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DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY

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April 12, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Each year, on the Sunday following Easter, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday—a beautiful reminder that God’s mercy is greater than our sins, our failures, and even our doubts. This feast was entrusted to the Church through [St. Faustina Kowalska](#), who received visions of Jesus revealing His immense desire to pour out mercy upon the world. In one of these visions, Jesus spoke words that still echo powerfully today: “Jesus, I trust in You.”

That simple phrase captures the heart of Divine Mercy. In the Gospel for this Sunday, we encounter [St. Thomas the Apostle](#), who struggled to believe in the Resurrection. Rather than rejecting him, Jesus meets Thomas in his doubt and invites him to touch His wounds. This is mercy—not condemnation, but an invitation.

And the same is true for us. So often, we can feel unworthy of God’s love. We may carry guilt, regret, or a sense that we’ve gone too far. But Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that there is no sin greater than God’s mercy. The doors of His heart remain open.

I invite you to spend time in prayer with me and other deanery parishes and priests! There will be a divine mercy prayer service at St. Peter's parish in Mansfield at 3pm. The service will include opportunities for reconciliation with multiple priests and the chanting of the chaplet. This service is a great way to reflect on God’s mercy in your life.

Let us not be afraid to come to Jesus as we are. After all, the message of Divine Mercy is not that we are perfect—but that we are loved.

Jesus, I trust in You.

In Christ,
Fr. Jeff

Scripture Readings

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| 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 |
| Monday | Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8 |
| Tuesday | Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15 |
| Wednesday | Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21 |
| Thursday | Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36 |
| Friday | Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15 |
| Saturday | Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21 |
| Sunday | Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35 |

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Jn 20:29

First Communion on April 19

**The First Communicants
practice is Thursday April
16 Mass 6:30.**

Communicants & Families will be joining us this Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. Please keep them in your prayers!



Senior Luncheon

The last senior luncheon for this school year. April 21 at 12:15 in convocation center. The cost is \$5.00, and we will be serving chicken salad on a croissant roll, carrots with ranch dressing, grapes and a cookie. **Please RSVP by April 17. Call the school and leave message on answering machine 419-683-1284. Remember you will get a free ticket to win a prize.**

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday - April 14

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

John Young

Wednesday - April 15

8:30am Mass at Sacred Heart

Rosmary Sutter

Thursday - April 16

No confessions or Mass

Friday - April 17

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph.

For those facing surgery

Saturday - April 18

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Lawrence & Mary Biglin Harold Moore & Mark Wolford

Sunday - April 19

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph

For the people of St. Joseph & Sacred Heart

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Terri Samples, John Metzger, & Richard Vogt

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Lindsey & Lis Anatra, Charles Marek & First Communicants

Opening for Principal

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.

Garage Sale in the Works!


Planning this sale for June 2026, specific date to be determined. **Please no clothing or exercise equipment will be accepted.** Proceeds will go to St. Joseph Church & School. Questions 419-632-3166.

| <i>Check Ministry Pro for updates.</i> | <i>Sunday, April 19 7:00 am</i> | <i>Sunday, April 19 10:30 am</i> |
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| <i>Lector</i> | Morgan Frye | Dan Salvati |
| <i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i> | Don Alt Morgan Frye Steve Marek | Peggy Pauley Sue Sanders Steve Vogt |
| <i>Altar Servers</i> | Anna Erwin James Erwin | Vincent Hocker Lilly Mills Mia Strassell |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i> | Adam Link Family | First Communicants |
| <i>Ushers</i> | Mike Anatra Curt Young | Keith Ketcham Brett Warnecke |

**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



Jesus, I trust in You

Open Arms Awards

The 28th Annual Diocesan Celebration of Catholics with Disabilities will be on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 6149 Hill Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will serve as principal celebrant and will present the 2026 Open Arms Awards. American Sign Language interpretation will be provided. All are welcome. We are seeking nominations for individuals who serve the church and community, living with a disability and/or a caregiver/advocate for a person(s) with a disability. Please see your parish for a Nomination form.

Weekly Offering

From April 5, 2026

Information not available in time for printing.

Sunday Envelopes
 Loose Checks.....
 Loose Currency.....
 Online Giving.....
 Votive Lights.....
 Parish Maintenance.....
 Church Building Maintenance.....
 Caritas
 Easter.....

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 14 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.



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2nd Sunday of Easter

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 Forgive Marks Seen Blessed Signs

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Homeschooling Graduation Mass - Save the Date!

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the 2026 Homeschool Mass on **Tuesday, June 2nd, at 7:00 PM at Rosary Cathedral, Toledo.**

This special celebration is open to all homeschooling families. At the end of Mass, we will recognize 8th grade and graduating high school seniors. If your student would like to participate, please contact Monica Depinet at homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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

Gift Cards from RaiseRight (formerly known as SCRIP)



By purchasing gift cards through RaiseRight our school receives rebates from the participating retailers, and you receive the full value of the gift card.

Information about RaiseRight can be found on our school's website at stjosephcrestline.org/school-news or in the back of church.

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 are available. Please make checks payable to MPH M Altar & Rosary. Contact Myra Snider for more information at 614-563-2856.



This Week on Formed

Week of April 12, 2026



Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on Formed includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.



Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—1:00 pm

School Office Hours:

8:00 am—3:00 pm (While in session)

Please email with any concerns. Email addresses are listed above

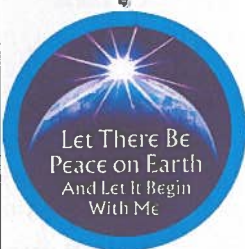
Bulletin Deadline:

Monday by 9:00am before the desired Sunday. To submit items for the bulletin, please email Lisa Simmons at lsimmons@stjosephcrestline.org or call the Parish Office.

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