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Bulletin Deadline

Monday by 9:00am before the
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the bulletin, please email
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Letter From the Pastor

Greetings Parishioners,

As we soon celebrate the beginning of a new year, the Church places before us the gentle yet powerful Holy Day of "Mary, the Mother of God". This is no accident. The Lord gives us Mary at the start of each year to remind us that the Christian life always begins with receiving—receiving Christ and receiving God's help.

The Gospel for this solemnity describes Mary quietly pondering the shepherds' message in her heart. While the world celebrated noisily, Mary held the mystery of Christ with peace and attentiveness. She teaches us that the way forward in life is not through frantic activity or anxious planning, but through trust, prayer, and openness to God's will.

Let us kick off the New Year in prayer as Mary would by attending this Holy Day! The glorious Holy Day "Mary, the Mother of God" will be celebrated on Wednesday New Year's Eve @ Sacred Heart at 6:30pm and Thursday New Year's Day morning @ St. Joseph at 7:30am.

Mary is called—"God-bearer"—because she brought Christ into the world. But this title also says something about us: each of us is meant to carry Christ into our families, workplaces, and communities.

As we begin a new year may this feast day set us on the right track:

- May we, like Mary, listen for God's voice in the quiet moments.
- May we welcome Christ more deeply into our hearts.
- May we bring His peace into a world longing for hope.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Happy New Year!

Fr. Jeff

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 28, 2025

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
Monday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a; 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday	Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12

Please note: There will be no morning Mass on Friday, January 2 at St. Joseph, and no First Friday Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart.



The Diocese of Toledo is pleased to announce that the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal has officially surpassed its goal of \$3.25 million!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners, pastors, and community members whose generosity and prayerful support made this achievement possible. Your commitment strengthens the mission of the Church throughout our 19 counties and directly supports vital ministries, outreach efforts, and pastoral care.

Thank you for helping us continue the work of Christ in Northwest Ohio and standing Together For Good!

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

~ Psalm 128

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday · December 30

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

*Deceased of the Clarence Studer Family;
Rodney Cole*

Wednesday · December 31 - Vigil - Mary, The Holy Mother of God

NO 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Ron & Barb Finnegan; Ryan Chancellor

Thursday · January 1 - Mary, The Holy Mother of God

7:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Rev. Joseph Weigman

NO 6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph

Friday · January 2

NO 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday · January 3

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

*For the People of Sacred Heart and St.
Joseph Parishes*

Sunday · January 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph

*Leonard Chicotel Family; Joe & Geri
Vuckovich; Lindsey & Lisa Anatra*

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

*Francis, Marie & Joe Biglin; Norbert &
Dorothy Blum*

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Gladys Burkhart; Lindsey & Lisa Anatra

<i>Check Ministry Pro for updates.</i>	<i>Sunday, January 4 7:00 am</i>	<i>Sunday, January 4 10:30 am</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Anna Langdon	Debby Ketcham
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Barbara DiPietro Tracy Dzugan Dave Horning	Dan Legge Dave Sharrock Kristen Wozniak
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Samantha Link Sydney Link	Maddie Hocker Vincent Hocker Mia Strassell
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	John & Shari Link	Cole & Sydney Phillips Family
<i>Ushers</i>	Don Alt Dave Horning	Keith Ketcham Chris Wozniak

Fish Fry Leaders Needed

We are still seeking interested persons to shadow our Fish Fry leaders in 2026 and then to take over, beginning in 2027. **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!

Mark Your January Calendars!

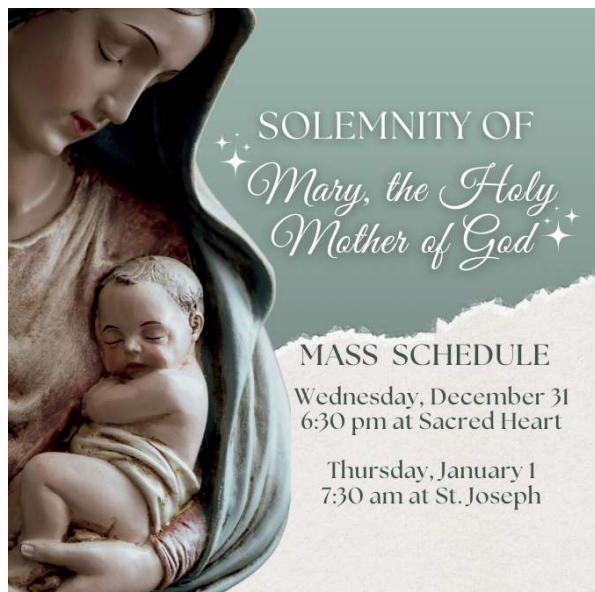
Our annual **Spaghetti Supper** to kick off Catholic Schools Week will take place on **Saturday evening, January 24, 2026 from 5:00 until 7:00** in the Convocation Center. Come enjoy spaghetti, salad, bread sticks, and a beverage for only \$10 per person / \$5 for kids 12 and under. Desserts will be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

Priests' Retirement - Perpetuate the Gift

Your gift to the Perpetuate The Gift appeal supports our retired diocesan priests, enabling them to pay for their living expenses (medical, housing, car, food, etc.). All funds contributed now through December 31, 2025, assist our parish in fulfilling its assessed contribution to the fund. For your convenience, please look for the special envelopes in church. Our parish and our retired priests are so very grateful for your support!

Holy Family Prayer

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for Your blessing on all families. Let Mary's openness to Your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in You. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty. Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that enriched the Holy Family widen to embrace all families. For this we pray. Amen.



Weekly Offering

Due to the early bulletin submission deadline for the Christmas and New Year's holiday, the offertory collection information is not available for printing.

Please note: Contributions received after December 31, 2025 will be included on your 2026 giving statement.

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.



Feast of the Holy Family

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Nazareth



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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.



Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Married Couples

Retrouvaille is a weekend program designed to help couples who are experiencing difficulty in their marriage—whether they are struggling to communicate, feel distant or disconnected, or are considering separation or divorce. Retrouvaille offers hope, support, and practical tools to help couples restore, rebuild, and rediscover their relationship. The next Retrouvaille weekend for Northwest Ohio / Toledo and Adrian, Michigan will be held **January 30 – February 1, 2026**. For confidential information or to register, call 419-481-1116, email 3033@helpourmarriage.org, or visit helpourmarriage.org.

Make a Donation and Receive a Tax Credit


Thank you for your interest in making a donation to the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund! Remember, the state tax credit is limited to \$750 for an individual taxpayer or \$1,500 for married couples filing jointly, and the tax credit cannot exceed the Ohio tax owed. Donors should consider writing two separate checks if they are married filing jointly. **Donations received prior to April 15th, 2026 can be applied to the 2025 tax year.** An acknowledgment letter will be mailed to you for tax credit purposes. **Your donation can be designated to St. Joseph School, Crestline.** To make your gift to the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund, select Donate Now from our secure site at <https://www.dotsgo.org>. Select Mail a Check for a printable form (designate St. Joseph School, Crestline) to include with your check, or select Donate Online and enter your school selection as St. Joseph School, Crestline. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Sanders at 419-683-1284 or ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org.

Healing for a Caregiver's Heart Retreat

A retreat designed to bring hope and healing to caregivers presented by Carol Kurivial and Kristen (Kurivial) Hug of Luminous Ministries on **Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM** (lunch included) at St. Joseph Parish Ministry Center Workshop (204 W. Wayne Street, Maumee OH 43537). For Inquires contact: lpriest@toledodiocese.org. To register, visit: <https://toledodiocese.org/fox.com/caretakers-retreat>

*The Parish Office will closed on Thursday, January 1.
Happy New Year!!*

Saint Joseph Catholic Church



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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.



This Week on Formed

Week of December 28, 2025



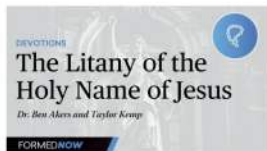
New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

The Word In Our Lives

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Loving Obedience

One theme common to all three readings today is obedience. Sirach commends the son who obeys his father. St. Paul tells children to obey their parents "in everything." And the Gospel shows Joseph obedient to the warnings of the angel. Yet all three put obedience in terms of a larger relationship.

Sirach says that obedience is part of what makes a happy family. As we saw last Sunday, it shows trust in the one who is obeyed. Children trust that their parents have good reason for telling them to do something. Children also learn both discipline and how to contribute to family life. Spouses trust each other not to ask them to do something harmful. Obedience is also a sign of respect for an older family member. Americans tend to look at older people as if they were useless, but Sirach reminds us of the wisdom they can share with us.

St. Paul continues this theme in the second reading. He shows how love of Christ transforms a family. When he talks about wives being subordinate and husbands loving them, he means that husbands and wives should defer to each other and love each other. Children and parents have duties to each other: Children are to obey parents and parents are to be reasonable ("do not provoke") and loving.



Parents might look at the Gospel for support in encouraging obedience. Joseph obeyed the messages from the angel and saved the life of the infant Jesus. So families can learn that stressing obedience can protect the child as well as teach. Parents can also remind children that God asks for obedience for our good, not on a whim. When we obey God's law, we learn to trust God more deeply and to appreciate that God's law enables us to live more freely. As children we think that rules restrict us, but as we mature, we learn that we are more restricted by our misguided desires and beliefs. We learn to adjust those desires to be in line with God's plan for us. We grow by replacing misguided beliefs (i.e., that material things bring true happiness, that revenge is sweet, etc.) with faith in a loving God who wants the best for us and who doesn't magically take away our sufferings, but supports us through them.

Tom Schmidt (Diocesan.com)

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