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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,

As you may know, this is my second year offering "Teenager Order of Christian Initiation" — a program for young people who have a desire about the Catholic faith but were not raised Catholic. This year, the program has grown significantly compared to last year, and this year I meet with ten teens on Saturday mornings. These students come from both public and Catholic schools and are seeking to join the Church through this program.

This is wonderful news — that young people who were not raised in the Catholic faith are now choosing to become Catholic! However, there is a bit of an obstacle. Although these teens have fallen in love with Jesus, many are journeying alone in that relationship. Their parents have graciously given them permission to join the Church, yet most of these teens do not have anyone in their lives who can serve as their sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

I would like to ask for your help!

If you would be open to serving as a teenager's Catholic sponsor, please prayerfully consider this invitation.

A Confirmation sponsor is not merely a name on a certificate or someone who stands beside a candidate on the big day. A good sponsor is a guide, mentor, and example of what it means to live as a committed Catholic. Sponsors accompany their candidates through prayer, conversation, and encouragement

— helping them to recognize the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how those gifts shape everyday life.

To serve as a sponsor, one must be a confirmed Catholic, at least sixteen years old, and actively practicing the faith. Also, if married their marriage must be recognized by the Church. Most importantly, a sponsor should strive to live in a way that reflects Christ's love — someone the candidate can look to as a model of faith, service, and integrity.

If you are asked to be a sponsor, take time to pray about it. Say "yes" not only to the ceremony but also to Jesus' call to be a fisher of men and women — even after the Easter Vigil. Stay in touch with your candidate after Confirmation. Celebrate their milestones and remind them that the Holy Spirit is always at work in their lives, especially during times when faith feels challenging.

Through this sacred friendship, both sponsor and candidate grow closer to Christ and His Church. What a beautiful calling that is!

For more information, please email me at jsmith@toledodiocese.org, and I will connect you with a teen with whom you may have a few things in common. But you already share the most important thing — a desire to know and love Jesus Christ!!!

With gratitude and blessings,

Fr. Jeff

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 16, 2025

Sunday	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19
Monday	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

2026 Calendars

The lovely Catholic Heritage 2026 calendars generously donated by Gompf Funeral Service are available in church. Please take one or two home with you.



Donut Sunday - November 16

Christmas items, made by our students will be available (for a donation) with all proceeds going to PAWS to fund school activities.

Gift cards will also be available for purchase from Lindsay Mills, our SCRIP coordinator. She can also assist you in placing orders for additional gift cards.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday • November 18

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
For the Deceased of Sacred Heart Parish

Wednesday • November 19

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Francis, Marie & Joe Biglin

Thursday • November 20

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph
6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph
For the People of St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Parishes

Friday • November 21

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
For Those Who Feel Alone or Abandoned

Saturday • November 22

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart
4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Lawrence & Mary Alice Biglin; Yogi & Mark

Sunday • November 23

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
Joe & Geri Vuckovich; Gladys Burkhart

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Dorothy Blum; Bob & Shirley Vogt

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
Souls in Purgatory



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Diocese of Toledo

Campaign Update

Total Pledged: \$307,175.02

Total Cash Due Parish: \$78,295.67

Disbursement from Diocese in October 2025:
\$1,175.42

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Check Ministry Pro for updates.	Sunday, November 23 7:00 am	Sunday, November 23 10:30 am
<i>Lector</i>	Anna Langdon	Debby Ketcham
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Tracy Dzugan Adam Link Connie Marek	Denise Belcastro Dan Legge Dave Sharrock
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Morgan Frye Bryce Parsons	Claire Coffman Grace Coffman Jeffrey Davis
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Adam Link Family	Kevin & Mary Coleman Family
<i>Ushers</i>	Dave Horning Jerry Studer	Matthew Ruhe Lynn Whites

Job Opening at St. Joseph School - Secretary

St. Joseph Catholic School is currently accepting resumes for a **School Secretary**. This position plays an important role in fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for students, families, and colleagues in alignment with our school mission.

Top Qualifications:

- Supporting daily office operations and administrative functions
- Handling parent and student communication with professionalism and compassion
- Assisting the principal with general office support as directed
- Demonstrates kindness, patience, and sensitivity to the needs of children
- Practicing Catholic preferred

For more information and a complete job description, please contact Sue Sanders at 419-683-1284 or at ssanders@stjosephcrestline.org

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Mass at Sacred Heart - Wednesday, November 26 at 6:30 pm
(Note - No 8:30 am Mass)

Mass at St. Joseph - Thursday, November 27 at 8:00 am
(Note - No 6:30 pm Mass)

No Mass at St. Joseph on Friday, November 28.



High School PSR



Please join Steve & Sheila Vogt at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. **The dates are as follows: November 19; and December 3.** Each session will begin at 7:00 pm and last approximately 1 hour. Hope to see you there!

Weekly Offering

From November 9, 2025

Total Offertory Collection \$4,744.25

Sunday Envelopes \$1,974.00
 Loose Checks \$700.00
 Loose Currency \$408.00
 Online Giving \$361.25
 Votive Lights \$42.00
 School Support \$154.00
 Parish Maintenance \$910.00
 School Endowment \$40.00
 All Saints \$130.00
 Catholic Campgn Human Devlp \$25.00

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.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

G S H A I R J M C P K
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- Many
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- Wisdom
- Hated
- Hair
- Secure



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Gift Cards from SCRIP

Please remember our SCRIP program for your shopping and gift-giving needs this upcoming holiday season.

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.



Sanctity of Life Ad - Crawford County Right to Life

Sunday, November 30 - Collection taken after both Masses



We are asking your help in funding a half-page ad which will appear in four local newspapers, Crawford County Now online, as well as the Crawford County Right to Life Facebook page the week of January 11, 2026.

Hopefully, this ad will change hearts and minds, abolish abortion, and gain support for our area pregnancy centers.

Thanks in advance for our support of this endeavor!

St. Joseph Senior Citizen Luncheon

Tuesday, November 18 at 12:15 pm in the Convocation Center

The menu will be chicken alfredo, broccoli, fruit, dinner roll and dessert. The cost is \$5.00, and we hope many will attend.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to the school office (419-683-1284).



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

2025 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 November Light the first violet candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing Hope. Reflect on the source of your hope in Christ and what it means in your life.	1 December Be intentional. As soon as your alarm goes off, rise and kneel before a crucifix. Offer your day—and this entire season—to God with purpose and reverence.	2 Decide how you will draw closer to Christ this Advent—through intentional prayer, acts of penance, charitable giving, or participation in the Sacraments.	3 Read Luke 1:26–38, where Mary's "Yes" made way for the coming of Christ. Ask for the grace to respond with your own "Yes" to God's will in your life.	4 Set out your empty nativity scene as a sign of anticipation of the coming of the King. Gradually add the remaining figures throughout the Advent season.	5 Attend First Friday Mass, in honor of Jesus' Sacred Heart. "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours." And He will.	6 St. Nicholas of Myra Call or visit your parish office and ask who needs help this Christmas. Then do something about it — quietly, as St. Nicholas did.
7 Light the second violet candle for Peace. Pray for the "peace which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7) for yourself and whoever needs it most.	8 Immaculate Conception God preserved Mary from sin so that she could be the mother of Jesus. Attend Mass and pray for our country. It is a holy day of obligation.	9 Make a small sacrifice today, offered solely to God. It is even more meaningful if it's done in secret, as encouraged in Matthew 6:18.	10 Prepare your heart and soul to welcome the King. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and encounter the mercy of God.	11 Advent is a busy season for parishes. Consider calling or emailing your parish office to ask how you can offer your time and support.	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mary's miraculous image reveals a profound mystery of Christmas (John 1:14). Take time today to pray for expectant mothers and the gift of new life.	13 "If you have two shirts in your closet, one belongs to you and the other to the man with no shirt" (St. Basil the Great). Donate gently used clothing you don't need.
14 <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> Light the rose candle for joy to mark the halfway point to Christmas.	15 Offer the alms of patience when you're irritated, a smile when you're weary, and a kind word in place of judgment. You will touch hearts in ways you'll never fully realize.	16 Harboring unforgiveness burdens the heart and disrupts inner peace. Pray for the grace to let go, so you can move forward in freedom and healing.	17 Only nine days remain until Christmas. Place a lamp or candle in a window as a sign of welcome for the Christ Child.	18 Visit the Blessed Sacrament, where Jesus fulfills His promise to remain with us (Matthew 28:20). Take this time to renew your faith in His unwavering love.	19 Today, refrain from recreational screen use between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Offer this sacrifice for those who struggle with screen-related addictions.	20 Share the joy of the Gospel—gather a group of friends and go caroling to bring the Good News to others through song.
21 Light the final violet candle, symbolizing Love—awaiting the coming of Christ, the ultimate expression of the Father's love (John 3:16).	22 The King is coming—prepare to welcome Him. Take time to ready your home as a reflection of the joy and reverence in your heart.	23 Discern which Advent practices you feel called to carry beyond Christmas. Which ones deepened your relationship with God? Which ones strengthened your capacity for charity?	24 <i>Rejoice!</i> Tonight, place the Christ Child in the manger and rejoice!	<i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).</i>		

Crestline Assistance and Ministries Program (C.A.M.P.)

As C.A.M.P. prepares for the upcoming holiday season, we are reaching out once again to ask for your help. We aim to assemble and distribute even more Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes this year, and we cannot do it without your generous donations. Any support you can provide, whether it be monetary contributions, non-perishable food items, or volunteer time, would be greatly appreciated.

How You Can Help

- **Monetary Donations:** These help us purchase turkeys, canned goods, toys and other essentials. Please send any monetary donations to PO Box 126, Crestline, Ohio 44827.
- **Non-Perishable Food Items:** Canned goods, pasta, rice, juices and other shelf-stable products are always needed. Please contact Page at 419-689-2708.
- **Volunteer Time:** Assisting with the assembly and distribution of boxes for Community Christmas.

Your involvement makes a significant impact on our community. Together, we can ensure that no family goes without the warmth and happiness that the holiday season should bring. Please contact Page at 419-689-2708 if you are able to contribute in any way.

Thank you once again for your continued support and generosity!



This Week on Formed

Week of November 16, 2025



What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity

Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



Ode to Saint Cecilia

The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.



St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Littlest Saints

A group of kids stages a play about St. Elizabeth of Hungary, focusing on her love for the poor and her devotion to serving others. The episode highlights her life, including the Miracle of the Roses, where her hidden acts of charity are revealed.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Mark Your Calendars for Pack-A-Pickup for C.A.M.P.

Sunday, November 30 - after both Masses

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items for C.A.M.P..



C.A.M.P. Giving Tree

Please take a tag from the giving tree and purchase the listed item. Return all purchased items with tags attached by **Sunday, December 7.**

Thanks in advancing for supporting C.A.M.P. which helps so many people in our community.

Advent Retreat

Sorrowful Mother Shrine, 4106 State Route 269, Bellevue, Ohio

Saturday, November 29 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

O Come, O Come Emanuel!

Presenter: Fr. Patrick Gonyeau

Come and dive into a prayerful, informative, inspiring and refreshing retreat about the season of Advent!

There is a \$25 registration fee for this retreat which includes lunch. Please call to register and pay by November 21, 2025. Space is limited. Call 419-483-3435, option 4.

Men's Discernment Retreat

This retreat is for Catholic men ages 18–35 who may be open to a call to the priesthood or religious life. Fr. David Kidd, Director for Diocesan Priestly Vocations, will lead the retreat at DeSales Retreat Center in Brooklyn, MI, from **Friday, November 21, to Sunday, November 23, 2025.** This weekend offers time for prayer, reflection, and fraternity with other men discerning God's call. For more information or to register, visit toledopriesthood.org/new-events/mens-discernment-retreat-2

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

~Psalm 98

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