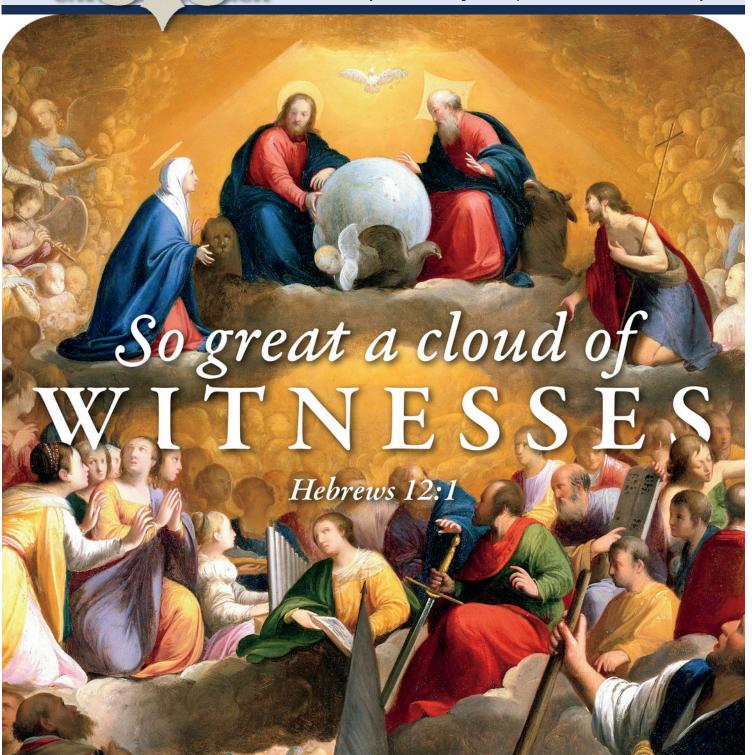


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A Member of the St. Juan Diego Deanery Sister Parish with Sacred Heart of Jesus



The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls) | November 2, 2025

#### Letter From the Principal

Dear St. Joseph Families,

During the month of November, we tend to be more thankful for the gifts in our lives. The school community is very grateful for the many blessings given to us over the years and recently.

Thank you to everyone who helped support Purse Bingo last weekend. Special thanks to Mrs. Andrea Burton who coordinated this year's event. Thank you to all who supported Trunk or Treat or donated bags of candy for "Spooky Business". Both events are activities the students look forward to each year. I personally am very grateful to the PAWS school support group who help in so many ways – they are such a blessing. The school is appreciative to the Ontario Walmart store who donated \$2,500 to support after school tutoring.

A huge thanks of gratitude to those who make a sacrifice with monthly donations to the school support fund – it truly makes a difference! And finally, thank you to all the Veteran's who have served our country. As the saying goes, "freedom isn't free". To the men and women who have served, or are currently serving: Thank you for your sacrifices, your courage and your protection to keeping us safe.

Our November community service project is: "Sharing Our Blessings" food drive. We will be collecting non-perishable food items all month. If you would like to help, there will be a container at the back of the church where you can place your donations. Items can also be dropped off at the school office during school hours. Thank you for your assistance in helping our community.

The monthly Sr. Citizen luncheon will be on Tuesday, November 18. 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 to the school office (419-683-1284) by Friday, November 14.

This past Friday was the end of First Quarter, which is hard to believe! It continues to be a privilege to serve the students and community of St. Joseph. God is good all the time!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

In His Name, Sue Sanders Principal

Wednesday

Thursday



For the Week of November 2, 2025

Sunday The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn

6:37-40

**Monday** Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2,3; Lk 14:15-24 Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33 Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

**Friday** Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15 Sunday Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn

2:13-22

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day. ~John 6:40



First Friday
Eucharistic
Adoration
Friday, November 7
Sacred Heart Church
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

## 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 to the school office (419-683-1284) by Friday, November 14.



#### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday · November 4

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

For Our Elected Officials

Wednesday · November 5

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Margaret Kromer

Thursday · November 6

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph

6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph

For the People of Sacred Heart and St.

Joseph Parishes

Friday · November 7

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

For the Sick in This Community of Faith

7:30 pm First Friday Eucharistic Adoration at

**Sacred Heart** 

Saturday · November 8

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm **Mass at Sacred Heart** 

Rodney Cole; Ron & Barb Finnegan;

**Bob Niese** 

Sunday · November 9

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph

Gladys Burkhart

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Jim & Rhonda Borgelt; Mary Fike-Traxler

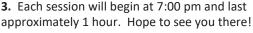
10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Virginia Kurbad

#### High School PSR

Please join Steve & Sheila Vogt at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. The dates are as follows: November 5, 12, 19; and December

3. Each session will begin at 7:00 pm and last





Virginia Kurbad, 85, of Baytown, Texas, sister of Bonnie Cochran, passed away on Sunday, October 19, 2025 surrounded by her family.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light

shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Check Ministry Pro for updates.	Sunday, November 9 7:00 am	Sunday, November 9 10:30 am	
Lector	Nicole Roberts	Mark Schneider	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Don Alt Adam Link Connie Marek	Ann Coward Joann Palm Adrienne Ruhe	
Altar Servers	Bryce Parsons Jake Rafferty	Lilly Mills Max Ruhe Miles Ruhe	
Gift Bearers	Steve & Connie Marek	St. Joseph PSR	
Ushers Don Alt Doug DeNero		Keith Ketcham Dave Sharrock	

#### Sacred Heart Annual Turkey Shoot & Chili Supper

Sunday, November 9 - Noon to Dusk (5754 St. Rt. 61 South, Shelby, Ohio)

Menu Includes: Chili Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Baked Potato Bar, Hot Sandwiches, **Desserts and Beverages** 

\$4 per shoot or \$10 for 3 shoots

Winner receives choice of \$15 or frozen

turkey. No sleeve guns please.

Everyone is welcome!!



#### National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated on November 2-8, 2025 is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

#### St. Joseph Church Annual Roast Turkey or Roast **Beef Dinner**

Today, Sunday, November 2 - 119 Sandusky St., Plymouth, Ohio 9:30 am to 1:00 pm—Carry Out

10:30 am to 1:00 pm—Drive Thru

Turkey or Roast Beef, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Dessert. Also 50/50 Drawing—Tickets 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5

\$14 per dinner



## WeWalk by Faith, Not by Sight St. Joseph Catholic School

St. Joseph Pray for us!



Greyson Foust shows his mother his data binder and portfolio during fall Student-Led Conferences

## November Community Service Project

Sharing Our Blessings Food Drive

The school is collecting nonperishable food items for CAMP during the month of November. If you would like to help, containers will be at the back of church or items can be dropped off in the school office. Thank you!

#### Trunk or Treat





Alice Burton displays her Maker Space monthly project.

## November Events 11/4 Election Day 11/7 Mass 8:30: Eucharistic Adora

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11/8 OCIC with Father Jeff

11/11 Veteran's Day 11/14 Mass 8:30 AM

Father Jeff visits Grades K-1

11/15 Dragonslayers 2<sup>nd</sup> grade retreat

11/18 Lowe Volk Visit Sr. Citizen luncheon

11/21 Mass 8:30 AM

Father Jeff visits Grades 4-6

11/25 OSU vs. Michigan dress down day Family Thanksgiving Luncheon

Early release

11/26-12/1 Thanksgiving Break



Father Jeff blesses Carleen Higgins dog during Blessing of Pets in honor of St. Francis.

#### Halloween fun!

PAWS members, Morgan Frye, Tressa and Bob Reith hand out candy at Scary Businesses.





Students pet a goat during the annual Crawford Soil and Water District livestock presentation.

#### Trunk or Treat



# Prayers for Priests Prayers for Priests

PRAY FOR CLERGY, RELIGIOUS, OR THE SPECIAL INTENTION FOR EACH DAY

**Dear Lord**, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

November 2025						Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
Pope Leo XIV	3 Bishop Daniel E.	4 Your Parish	5 Parents of Priests	6 Rev. Msgr. Kenneth	7 Rev. Eric	8 Deacons and Missionary
9	Thomas 10	Priests 11	12	Morman 13	Mueller 14	Priests 15
Rev. Joseph Newman	Rev. Michael Newman	Rev. Arthur Niewiadomski	Rev. Andrew Norton	Rev. Richard Notter	Rev. David Nuss	Religious Brothers and Sisters
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Rev. Charles Obinwa	Rev. Thomas Oedy	Rev. Ronald Olszewski	Rev. Bernard Owens	Rev. Msgr. Walter Oxley	Rev. Gregory Peatee	Deceased Priests of our Diocese
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Rev. James Peiffer	Rev. Scott Perry	Rev. Julion Peters	Seminarian Dino Piccinini	Rev. William Pifher	Seminarian Austin Pirc	Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
Rev. Joseph Poggemeyer						

Saint John Vianney, patron of parish priests, pray for us.





From October 26, 2025

Total Offertory Collection	\$4,564.25
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,065.00
Loose Checks	\$980.00
Loose Currency	\$513.00
Online Giving	\$156.25
Votive Lights	\$65.00
Parish Maintenance	\$365.00
Church Building Maintenance	\$320.00
Altar Candles	\$10.00
Caritas	\$55.00
Flower Fund	\$10.00
All Saints Day	\$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.





#### Serving Those Who Serve

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA Our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese

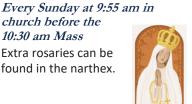
for the Military Services, USA (AMS), next weekend, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders—including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection

#### 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

church before the 10:30 am Mass Extra rosaries can be found in the narthex.







For All Souls' Day 2025, St. Joseph Parish remembers the following souls from this past year:

> Veronica Barile Marie Vuich **Delores Malatin** Gerald Bickert Anthony "Tony" Tesso Frank Saxton, Jr. **Judith Harley** Tom Stewart Roberta Scully Mo Gatchall Linda Kump Louisa Sipes Gladys Burkhart

#### Gift Cards from SCRIP

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



Information about SCRIP can be found on our school's website at <u>stjosephcrestline.org/</u> <u>school-news</u> 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.

#### Catholic Women's Club

Catholic Women's Club of St. Juan Diego Deanery will meet **Wednesday, November 12th** at the Ontario Event Center, 3985 Park Ave. W. at 11:30 for social time, and 12:00 luncheon. Our speaker for this month will be Terry Carter presenting information on 211 Clearing House for Information. Our charity collection will be baby items (diapers, wipes, new clothing) for Richland County Pregnancy Services. Cost is \$19 for lunch. We hope to see many of you there, and bring a guest if you like, as all parishes are invited to attend. Please call Kathy Saunders, membership chair 419-295-5137 or Brenda Starr-Jude 419-610-8251 for a reservation if you are new this month.



#### This Week on Formed

Week of November 02, 2025



#### **Eternal Rest**

We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest, a new offering of the Augustine Institute.



#### Litany of the Faithful Departed

Join us in praying the Litany of the Faithful Departed, asking for God to have mercy on those who have gone before us. This is a great prayer to offer for your loved ones who have passed away or anyone who has passed away.



#### Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

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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 <a href="mailto:lsimmons@stjosephcrestline.org">lsimmons@stjosephcrestline.org</a> or call the Parish Office.

When traveling <u>masstimes.org</u> will help you find a Sunday Mass to attend.

St.Joseph Catholic Church, Crestline

Rev. Jeff Smith, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

#### St. Albert the Great

Possibly one of the Church's greatest intellectuals, St. Albert was the eldest son of a powerful German military official. Despite opposition from his family, he joined the Dominican Order. Being well educated, St. Albert desired to make all the learning of the East available to the Latin-speaking West. He earned his doctorate at the University of Paris in 1245 and taught at Paris and Cologne. He is best known as the master of St. Thomas Aquinas.

#### Praying for the dead

Catholics see Purgatory as an expression of God's mercy — a place where souls who die in His grace, but need further purification, are prepared for Heaven. This month, we pray for our departed loved ones, asking God to bring them quickly into His presence.

One tradition is to request a Mass on the anniversary of a loved one's death. If that soul is already in Heaven, the graces benefit others still in need. In God's mercy, nothing is ever wasted.

"Forgiveness comes...through the soul's desire to be united to me [i.e., to God], the infinite Good, according to the measure of love attained by the recipient's desire and prayer. A person receives as much of my goodness as he gives to me." St. Catherine of Siena, *The Dialogue* 

## Christ as King of our hearts

When we proclaim, "Christ is King," we're not making a poetic or symbolic statement. We're declaring a truth that shapes every part of our lives. To live under Christ's rule is to give Him authority over what we believe, how we worship, how we act, and how we spend our time.

What we believe: At the center of our faith is a relationship. Knowing Jesus personally — through the Gospels, through prayer, through the lives of the saints – transforms abstract belief into living faith. When someone asks, "Why are you Catholic?" our answer should come from experience, not just theology.

How we worship: Imagine a king hosting a free, lavish banquet every week for all his subjects. Every Sunday, we're invited to a banquet — not of food, but of grace. To say, "Christ is King" is to obey His words: "Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). The

Mass is not just a weekly routine; it's a divine encounter.

How we act: Our actions, especially the small ones, speak volumes. Reverence, patience, honesty, integrity,

"You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth."

John 18:37

and generosity are everyday ways of making Christ visible through us. These aren't just virtues — they're signs of loyalty to our true King.

How we spend our time: Daily prayer proclaims that Christ reigns not only over Sunday, but over our entire lives. Whether prayer feels powerful or dry, it anchors us in Him. No time given to Christ is ever wasted.

To say "Christ is King" is to surrender everything to Him. It's a declaration that He reigns not just in Heaven, but here, now, in us.

# Why Do Catholics Do That

## Why does the Church offer indulgences?

An indulgence is "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven" (Catechism of the Catholic Church). This "temporal punishment" refers to the purification the soul undergoes before entering Heaven.

The power of indulgences flows from Christ's sacrifice and is applied through

the merits of the saints and prayers of the Church. Indulgences are not shortcuts to Heaven or "free passes"; they require repentance and conversion of heart.

To obtain an indulgence, conditions must be met: sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, and performance of the indulgenced act.

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### "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21)

There's a common lesson in driver's education: "Your vehicle goes where your eyes go." Spiritually, the same is true - our lives follow what we focus on. What we treasure most lays claim to our hearts. The challenge is to set our hearts on what truly lasts.

"You cannot serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24). What treasure do you set your heart on? A desire for holiness requires us to examine how we live day to day. Are we cultivating trust in God, or grasping for control? Realignment often begins with small, intentional acts: spending time in prayer instead of mindless scrolling; reading the Cospel before the news; choosing simplicity over indulgence and

giving generously to those in need. These are daily decisions that reflect where our heart truly lies.

Trust instead of worrying. Jesus does not condemn wealth, hard work, or responsible planning. Instead, He calls us to live as sons and daughters of God. That means trusting His love, accepting His timing, and offering our lives in service to His Kingdom. Ask yourself: Do I invite God into my decisions, or do I act alone? Am I content to wait on His timing, or do I insist on my own?

When we prioritize the things of God, we invest in a treasure that does not fade — one that shapes who we are now, and endures into eternity.

### from 'cripture

#### Matthew 24:37-44, Preparing hearts for Christ's coming

In this Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us that we do not know the day or the hour when He will come for us. "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." His message is clear: live each day prepared to meet Him.

Next month, we celebrate His first coming at Christmas. But Christ will come again — at our death, and at the end of time. Advent invites us to ask: "What must I do to be ready?"

Begin by striving to remain in a state of grace. If you are aware of having committed mortal sin, seek God's mercy without delay through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even if you are not conscious of serious sin,

aim to go to Confession regularly every four to six weeks, if possible. Examine your conscience honestly, and choose one or two areas of sin to actively work on.

Attend Sunday Mass faithfully, make more time for prayer, and look for opportunities to serve others with love and humility. These practices not only prepare us to welcome Christ when we finally meet Him face-to-face, but they also draw us closer to Him now.

When Christmas arrives, may you greet the Lord not with fear, but with joy - knowing your heart is open, your hands are ready, and your soul is at peace.

## Feasts & . Celebrations

November 2 - All Souls Day. On this day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo (1584). Born into a wealthy family in 1538 in Lombardy, Italy, St. Charles was chosen for the priesthood to follow in the footsteps of his uncle, Giovanni Angelo de Medici, the future Pope Pius IV. After earning doctorates in civil and canon law by the age of 21, Charles was named cardinal and bishop of Milan. He worked to reform his diocese of

corruption and cared for the poor and sick when a plague struck Milan.

November 23 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. God promised his people a king who would be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King, who triumphed over the enemies of sin and death. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

November 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent. During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birth, remembering the time when He was awaited. During Advent we also look forward to Christ's reign and His coming on the Last Day. We light candles in an Advent wreath each night of the season to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.

#### Do Catholics practice & tithing?

Tithing is the practice of giving ten percent of your income to the Church. In fact, the word itself comes from an Old English word meaning, "one-tenth." It was based on Jewish tradition in the Old Testament and its first recorded practice was Abraham's offering of a tenth of all he had as a "thank offering" to God for his victory in battle (Genesis 14:18-20). It's still practiced by the Mormon Church.

The Catholic Church does not require tithing; there is no "fixed sum" that God requires of us. Catholics are, however, required to support the material needs of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2043). How much — or little is between you and God and in light of the needs of your state in life.

Money isn't the only way to support your parish, diocese, or the Church. Giving of your time to volunteer in your parish, donating some of what you don't need to the poor, and even devoting prayers specifically for the needs of your parish priests are all praiseworthy ways to give back.

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