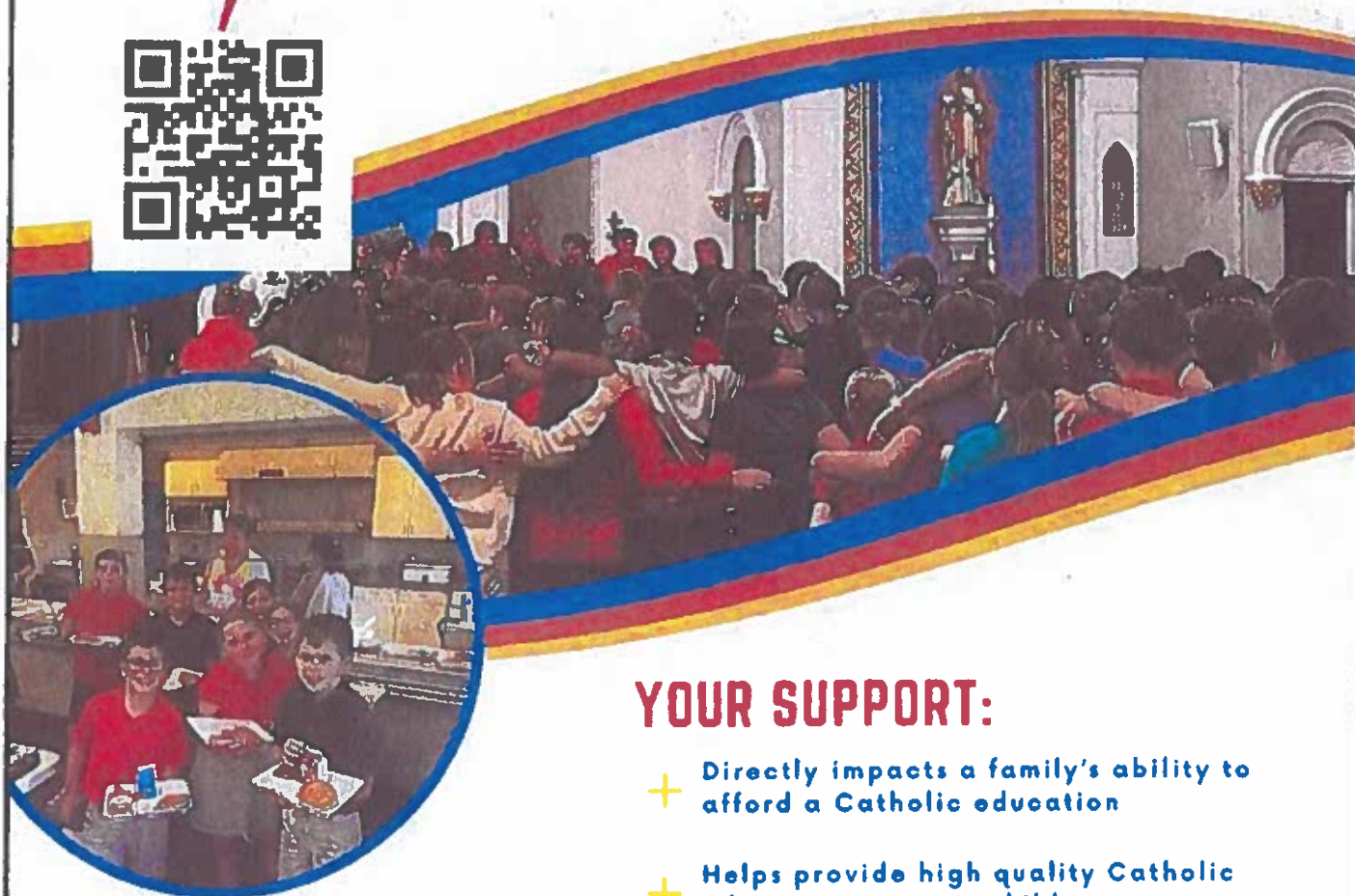
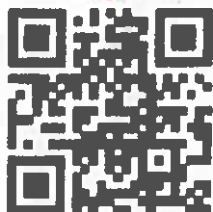
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DEANERY-WIDE

Eucharistic Mission

February 9 - 12, 2026
St. Joseph Activity Center & Church, Galion

Monday
Fr. John Miller

Tuesday
Fr. Chris Mileski

Wednesday
Fr. Jeff Smith

Thursday
Fr. Chris Mileski

Each evening will begin at the Activity Center at 6:30pm with a light dinner followed by a presentation about Jesus in the Eucharist at 7:00. Following the presentation, we will move to the church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30pm.



Reverend Joseph A. Weigman, retired priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Saturday, December 6, 2025. May he rest in peace.

"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."

Good St. Joseph

I confess that I struggle with a large ego. I want to be seen and acknowledged and validated. I simultaneously struggle with low self confidence. In this generation so many families fail due to prioritizing our individual needs above all else. Often unconsciously, we seek status and wealth, a common human flaw. We frequently seek more attention, particularly in what is supposed to be our safe haven, our own household.

In today's Gospel, we get a glimpse into the heart of Joseph, the righteous and honorable man chosen to help raise the Son of God. We see his holiness, his desire to respect others, and his obedience to God.

St. Joseph, as a descendant of King David, you knew your identity. You knew your littleness but recognized that you were protected always in the arms of God. You understood that God is with us. Looking to you as an example, we can also have faith that we will prevail despite any earthly struggle. From family uncertainty to having to flee from your homeland, you trusted God with a steadfastness I hope to emulate. Faithful and virtuous, your commitment to others came before your own needs.



St. Joseph, patron saint of families, help me to be like you. Help me to be humble, to be at peace within my heart. Teach me that love is above all, sacrificing in order to place other's needs before my own. Show me how to be meek, poor in spirit, a peacemaker - as your beloved Child taught - as this is true richness. Help me to be quiet, to reflect, to listen - not cry out - to be reflective rather than reactive. Create in me a spirit of contentment and soften my heart so that I can make room for my Lord Jesus to have a home.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh (Diocesan.com)



This Week on Formed

Week of December 21, 2025



The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special

In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



What Catholics Believe About Christmas: Traditions, Santa Claus

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about Christmas. What are the 12 days of Christmas? Was Santa Claus a real person? What is Advent?

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