



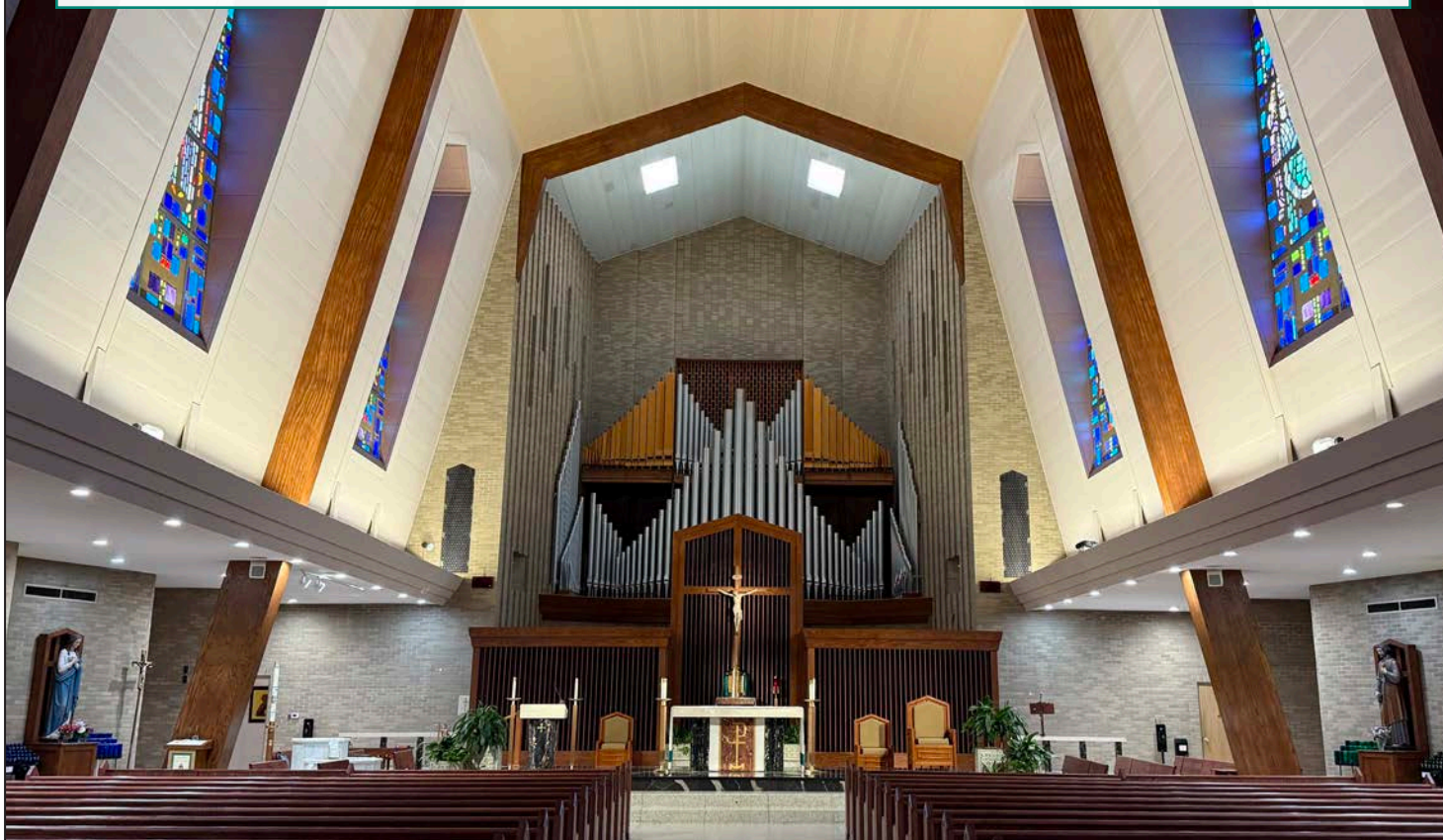
November 30, 2025

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

5411 MAIN STREET, SYLVANIA, OHIO 43560

www.stjoesylvania.org

Saint Joseph Parish welcomes any person of good will who seeks a growing relationship with God, others, and the Catholic Church. Membership in our parish community involves regular participation in parish liturgical prayer and a mutual relationship that promotes the responsible sharing of time, talent, and treasure.



PARISH OFFICE

Phone: 419-885-5791

E-mail: parish@stjoesylvania.org

LORD'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday – 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
and 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday – 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In the Church Narthex (Welcome Desk)



AWARE

OF GOD'S CONSTANT PRESENCE

AND NOURISHED BY PRAYER, THE SACRAMENTS,

THE WORD OF GOD

AND THE TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH STRIVES TO BE
A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES

REACHING OUT IN SERVICE TO ALL

A MEMBER OF THE SAINT AGNES DEANERY

Welcome to Saint Joseph Parish, 5411 Main Street, Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Parish Leadership Team

Very Reverend Monsignor Michael R. Billian, VF
Father Jason D. Dsouza
Mrs. Joanne M. Denyer
Mr. Robert P. Edwards
Mrs. Libby S. Saxton
Mrs. Heather R. Koziarski

Parish Clergy

Pastor

Very Reverend Monsignor Michael R. Billian, VF

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Jason D. Dsouza

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Anthony J. Pistilli
Deacon Richard A. Sasala

Parish Office – 419-885-5791

Fax -- 419-882-5235

Email--parish@stjoesylvania.org

Website--stjoesylvania.org

Pastoral Associate -- Mrs. Joanne Denyer

Ministry Coordinator -- Mrs. Emily Caruso

Executive Assistant to Monsignor Billian –
Mrs. Kristine Soldner

Young Adult Minister (Ages 18-35)--Alyssa Siefring

Stewardship Services—419-885-5791

Business Manager—Mrs. Heather Koziarski
Bookkeeper—Mrs. Jeanne Friedel
Development Director—Miss Madelyn Piscopo
Account Clerk--Mrs. Ellen Doran
Parish Scheduler—Mrs. Jennifer Kauffmann

Saint Joseph Parish School—419-882-6670

Preschool to Grade 8
Principal—Mr. Robert Edwards
Assistant Principal—Miss Lori Langenderfer
Preschool Director—Mrs. Cheryl Peatee

Music Ministry—419-885-5791

Director of Music—Mrs. Libby Saxton
Music Ministry Assistant & Social Media Coordinator--
Mr. Dean Tartaglia
Parish Cantor—Mr. Paul Casmus

Youth Formation Ministry – 419-885-2181

Fax—419-882-5235
Director—Janaye Ashman
Administrative Assistant and Athletic Coordinator—
Mrs. Jane Richardson
Youth Minister (Grades 6-8, 9-12)--Miss Caroline Davis

Infant Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated after the Noon Mass on the Second and Fourth Sundays of the month. Registered parishioners are asked to make arrangements for the Baptismal Preparation Class and the Liturgical Celebration by calling the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): This process for becoming Catholic is a series of steps conducted in the context of learning about the faith and spiritual formation, through which a person is fully incorporated in the Body of Christ, the Church. This formation is for the unbaptized, those baptized in other Christian communities, and Catholics who have not received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

Penance: The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., during a Communal Penance Service during Advent and Lent *or by appointment*.

Holy Orders: When a gentleman feels the call to follow the Lord as a Priest in the Catholic Church, he should call Father David Kidd, our Diocesan Vocation Director, at 419-244-6711 or email: dkidd@toledodiocese.org, or speak to one of the Parish Priests. If the Permanent Diaconate is of interest to a gentleman, he should call Deacon Daniel Brahier, our Delegate for Deacons, at 419-244-6711 or speak to one of the Deacons of the Parish.

Religious Life: Consecrated women and men religious by their lives witness the joy of eternal union with God. Freed from earthly cares, they more fully manifest the Kingdom of God to all Christians. The structure of the vowed life frees consecrated religious to live entirely for God and others. If you are interested in this vocation, you can contact Sister Maria Amata, RSM, at <https://toledodiocese.org/page/delegate-for-consecrated-life#welcome>.

Matrimony: Anyone planning to be married must contact the Parish at least six months in advance. The exact date and time of your wedding should not be determined until after consultation with a Priest or Deacon. If either party has previously been civilly or religiously married, the Presider is not permitted to set a date for the wedding without resolving the previous marriage.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: When a parishioner is confined to home because of age or infirmity, please call the Parish Office to arrange for Holy Communion at home. When a parishioner is in a hospital or nursing home, please call the Parish Office to arrange for a visit. You may wish to call before any planned surgeries. When one is seriously ill, the healing Presence of the Lord should be requested in the Sacrament of the Sick by calling the Parish Office at 419-885-5791. Please call, do not email in urgent situations.

First Sunday of Advent

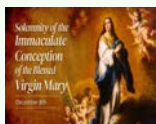
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WORSHIP: Worship is the response of the People of God to the Father's invitation to be one with Him, expressed through the Church's official liturgy, as well as through other prayers and devotions. Our worship is direct to the Father, through the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. All the ministries related to the prayer of the Church are included in this category.



Immaculate Conception Masses

Monday, December 8th
6:45, 8:30 a.m.
and 7:00 p.m.



**December 3, 2025
Toledo Symphony
Christmas Concert at
Saint Joseph Church,
7:00 p.m.**

**The Symphony with Conductor
Alain Trudel is sold out!
Thank you for making this concert a
success in our community.**

Advent Penance Services/Confessions in our Saint Agnes Deanery

Saint Joseph Sylvania

Tuesday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday December 10, 10:00 a.m.
Parish Vespers & Penance Service
Thursday December 18, 6:30 p.m.

Christ the King

Wednesday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.

Corpus Christi

Tuesday, December 2, 7:00pm

Little Flower Parish

Thursday, December 11, 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 p.m. (IGNITE)

Saint Catherine of Siena

Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 p.m.

Saint Clement

Wednesday, December 17
Confessions from 8-10:00 a.m.
& 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saint John the Baptist

Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 p.m.

Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 p.m.



Christmas Memorial Flower Envelopes

will be in the pews the weekends of
November 29/30 and December 6/7.
Must be returned no later than Tuesday,
December 9 to the parish office or return in
the weekend collection basket either
weekend.

More envelopes at the
Welcome Desk.
Please print clearly.



Advent Vespers Each Thursday in Advent

6:30 p.m. in church
December 4, 11 & 18

Penance Services at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 9
Wednesday, December 10



A Note about the Notes

It is hard to believe that Advent is already here! Liturgically speaking, Advent is such a short time - barely four weeks - to prepare for Christmas. Our entrance song today, "Come, Lord Jesus," uses the Aramaic term "Maranatha" which we often hear in Advent. This means "Come, Lord," and also "The Lord has come." It is beautiful to use the same language Jesus and the early Christians used while joining into the eternal time of *Jesus has come* and *Jesus is coming*. And so we continue to chant: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Emmanuel."



Worship Ministries:

All Souls Day of Remembrance--
Kris Soldner
Altar Linen Care Group
Emily Caruso
Anointing Mass--
Joanne Denyer
Choirs/Music
Mrs. Libby Saxton,
Director:
Adult Choir
Cantors
Contemporary Ensemble
Instrumentalists
Resurrection Choir
Eucharistic Adoration
Emily Caruso
Funeral Coordinators-
Kris Soldner,
Holy Communion Ministry--
Nursing Homes,
Extended Care
Facilities, Hospitals,
Homebound- Joanne Denyer
Liturgical Ministers at Mass--Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters, Lectors, Ushers & Sacristans --Joanne Denyer
Screen Projection Ministry--Libby Saxton
Altar Server Training--
Deacon Pistilli
Altar Server Scheduling--
Emily Caruso
Monday Rosary Devotions--
Dave & Char Wisniewski
Seven Sisters Apostolate
--Stacy Lievens

You are cordially invited to serve in any of the above service ministries.

Please call the number listed or the Parish Office if you would like to help or if you have any questions.
419-885-5791

FORMATION: Formation is the growth and development of the whole person by an intentional focus on one's spiritual and interior life, as well as spiritually fruitful interactions with others in ordinary life. It is a lifelong process as a believer desires to become more like Him. This is possible only because of the divine grace of the Gospel and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit. All the ministries related to the education and formation of God's people are included in this category.

Children's Christmas Ministry

Every year, St. Joseph Children assist the needs of our community with Gift Cards for Sylvania Area Services. Our Christmas Outreach is successful because of the generosity of our Parish. A great way to put our faith into action!

Please send your gift cards, \$25, \$50 or \$100, for any of the Major grocery stores to school with the children before December 6th.

If you have any questions, contact Deb Mathiot ddmathiot@gmail.com or Sue Jurski at sej9577@gmail.com. Thank you and may God Bless you and your family this season!

Jaguar for a Day--Interested in seeing what it is like to be a Jaguar? Come shadow us for the day. We offer shadows in 2nd-8th grade and would love to have your student with us. We also offer parent tours for all grade levels and would love to show you around!

We currently have a waitlist for Grades K, 1 and 3. If you would like enrollment information, please email Maddie Piscopo at mpiscopo@stjoesylvania.org.



Formation Ministries:
 Adult Faith Formation Programs--Joanne Denyer
 Bible Studies--J. Denyer
 Divorced & Separated--Joanne Denyer
 Saint Valentine Dinner--Joanne Denyer
 Children's Religious Education--Janaye Ashman
 Children's Liturgy of the Word Facilitators--Janaye Ashman
 Catholic Youth Organization Athletics--Jane Richardson
 Early Childhood Ministry--Leslie Sloan
 Engaged Couples Conference ---Parish Office
 Registration: Emily Caruso
 Engaged Couples Conference Facilitator--Marcus Droll
 High School and Middle School Youth Groups Caroline Davis
 Pre-K - 8 Parish School--Robert Edwards, Principal
 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)-Joanne Denyer
 Sunday School for Preschoolers--Leslie Sloan
 Vacation Bible School--Jane Richardson
 Youth Service Group--Caroline Davis
 Youth Formation Office 419-885-2181
 Parish Office 419-885-5791 or email parish@stjoesylvania.org

Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

Kindly remember in prayer all our priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on Monday, December 1 for the Annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey.

Through our prayers, and the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may the Lord grant them spiritual grace, renewed fidelity, consolation and joy in ministry. Amen.



ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR PRESENTS

ADVENT LESSONS and CAROLS



Ponder the wonder and beauty of the Incarnation through sacred music, Scripture, and prayer.

December 6th at 7:00pm
 St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church - Fort Wayne, IN

December 7th at 3:00pm
 St. Joseph Catholic Church - Maumee, OH

December 13th at 2:30pm
 Most Precious Blood Catholic Church - Fort Wayne, IN

December 14th at 4:00pm
 The Monastery of the Visitation - Toledo, OH

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Pray the Rosary Daily

KIDS DAY OUT CELEBRATES ADVENT

When: Monday, December 15, 2015

4:30-6:00pm

Where: Good Shepherd Atrium
 West campus

For: Children ages 3-6
 (we do ask that the children's be toilet trained)



If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Sloan at lsloan@stjoesylvania.org



2026 Sunday Missals will be at the doors of the church next weekend, November 29/30. Thank you for your \$4 contribution for this book. An envelope is included for your convenience. Please drop the envelope in the collection basket.

The Magnificat Advent Companion 2025 will also be at the doors of the church for your Advent prayer preparation. Limited Supply. One per parishioner family, please.

COMMUNITY: The community of disciples has as its principle task the promotion and sustaining of growth through interpersonal relationships focused on the person of Christ. This bonding together makes us into the Body of Christ. Parishes are called, through their activities, to bring people together in a spirit of unity through diversity. All the ministries related to the building up of the community are included in this category.

**Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast!**
Sunday, December 7
8:00 to 11:45 a.m.



In the Banquet Hall in the West Campus
Elementary School
Benefiting Knights of Columbus
Coats for Kids Program

Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast of all
-you-can-eat pancakes with fruit toppings
and sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk
and coffee.

A great meal and a great cause.

Cost: Family rate is \$25.00 OR
Seniors seventy years old and up only \$6.00
Adults and children ages twelve and older are
only \$8.00

Children: Five to eleven years are \$5.00.

Four years and under are free!

Come before or after Mass and treat yourself to
hospitality and a meal!

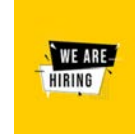
Carryout available. Contact Mark Boyer at
markb@bex.net ahead of time to order. Thank you.



We are hiring a **full-time
non-exempt custodian.**

The primary function of this
position is custodial, setup and
light maintenance of our parish and
school buildings. Must be flexible in hours
worked. Interested candidates can send
their cover letter and resume to Heather
Koziarski at

hkoziarski@stjoesylvania.org.



ST. JOSEPH SATURDAY RETREAT

DECEMBER 6, 2025
ROSARY CATHEDRAL
PARISH MASS AT 8 AM. RETREAT
ENDS AT 1 PM. FOLLOWED BY AN
OPTIONAL LUNCH



REGISTER HERE!

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR
JANUARY HAPPY HOUR!



FR. DAVID KIDD &
FR. JOSEPH MOMINEE
YCP TOLEDO CHAPLAINS

- MASS & CONFESSION
- TOUR THE CATHEDRAL
- TALKS ON THE SACRED
HEART ENCYCLICAL
- GROUP DISCUSSION
- REFLECTION & PRAYER



Parish Potluck December 8, 2025

Join us for our last Potluck Dinner of this year,
2025! Come to the East Campus Pastor Suites and
bring a potluck dish to share!

All Parishioners are welcome and bring a
friend!

Don't stay home alone! We want you to share in
the fun and we need new friends!

Any questions contact Mary

Jane DelVerne at

Maryj.delverne@gmail.com or

419-345-7920

Held 2nd Monday of every
month!

Potluck Dinner



Community Ministries:
All are (419) unless noted.
Bereavement Support
Group--

Joanne Denyer
Bridge Group--Jean
Kronbach 419-509-4164

Bulletin Editor--

LuAnn Tafelski

Cribbage--Gary Bell-

343-8547

Deb's Ministry of Prayer
and Hope-- Chris Powers

885-1148

Festirama

Parish Festival--

Heather Koziarski

Parish Office

Funeral Luncheon--

John DiMartini

419-349-8702

Harvest Dinner--

Brenda Barry

Little Carpenters Play

Group--Jane Richardson

Lunch 'n Learn--

Joanne Denyer

Mahjongg--

Deb Gaster

419-460-7386

Pancake Breakfast--

Knights of

Columbus--Mark

Boyer--699-3856

Potluck Dinner--

Mary Jane DelVerne-

345-7920

Annie Lawrence

419-340-1574

Toledo Symphony

Neighborhood Concert-

Margie Heck-

843-8548

Welcoming Committee-

Madelyn Piscopo

TRIVIA K'NIGHT
CHARITY FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026
St. Joseph Family Center
6516 Ravine Dr, Sylvania, OH
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 5628
DOORS @ 6:00P TRIVIA @ 6:45P
Trivia is hosted by Rich & Ronnie G's Trivia
1st Prize: \$300 | 2nd Prize: \$200 | 3rd Prize: \$100
Cost is \$25 per person, or \$175 for a table of 8 if
reserved & paid by 12/22.
Payable at the door by cash or check. Venmo accepted.
LIMITED TABLES AVAILABLE
Outside food & drink are welcome, but pizza, soda
and water will be available for purchase.
Advanced registration required, contact Mark Boyer:
mdboyer56@gmail.com

Deb's Ministry of Prayer and Hope

Reminder: Thursday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m.,

Deb's Ministry of Prayer and Hope will meet in the Wurzel
Family Center for their Christmas Celebration.



"Engaged Couples Conference" February 7, 2026

Saint Joseph
Wurzel Family
Center
Call to Register:



Emily Caruso,
Ministry Coordinator,

Mustard Seeds
Once you know the
purpose of life
Everything else falls
into place.
- Matthew Kelly's
Dynamic Catholic

SERVICE: Service is both an attitude and a practical response based on the Lord's declaration that one who wishes to be greatest in the Kingdom of God must become the servant of all. It is also the virtue that directs all the other virtues of individuals toward the common good. All the ministries related to the social outreach directed by the social doctrine of the Church are included in this category.

Would you be willing to wear the Santa Hat this year?

A text from a grandchild of a Grandma in our parish...

"Hi Grandma! I keep seeing videos of people going out and getting angel tree kid gifts and it reminded me of that time when I was little and I helped you wrap presents for 3 kids. I just wanted to say, that was a really fond memory of mine and I miss you!"

Grandma said her heart just melted. Then her granddaughter texted her again and asked if she was going to adopt again this year! She said she could help with the wrapping.

"So this is to say the impact this program has on those in need is also impacting others in a way that they will carry with them into their adult lives. That my granddaughter carries this memory in her heart warms my mind."

We are in need of donors to adopt the remaining families that have been recommended from area agencies. Families range in size (you choose size) and parishioners may form a team to adopt a family. You will receive detailed shopping and delivery guidelines.

May God bless you and your family as you consider being a part of this ministry. Please email Deb at ddmathiot@gmail.com or Sue at sej9577@gmail.com



Annual Boy Scout Troop 87 Wreath Sale. This weekend!

We will be selling wreaths \$30 (26") and \$35 (30") in person during each Mass throughout the weekend

The Respect Life Ministry would like to again thank everyone for the letters and notes to prisoners. As you are sending out Christmas cards this year, would you please add a card for the prisoners.

Please place your cards in the designated box in the narthex by December 20-21st. May God bless you for your act of love for the lonely. If you would like more information, please call Corinne at 419-343-3369 or email camiller33@yahoo.com

Giving Tree Program

The Giving Tree will be in the back of church this weekend!

This year's recipients are :

BETHANY HOUSE, FRANCISCAN CARE CENTER, ROSARY CARE CENTER, HEARTBEAT OF TOLEDO, HELPING HANDS OF SAINT LOUIS & MOM'S HOUSE OF TOLEDO.

Through your participation in the Giving Tree Program, you have the opportunity to make Christmas special for someone in need. The people we serve greatly appreciate the gifts they receive. They thank us profusely, some are even brought to tears. For some, this may be the only Christmas gift that they receive. Please consider donating a gift. Thank you. On the Tree will be 600+ felt ornament tags, each listing a specific gift request. We invite you to take as many gift tags as you would like. Each tag represents a special person.

Please return your gift by December 7, 2025!

Please wrap your gift, unless the tag says "DO NOT WRAP."

Securely attach the tag to the gift and return it to the charitable organization's box located near the Giving Tree in the back of church.

Thank you for your generous support! God bless you!

Questions? Call Jan Fondren Redmann at 419-843-5321



Service Ministries:

All numbers 419 unless noted

Boy Scouts--Scoutmaster--
Nat Ducat--787-6864
Baptismal Garment Sewing Group--Joanne Denyer
Cub Scouts--Cubmaster--
Scott Lehren
pack87cubmaster@gmail.com
419-819-0180
Comfort Blanket--
Denise Stump-260-7035
Christmas Outreach--
Deb Mathiot and
Sue Jurski
Feed My Sheep Garden--
Marcus Droll--349-7325
Giving Tree--Jan Redman
Good Samaritan Outreach--
Mary Jane DelVerne
Helping Hands of Saint Louis
Soup Kitchen--Dick Schuller--
567-202-7760
Historic Saint Patrick Soup
Kitchen--Mike Kruse--
351-2989
Joseph's Meals-- Larry & Deb
Gaster -460-7386
Knights of Columbus--
Mike Froelich
343-1444
Medical Equipment Loan
Closet--Joanne Denyer
At East Campus
Parish Library--
Joanne Denyer
Parish Office Volunteer
Receptionist Coordinator--
LuAnn Tafelski
Parish School Parent Teacher
Organization --
Suzie Tsang
Red Cross Blood Drive--
Knights of Columbus--
Mark Boyer--699-6856
Respect for Life Committee--
Don Birsan
Serving Neighbors
Toiletry Collection--
Marge Lubiatowski
Saint Vincent de Paul
Society--Parish Office
For questions on any of the
above parish ministries,
contact the Ministry Leader
listed.
Call Parish Office if no
number is listed--885-5791
or email Ministry
Coordinator at

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Personal Care Items Collection will be this November 29/30.

This is the last collection this year for Personal Care Items. Thank you.



FIRST Week of Advent

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. The scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighed down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

ADVENT WREATH

Traditionally, Advent wreaths have four candles that represent the four weeks of the season. The subsequent lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope of our Lord's coming into the world at Christmas, as well as the anticipation of his second coming at the end of time.

The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, in which the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent.



Plan together

Decide as a family how you will grow in holiness this Advent.



Craft together

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Make an Advent wreath for your home. It can be as simple as

- Garland/evergreen branches
- Candles (ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used)
- Candle holders



Pray together

Before using your Advent wreath, it is appropriate to bless the wreath. This blessing can be performed at home in the family.

Leader:

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

All answer:

Who made heaven and earth.

Leader:

Let us pray. O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen.

Leader sprinkles the wreath with holy water.



Watch together

FORMED.org has a series called Advent (adults) that is about preparing our hearts for the greatest gift we've ever been given. You can also find a Brother Francis series for kids on YouTube. The first video is Intro to Advent.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blest Art will be visiting your parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land.

For centuries, the Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families. As a result, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Now, less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land is Christians.



Blest Art Inc helps the struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork in the United States. Due to this work many Christian families maintain their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of our Lord.

When Blest Art visits your parish, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. We kindly invite you to visit our display and to consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land. In doing so, you will help support the many families who depend on this form of art for their living. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.

We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Please note that we do not ask for, nor do we accept, any donations

Thank you in advance for your purchase when we come to visit.

Jeryes Qumseya
And the members of Blest Art Inc.

Please visit our display
At your parish
Saturday & Sunday
December 6th and 7th, 2025
After each Mass

Parents of 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.

December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pope Leo XIV	2 Bishop Daniel E. Thomas	3 Your Parish Priests	4 Parents of Priests	5 Rev. Matthew Rader	6 Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
7 Rev. Anthony Recker	8 Seminarist Declan Reimer	9 Rev. Robert Reinhart	10 Rev. Daniel Ring	11 Rev. David Ritchie	12 Rev. Charles Ritter	13 Deacons and Missionary Priests
14 Rev. Patrick Rohen	15 Rev. Geoffrey Rose	16 Rev. David Ross	17 Rev. James Sand	18 Rev. James Sanford	19 Rev. James Say	20 Religious Brothers and Sisters
21 Rev. Jerome Schetter	22 Rev. Eric Schild	23 Rev. Edward Schleter	24 Rev. Ronald Schock	25 Rev. Paul Schreiner	26 Rev. Roger Schroeder	27 Deceased Priests of our Diocese
28 Rev. Stephen Schroeder	29 Rev. Rudi Schwarzkopf	30 Rev. James Seibert	31 Seminarist Evan Sekerak			

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



Diocese
of Toledo

JOIN US FOR

Nursing Home **CAROLING**



Spread the joy of the season
WITH THE POWER OF SONG!

★ **DECEMBER 13 / 10 AM** ★

MEET AT THE HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

We will meet at church for a brief practice, prayer and instructions then head to the nursing homes to sing our favorite Christmas carols!



FAMILY
FRIENDLY

COMMUNITY
SERVICE

SPREADING
THE JOY OF
CHRISTMAS

RSVP to Libby Saxton -lsaxton@stjoesylvania.org

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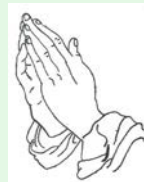
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A Prayer for the Beginning of Advent

Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide me during Advent this year. May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and lead me when I feel lost. I may stumble at times, but I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on earth—a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure. Amen.



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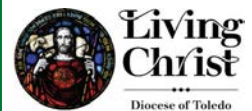
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148% of Challenge Goal

Total Diocesan Goal: \$65,000,000

Total Diocesan Gifts & Pledges:
\$91,537,304

141% of Diocesan Goal
Thank you!



Saint Joseph Parish

Eucharistic Adoration is held on
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On Wednesdays, Adoration begins after the 6:45 a.m. Mass and ends at 5:15 p.m., followed by Benediction at 5:15 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Activities This Week Saint Joseph Parish

Sunday, November 30

Last Personal Care Collection of 2025

Boy Scout Wreath Sale

10:00 a.m.--Children's Liturgy of the Word--HFC

1:15 p.m.--Baptism--Ch

Monday, December 1

9:30 a.m.-- Christmas Ministry Dropoff--PS

12:00 p.m.--Bridge--FC

Tuesday, December 2

9:30 a.m.-- Christmas Ministry Dropoff--PS

6:30 p.m.--Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal--Ch

7:00 p.m.--Cribbage--FC

Wednesday, December 3

8:15 a.m.--PTO Meeting--MZ

9:30 a.m.-- Christmas Ministry Dropoff--PS

3:30 p.m.--OCIC Meeting--MR

7:00 p.m.--Toledo Symphony Neighborhood Concert--Ch

7:00 p.m.--Men's Faith & Fellowship--HR

7:00 p.m.-- Boy Scout Meeting-- BH

Thursday, December 4

9:30 a.m.-- Christmas Ministry Dropoff--PS

4:00 p.m.--Deb's Ministry of Prayer and Hope--FC

4:15 p.m.--Children's Choir Rehearsal--HFC

7:00 p.m.--Adult Choir Rehearsal--HFC

Friday, December 5

8:00 a.m.--Women's Bible Study--HR

9:30 a.m.-- Christmas Ministry Dropoff--PS

4:00 p.m.--PTO Parent's Night Out--WGym, MZ, Lib

Saturday, December 6

Saint Nicholas Day

Blest Art Olive Wood Sale All Weekend Masses -- Narthex

Giving Tree Dropoff at Weekend Masses--Narthex

9:30 a.m.-- Christmas Ministry Dropoff--PS

Sunday, December 7

Baptisms

November 22, 2025

Audrey Marion Richardson
daughter of Connor and Meredith

November 24, 2025

Patrick John Payak
son of Robert and Korinne

November 29, 2025

Preston Thomas Gabel
son of Brandon and Heather

Brodyn Michael Dale
son of Dustin and Kari

November 30, 2025:

Hudson Harvey Gabel
son of Brandon and Heather

Lincoln Meyer Gabel
son of Brandon and Heather

Grayson Declan Gabel
son of Brandon and Heather





Liturgy: Daily Mass Times, Intentions, Readings, and Ministers

	Time / Location	Mass Intention (†Deceased)	Daily Scripture Readings
Monday, December 1	6:45 a.m.--Ch 7:00 p.m.--HFC	†Rita and Jim Shindler Rosary Prayer Group	Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday, December 2	6:45 a.m.--Ch 8:30 a.m.--HFC 10:30 a.m.--LS	†Francis Begin †Logan Federico Special Intention: For World Peace (Mass at Lakes of Sylvania)	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday, December 3 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	6:45 a.m.--Ch	†Michael Stewart (No Eucharistic Adoration) (No 5:30 p.m. Mass)	Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, December 4 Saint John Damascene, Priest Doctor of the Church	6:45 a.m.--Ch 8:00 a.m.--HFC 8:30 a.m.--HFC 11:45 a.m.--HFC	†Megan Donahue Rosary Prayer Group †Ron Powers Rosary Prayer Group	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, December 5	6:45 a.m.--Ch 7:15 a.m.--HFC 5:00 p.m.--Ch	Special Intention: Helyn Bolanis First Friday Eucharistic Adoration (until 4:15) Wedding Rehearsal	Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday, December 6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop	1:00 p.m.--Ch 3:00 p.m.--Ch	Wedding Confessions	Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35 --10:1, 5a, 6-8 Sunday: Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9--Mt 3:1-12

December 6/7 Second Sunday of Advent	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Sunday 12:00 p.m.	Sunday 5:00 p.m.
Mass Intention	LaJiness-Cutshall Family	Saint Joseph Parishioners	†Ron Powers	†Megan Kuczinski	†Sixto Rosales
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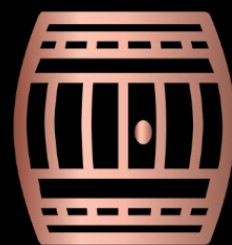
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