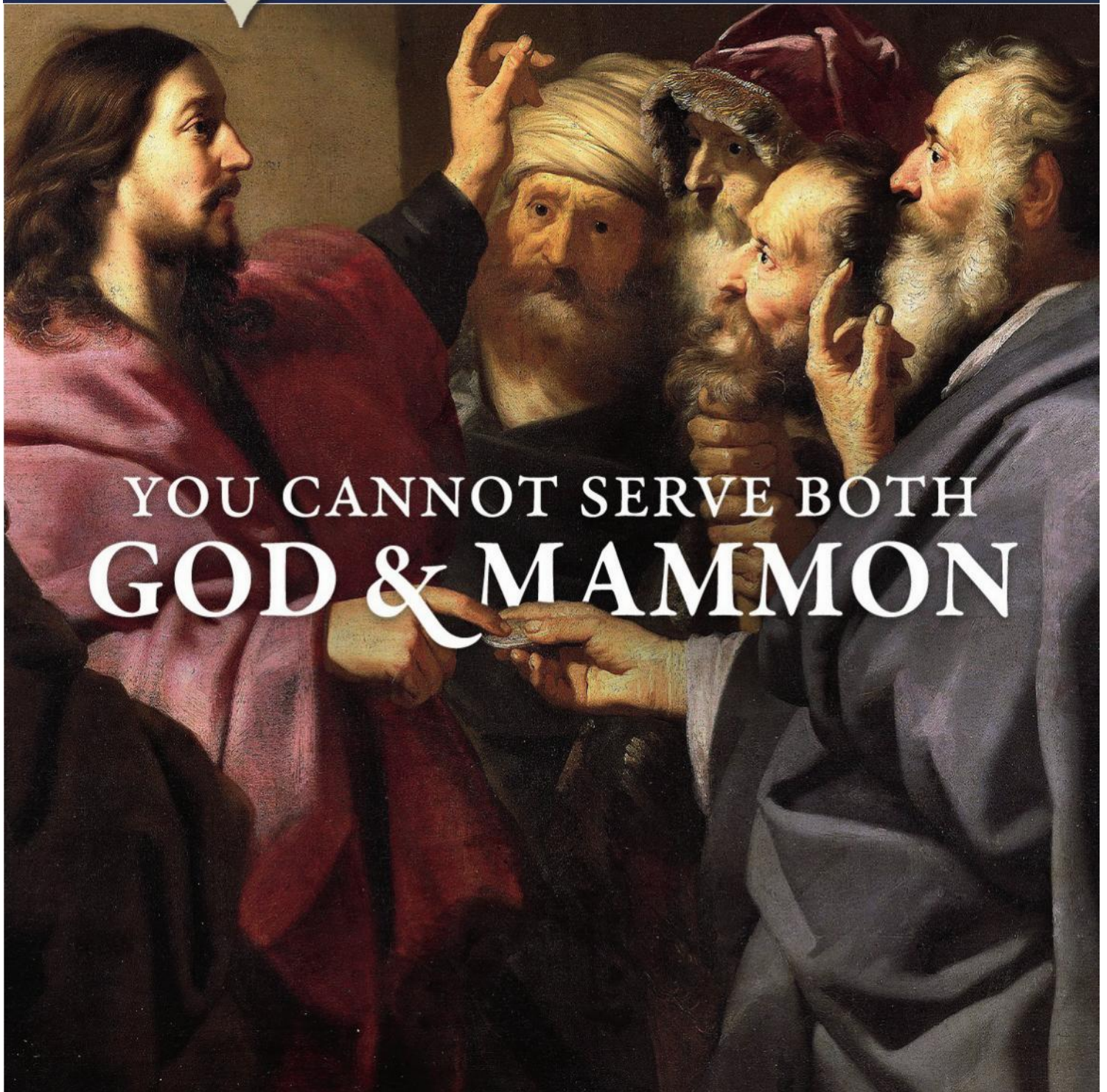




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GOD & MAMMON

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 21, 2025

Letter From the Pastor

OCIC: Order of Christian Initiation for Children (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR STUDENTS)

Dear Parishioners,

Do you know an elementary or junior high student who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith but was never baptized?

OR

Do you know a child who has missed the usual age for receiving the sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation?

IF SO OCIC FOR STUDENTS MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO YOU.

JOIN FR. JEFF IN A 5 CLASS TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH FOCUSING ON THE NICENE CREED! AFTER COMPLETING THESE 5 SESSIONS YOU MAY BE BAPTIZED IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH.

WHAT IS THE NICENE CREED?: It is the Creed / summary of beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church, it the defining statement of belief of Christianity.

THIS PROGRAM IS SIMILAR BUT MUCH CONDENSED COMPARED TO THAT OF THE ADULT OCIA PROGRAM. This OCIC is adapted with age-appropriate material, which offers kids the time to be formed in the teachings and practices of Catholicism. They will be prepared for full communion into the Catholic Church through the sacrament of Baptism taking place during the celebration of the Easter Vigil liturgy.

The schedule of classes is as follows:

Beginning in October, 5 classes from 9am-11am will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the St. Joseph Rectory in Crestline

Sat Oct 11th 9am-11am

Sat Nov 8th 9am-11am

Sat Dec 13th 9am-11am

Sat Jan 10th 9am -11am

Sat Feb 14th 9am-11am

If interested, please email Fr. Jeff at jsmith@toledodiocese.org

I hope to see you there!
Fr. Jeff

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 21, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
Monday	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab,13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



2025 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
October 26, 2025 / 3:00 p.m.

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2025 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit www.toledoanniversarymass.org.



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!

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday • September 23

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Kenny Vogt

Wednesday • September 24

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
For the Annunciation Catholic School Families

Thursday • September 25

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph
6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph
Pasqualina Mansueti

Friday • September 26

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
For the People of St. Joseph & Sacred Heart Parishes

Saturday • September 27

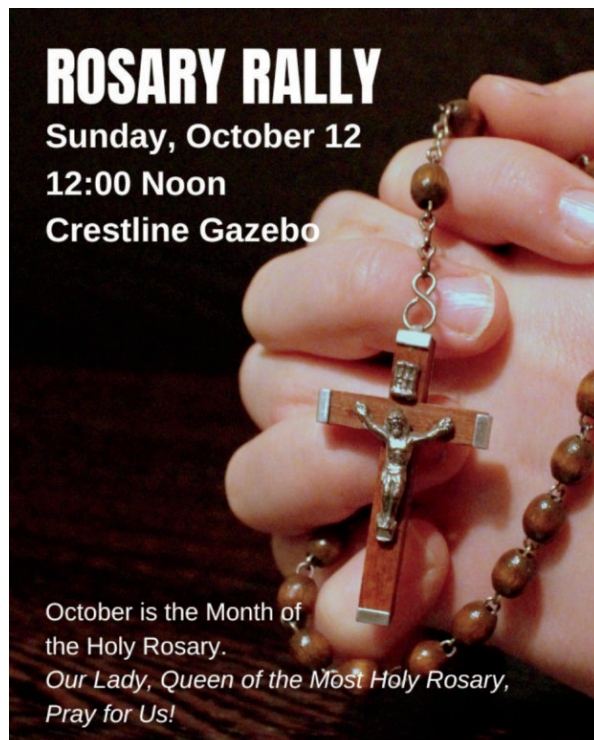
3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart
4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Mark & Lucy Rietschlin

Sunday • September 28

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
Henry & Catherine Burkhart Family;
Leroy Steiner

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Derek, Carl & Louann Metzger;
Leroy Steiner

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
For Victims of Violence, and Those Who
Have Lost Their Lives Due to Violence



ROSARY RALLY
Sunday, October 12
12:00 Noon
Crestline Gazebo

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary.
Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary,
Pray for Us!

<i>Check Ministry Pro for updates.</i>	<i>Sunday, September 28 7:00 am</i>	<i>Sunday, September 28 10:30 am</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Nicole Roberts	Dan Legge
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Don Alt Barbara DiPietro Adam Link	Denise Belcastro Dan Legge Dave Sharrock
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Samantha Link Sydney Link	Adam Burton Alexandrea Burton Jeffrey Davis
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Larry & Ruth Karl Family	Peggy Pauley
<i>Ushers</i>	Doug DeNero Jerry Studer	Bernadette Karasko Lynn Whites



Classes begin October 9!

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HOW AND WHY WE, AS CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS, CELEBRATE OUR FAITH THE WAY WE DO? 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. **Classes begin October 9.** For additional information or to express interest for yourself or someone you know, please call or text Katie Di Lullo at 419-961-3494 (Sacred Heart) or Kim Legge at 419-689-3033 (St. Joseph) or call the parish office. Thank you!

Parish Lenten Fish Fry Project

We Need Your Help!

For the past nine years, Knights of Columbus members and parishioners

Steve and Connie Marek have been at the fish fry helm, managing everything from planning and ordering to food preparation and serving to clean-up and inventory. When the 2026 Fish Fry Season has ended, they will have completed their ten-year commitment to this project. It's time for our next generation of fish fry chiefs to step forward. **If you would like to be part of the fish fry leadership team, now is the time to inquire. Ideally, the new fish fry leaders will be able to work with Connie & Steve next year and learn the ropes so that they can fly solo in 2027. If you would like to know more and/or volunteer, please contact Steve Marek at (419) 295-1827.**



Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

~ 2 Corinthians 8:9

Weekly Offering

From September 14, 2025

Total Offertory Collection\$6,019.25

Sunday Envelopes \$3,020.00

Loose Checks\$875.00

Loose Currency.....\$534.00

Online Giving.....\$254.25

Votive Lights.....\$36.00

School Support.....\$125.00

Parish Maintenance \$1,070.00

Church Building Maintenance.....\$25.00

Altar Candles\$40.00

Caritas\$20.00

Assumption of Mary.....\$20.00

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 join us as we pray a Holy Hour on Tuesdays in St. Joseph Church at 11:00 am. Please come and pray the Rosary and other prayers 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.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

S I M A S T E R Q H T
M N I S S E R V E B F
A M M T Z W S O I L L
L B G E S T H Q K R Z
L V P W E H G E O N Z
P Y P A D W K T A D S
K T H R T H B P I T X
L R G D W E Y A B C K
Z U B H D Q Y B U W A
M S I N G R E A T O E
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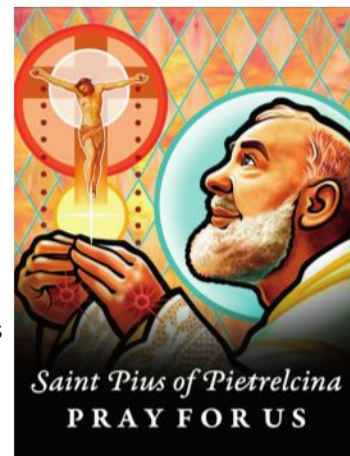
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Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968)

September 23

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually “bilocate” in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or “read hearts” before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ’s wounds imprinted on Padre Pio’s hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of “trials accepted with love,” referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio’s faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio’s offering his sufferings in union with Jesus’ passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio’s prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his “House for the Relief of Suffering,” a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today’s holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us “ordinary” Christians, this extraordinary saint’s most frequent advice: “Pray, hope, and don’t worry!”

—Peter Scagnelli (Diocesan.com)



Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
PRAY FOR US

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Mother of Sorrows Chapel
7212 N. Auburn Road
(just north of Auburn Lake Park)
North Auburn (Tiro), Ohio

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Pork & Chicken Dinners

11:00am-3:00pm

Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes,
Applesauce, Green Beans, Dessert

DRIVE-THRU, CARRY-OUT OR

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**Reverse Raffle Drawing with \$1,000
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Upcoming Events—Sorrowful Mother Shrine

4106 State Route 269, Bellevue, OH 44811

Eucharistic Healing Service (Indoor Chapel)

Friday, September, 26 - 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Led by Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, this healing service will have prayer for both spiritual and physical healing. Due to limited seating, please confirm your attendance by RSVP to 419-483-3435 option 4

The Living Word Power Hour

Starts Wednesday, October 8 in the Shrine Chapel

A 1-hour weekly prayerful dive into the Sacred Scriptures led by Br. Daryl Charron, C.P.P.S., Rector and Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, C.P.P.S.

Wednesday - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Saturday - 9:00 am to 10:00 pm

Let us bind ourselves tightly
to the Sorrowful Heart of
Our Heavenly Mother

Padre Pio



This Week on Formed

Week of September 21, 2025



Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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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.

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

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