

REACHING OUT IN SERVICE TO ALL



# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

May 17, 2026 The Ascension of the Lord



## LORD'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – 4:30pm  
Sunday – 7:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm  
and 5:00pm

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday – 3:00 to 4:00pm

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday – 6:45am  
Tuesday & Thursday – 8:30am  
Wednesday – 5:30pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday – 8:30am to 4:30pm  
Sunday – 7:00am to 1:00pm  
In the Church Narthex (Welcome Desk)

## STAY CONNECTED WITH US



Flocknote for newsletters and  
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Text STJOE5411 to 84576



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Instagram:  
<https://www.instagram.com/stjosephchurchsylvania/>

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.

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[www.stjoesylvania.org](http://www.stjoesylvania.org)

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School: 419-882-6670 • Youth Formation: 419-885-2181

A MEMBER OF THE SAINT AGNES DEANERY

## Parish Leadership Team

Very Reverend Monsignor Michael R. Billian, VF  
Father Jason D. Dsouza, SAC  
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, SAC

### **Permanent Deacons**

Deacon Anthony J. Pistilli  
Deacon Richard A. Sasala

## Main Office

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Mrs. Kristine Soldner

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

Ministry Coordinator – Mrs. Emily Caruso

### **Stewardship & Gifts – 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 – Miss Janaye Ashman

Administrative Assistant and Athletic Coordinator –

Mrs. Jane Richardson

Youth Minister (Grades 6-8, 9-12) – Miss Caroline Davis

## This Week at Saint Joseph Parish

### Monday, May 18

4:30 PM Middle School Girls Bible Study - MR

7:00 PM Rosary - HFC

### Tuesday, May 19

4:00 PM Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting - HR

7:00 PM Cribbage - FC

### Wednesday, May 20

7:15 AM Eucharistic Adoration - HFC

4:00 PM Comfort Blanket Ministry - PS

5:15 PM Benediction - HFC

7:00 PM Men's Faith & Fellowship - HR

### Thursday, May 21

8:00 AM Rosary - HFC

12:00 PM Rosary - HFC

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Ch

### Friday, May 22

8:00 AM Women's Faith & Fellowship - HR

### Saturday, May 23

3:00 PM Confession - Ch

### Sunday, May 24

1:15 PM Baptism - Ch



## Meeting Room Guide

Ch - Church

FC - Family Center (East Campus)

HFC - Holy Family Chapel (NW entrance of church)

HR - Hoffman Room (West Campus)

MR - Meehan Room (West Campus)

PS - Pastors Suite (East Campus)

# IMPROMPTU CHOIR

All ages welcome!

Sunday Mass 10am or 12pm

From May 30 to September 6, the choir is open to everyone - all ages, all abilities. We will meet 20 minutes before the 10am or 12pm Mass and go through all the music for that day. No commitment necessary. Come once or once a month or all summer long!



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

## CORPUS CHRISTI MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



JOIN US!

Eucharistic Procession after 10am Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration after Noon Mass  
Praise and Worship adoration 4:15-4:45pm  
Benediction at 4:45pm

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Sign up here for  
Eucharistic Adoration  
from 1:00-4:45pm



## READY TO DEEPEN YOUR PRAYER LIFE?

Join Saint Joseph Parish for a 14-Day Prayer Challenge on the Hallow app: "How to Pray"

Guided by inspiring leaders like Father Mike Schmitz, Bishop Barron, Sister Miriam, Jonathan Roumie, and Mark Wahlberg, you'll explore 14 unique ways to pray over 14 days.

Together, we'll focus on listening to God and letting prayer transform our hearts to share His love through charity and service.



Begins MAY 18, 2026

**Hallow**



Join our parish page on the Community tab to join the challenge!

JOIN US FOR A PILGRIMAGE TO  
THE BASILICA AND NATIONAL SHRINE OF

## Our Lady of Consolation

AUGUST 14, 2026



Join us for a special pilgrimage to the **Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio**, a designated pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis.

We will gather for the Evening Vigil of the Assumption of Mary, featuring a beautiful candlelit procession and outdoor Mass in a prayerful and inspiring setting.

🚌 **Departure:** Early afternoon

🕒 **Return:** Approximately midnight

**MORE DETAILS TO COME!**

## Seven Sisters *Apostolate*

THAT OUR PRAYERS MAY FIND THE HEART OF EVERY PRIEST AND BISHOP.

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop - a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

SEVEN WOMEN - ONE PRIEST - ONE HOUR, ONE DAY - HOLY EUCHARIST - ONE YEAR

If you feel called or have questions, please text Sue Westrick (419-297-8242) or email [s.westrick@jelly.toast.net](mailto:s.westrick@jelly.toast.net).



For more details:

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CORNER

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD!

Imagine you are one of the disciples witnessing Jesus' return to heaven. What goes through your mind? Do you feel joyful? Fearful? What will you do next?

Which member of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, or Holy Spirit) do you pray to most often, and why?

What is one thing we can do this week to fulfill Jesus' command to "go and make disciples of all nations?" (Matthew 28:19)

*O God, we praise and thank you for your goodness and love. Help us always to rely on your grace to guide us wherever you are calling us to go. Amen.*



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH  
HOFFMAN ROOM  
WEST CAMPUS

## MEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

05.20.26

7 PM

### THEME: FORMATION

IN THE KAPAUN'S MEN STEWARDSHIP SERIES, WE'LL EXPLORE HOW STEWARDSHIP HELPS US DISCOVER THE UNIQUE GIFTS GOD GIVES EACH OF US - AND HOW TO USE THEM WELL.

JOIN US!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY

MAY 18TH  
4:30PM - 6:00PM  
WEST CAMPUS  
MEEHAN ROOM  
GRADES 6TH-8TH



SCAN TO RSVP



**Saint Joseph  
Little Carpenter  
Summer Bible School**

**JULY 7-9  
10:00 - 11:30 AM**

**For children ages 5 and under with a parent or guardian**

**DAILY BIBLE STORY, SNACK AND CRAFT**

Sign up for the dates that work for you!

Register online at [stjoesyva.org](http://stjoesyva.org) or by scanning the QR codes below. One-time registration fee of \$15.

**REGISTRATION CLOSES JUNE 5.**

**SIGN-UP**



**PAYMENT**





**Questions?**  
Contact Larry and Deb Gaster at goobsieg@yahoo.com or 419-460-7586

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH  
**Joseph's Meals**

**MAY 16 & 17**  
SIGN-UP WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES!  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**  
**7:45-8:30 AM**  
DROP OFF AT RAVINE DRIVE PARKING LOT

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, Saint Joseph parishioners donate food items including baked pasta casseroles (pan and recipe provided) and other pantry staples to be used at Saint Louis Kitchen for the poor in East Toledo.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the back of church and both front entrances during all Masses this weekend. Then on Wednesday (5/20) morning, parishioners drop off their donations in the Ravine lot on the East Campus.

**PASTA BAKES CAN BE MADE AHEAD OF TIME AND FROZEN!**



**BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION**

Respect Life Ministry



**Mother's Day - Father's Day**

On **Mother's Day weekend**, parishioners were invited to pick up a baby bottle and take it home to fill with change, cash, or a check (checks payable to Saint Joseph Parish). Bottles are still available to pick up in the Narthex.

**PLEASE RETURN THE FILLED BOTTLES BY FATHER'S DAY TO THE DROP BOX IN THE NARTHEX.**

All funds collected will benefit **Heartbeat of Greater Toledo** and **The Pregnancy Center (Bella Vita)**, organizations that support mothers, fathers, and their children. Thank you for supporting life and families in our community!

**COMFORT BLANKETS**



Saint Joseph Parish

**JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY**  
**MAY 20, 2026**  
**AT 4:00 PM**  
**PASTORS SUITE (EAST CAMPUS)**

**QUESTIONS?**  
CONTACT DENISE STUMP AT DENISERSTUMP@GMAIL.COM

**DO YOU LOVE TO SEW?**

Join our **Comfort Blanket Ministry** and use your gift to bring hope to those facing illness, loss, or hardship. We create beautiful 43"x43" blankets from twenty-five 9" squares - some with uplifting messages - to remind people they are not alone.

**Your stitches can be prayers that warm hearts. Join us!**



**JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 19 AT 4:00 PM IN THE HOFFMAN ROOM**

**WE NEED YOU!**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society supports those in need by providing assistance with rent, utilities, food, and other essentials. As Jesus reminds us that the poor will always be with us, we are committed to serving and supporting members of our local community. **In the Sylvania area, there are two recovery homes—one for women and one for men.** From time to time, we assist residents with initial rent and food to help them begin their journey toward recovery.

Recently, we were blessed to help a woman in this way. She expressed deep gratitude for the support, even embracing the SVDP member who assisted her. She shared her dream of someday starting her own Oxford House. Our initial assistance became a meaningful first step toward that goal.

We continue to pray for her and for all those we serve, and we ask you to keep our organization and our neighbors in your prayers.

**WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF PAPER TOWELS, JELLY AND JAM, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, AND DISH SOAP. PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK EXPIRATION DATES ON FOOD ITEMS, AS WE ARE UNABLE TO DISTRIBUTE EXPIRED PRODUCTS TO THOSE WE SERVE. PLEASE PLACE ITEMS IN THE TWO WOODEN COLLECTION BOXES IN THE NARTHEX OF CHURCH.**



# 2026 PARISH DIRECTORY

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH SYLVANIA

As we prepare the **2026 Saint Joseph Parish Directory**, we want to ensure we have the most up-to-date information for all parishioners. Please contact the parish office and provide your current information **no later than May 19, 2026**.

**Updates may be made by:**

Calling or emailing Sara in the parish office at **419-885-8251** or [sklocinski@stjoesylvania.org](mailto:sklocinski@stjoesylvania.org), or by filling out the **form using the QR code below**.



**If emailing, please include:**

- Names of all adults and children living in the home
- Current street address
- Primary email address
- Primary phone number

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR PARISH RECORDS ACCURATE AND UP TO DATE!**

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## Welcome New Parishioners!

*Gregg Hoffmann-Russell*

*Teagan France*

*Sean, Lindsay, Jaxon, and Colton Papio*

*Matthew, Katelyn, Mckinley, Adley, and Jax Reaume*

*Julie Bowdle*

*Declan Golis*

*Molly Griffin*

*Melanie, Ayden, Ava, and August Blaisdell*

*Jared and Alyssa Davis*

*Mark Calzonetti*

*Emily Gerken and Quinn Carpenter*

*Jade and Lydia Ramirez*

*Alma Fesh*

# JUNIOR HIGH

## NERF WAR

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING FILLED WITH FUN, SMALL GROUPS, AND AN EPIC NERF WAR!

**SUN / 05.24**

**5:30-7:30**

**THEME OF THE NIGHT: MARY**

**GRADES 5TH-8TH**

**333 BROOKSIDE DRIVE, SWANTON, OH  
(SAINT RICHARD CATHOLIC CHURCH)**

Email [cdavis@stjoesylvania.org](mailto:cdavis@stjoesylvania.org) w/ any questions!



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH  
**FESTIRAMA**

# IT'S HERE!

JOIN US THIS WEEKEND FOR  
**FESTIRAMA - A CELEBRATION OF  
FAITH, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY!**

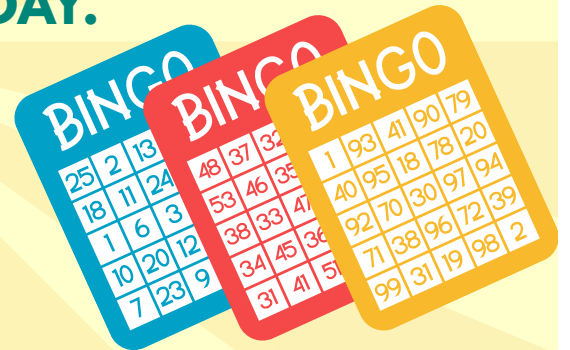
Friday, 5/15 6:00 - 11:00 PM  
Saturday, 5/16 4:00 - 11:00 PM  
Sunday, 5/17 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM



**COME OVER AFTER MASS AND ENJOY A  
FUN-FILLED TIME FOR ALL AGES,  
INCLUDING RAFFLE, BINGO (SATURDAY  
& SUNDAY), GAMES, RIDES, DELICIOUS  
FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, AND OUR ALWAYS-  
POPULAR CHICKEN DINNER ON  
SUNDAY.**



**WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR  
FAMILY FUN OR FELLOWSHIP WITH  
FRIENDS, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR  
EVERYONE.**



**AND IF THE WEATHER ISN'T PERFECT,  
NOT TO WORRY - BINGO AND THE  
CHICKEN DINNER ARE INDOORS, SO  
THE FUN CONTINUES RAIN OR SHINE!**

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU -  
BRING YOUR FAMILY, INVITE A FRIEND,  
AND COME CELEBRATE WITH YOUR  
PARISH COMMUNITY!**





# TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION

Deacon Evan Sekerak was ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, May 16, 2026.  
Meet the newest transitional deacon of the Diocese of Toledo!



## Deacon Evan Sekerak

My name is Evan Sekerak, from St. Aloysius in Bowling Green. Growing up, my parents showed my younger sister, brother, and me that faith is always a priority no matter where the military moved us, including the gift of now twenty years of Catholic education. Everywhere we lived, we found ourselves at home by jumping wholly into parish life. My father's last assignment brought us back to Ohio, our families' home and Bowling Green, where it began. Here, my thoughts about the priesthood and my faith in general took more shape through the diocese's discernment groups and retreats and attending ordinations since 2006.

I attended Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School and then made the 1,000+ mile trip to the University of Mary in North Dakota to study engineering. After a year, I switched my major to philosophy as God's call to enter the seminary became clearer. In the spring of 2020, I applied and was accepted to enter the seminary for the Diocese of Toledo. I spent two years at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit before arriving to my current home at Mount St. Mary's in Cincinnati.

The example of holiness and presence of the priests from all the places we lived was a great witness that I believe planted the seeds of my vocation. So many were encouraging and took time from their busy days to foster my prayer, discernment, and zeal. I am also grateful for the prayers and support from so many across the diocese where I have served and who I have not yet met. Please continue to pray for all of our seminarians as we discern and are formed to be the men and priests to make Christ present as He so wishes to be.

*Please keep our newest transitional deacon and all seminarians in your prayers!*

# Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



## “A Catholic and American Moment!”

Growing up Catholic in Philadelphia, there were a few realities that simply went with the territory! In our living room, there was always an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, hung there by my parents in accord with the promises of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. What memories I have of hearing my Dad whisper prayers to the Sacred Heart as he passed by that image! My folks instilled in us a deep love for Jesus and His Church! In the City of Brotherly Love and nearby, there was always the draw of historical places, and my parents made sure that early on we had an appreciation for history and a love for our country. What memories I have of my parents taking us on tours and visits to the Liberty Bell, to Independence Hall, and to Valley Forge. My folks instilled in us a deep love and respect for our country and for her citizenry.

On July 4<sup>th</sup> of this year, we will celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of our nation, grateful for the blessings of this our “land of the free and the home of the brave.” And to mark this “semiquincentennial”, on June 11<sup>th</sup>, the eve of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Bishops of the United States gathered in prayer will consecrate our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This truly is a Catholic and American Moment!

It was two hundred and fifty years ago that a remarkable group of men, including several faithful Catholics, gathered in my hometown of Philadelphia. Their deliberations would change the course of history. The Declaration of

Independence proclaimed that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness” As an American, I have always found those words moving. As a bishop, I find them even more so, for they echo, however imperfectly, truths the Church has proclaimed from her very beginning: that every human person bears the image and likeness of God, and that human dignity is not a gift of government but a gift of God Himself; that our freedom has been won for us by the crucified and risen Lord, and that perfect happiness awaits us in heaven!

### The Catholic Story of America

The story of the Catholic Church in America is as old as the nation itself, indeed, older. Long before the first shots of

the Revolution were fired, Catholic missionaries were planting the Cross in American soil. Franciscan and Jesuit priests journeyed into the unknown wilderness, learning the languages of indigenous peoples and sharing the Gospel at great personal cost. The North American Martyrs, Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, and their companions, gave their lives for the faith on this very continent. Their blood, shed out of love, planted the first seeds of the Church in the New World.

When the Founders gathered in Philadelphia to declare independence and later to frame a Constitution, Catholics were present among them. Charles Carroll of Carrollton was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the last surviving signer to die. His cousin, Bishop John



*Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States by Howard Chandler Christy, 1940*

Carroll, became the first Catholic bishop in the United States, assigned to the newly established See of Baltimore in 1789, the very year George Washington took the oath of office as President. From those intertwined beginnings, the Church and the Country grew, a nation of sinners and saints.

Wave upon wave of Catholic immigrants, many settling right here in Northwest Ohio, came to these shores carrying with them their faith. They built parishes, schools, hospitals, and orphanages in every corner of this land. Catholic Religious Sisters staffed those schools and hospitals, often without pay, serving the uneducated, poor and sick with heroic generosity. Today, the Catholic Church operates the largest private school system in the country and one of the largest networks of hospitals and charitable organizations in the world. This is the Catholic contribution to America, not merely in words, but in works of mercy that have shaped this nation from its earliest days.

### **An Historic Act of Consecration**

In preparation for the historic *America 250* celebration, this June 11<sup>th</sup> will be the first time the United States has ever been formally consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, entrusting America to the merciful love of Christ.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is among the most beloved and ancient devotions in the life of the Church. It deepened dramatically through the apparitions of Our Lord to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century and has since been championed by pope after pope as a wellspring of grace for individuals, families, and nations.

To consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart is not a political act. It is a profound act of prayer, an acknowledgment that we, the people of this nation, need the mercy, healing, and love that only Christ can give. In a time of deep division, fear, and uncertainty, what better gift could we offer our country than to place it, with open hands, into the Heart of Jesus?

### **An Invitation**

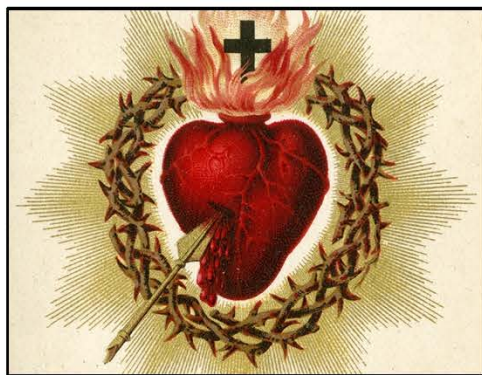
I warmly invite every parish, school, family, and individual in the Diocese of Toledo to join in this moment of grace. The U.S. bishops are encouraging parishes around the country to join them in consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart in June, praying together for the unity and healing of our beloved country. This is a moment for all of us — not just bishops — to lift our hearts and our nation to Christ.

In the weeks leading up to June 11<sup>th</sup>, the USCCB has prepared a novena and rich prayer resources to help the faithful prepare. We will pray not only for ourselves but for our neighbors, our communities, and for all Americans of every background and belief, that God's kingdom of justice,

love, and peace may be more fully realized in our land.

### **250 Hours of Adoration & 250 Works of Mercy**

The USCCB has also recommended two powerful ways for Catholics to witness and participate in the *America 250* commemoration as a Church. I invite each of our parishes and families to consider taking part in both, together a unique expression of who we are:



**250 Hours of Adoration** Parishes are encouraged to host holy hours or a series of holy hours before the Blessed Sacrament, praying for the unity and healing of our nation. As Pope Francis reminded us in *Dilexit Nos*, we are to "nourish our lives with the strength of the Eucharist" so that we might understand and live Christ's love more deeply. There is no better preparation for the consecration than time spent in silent prayer before the Lord, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**250 Works of Mercy** Rooted in the Gospel of Matthew, the Corporal Works of Mercy, feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, burying the dead, and giving alms to the poor, are central to our Catholic identity. As we celebrate 250 years of America, let us ask: how can our parish, our family, our school perform works of mercy that reflect the love of the Sacred Heart to those most in need in our community?

For resources on the consecration, the novena, 250 Hours of Adoration, 250 Works of Mercy, and more, I invite you to visit our diocesan page at [toledodiocese.org/america250](http://toledodiocese.org/america250). There you will find everything you need to participate fully and prayerfully in this historic moment.

As I reflect on 250 years of American history, as a Catholic and as an American, I find myself grateful, grateful for the missionaries who carried the Gospel to this continent, for the immigrants who built our parishes with their sacrifices, and for every faithful Catholic who has lived the Gospel in this land. And I find myself hopeful, hopeful that by entrusting our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we renew our commitment to be, as a Church, a leaven of justice, love and peace in our society. As we entrust our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, may we whisper those familiar prayers: Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my hope in you; Sacred Heart of Jesus make my heart like unto thine; Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me a sinner."

*+ Daniel E. Thomas*

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
May 8, 2026



**Catholic  
Communication  
Campaign**  
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

*Share the Gospel. Strengthen our Church.*

Your gift to the Catholic Communication Campaign helps bring the message of hope to people across the country—and right here in our Diocese of Toledo.

- ✓ Funds Graceful Living Magazine—40,000 copies mailed in the Diocese of Toledo
- ✓ Supports the USCCB website, including daily Mass readings

Your gift helps us share the inspiring stories of the people, places, and parishes of the Diocese of Toledo.



Saint Joseph Parish

# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHOLARSHIP



SAINT JOSEPH  
PARISH SCHOOL

Graduating eighth graders from Saint Joseph Parish School who plan to attend a Catholic high school this fall are encouraged to apply for the **Knights of Columbus Scholarship**.

Applications are available through Principal **Robby Edwards** and require an essay and the student's most recent report card. **The deadline to apply is May 22, 2026.**

For questions, please contact Jim Morris at [jpmorris@bex.net](mailto:jpmorris@bex.net).



# HOPE In Action

## Annual Catholic Appeal Update

### Parish Goal

**\$107,566.28**

### To Date

**\$154,724.96**

### Percent to Goal

**143.84%**

As of 5/7/2026

We want to thank all of our Parishioners who joined together in pledging their gift to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not made your commitment, today would be a convenient opportunity to do so. Pledge cards, envelopes, and pens are available at the Welcome Desk. Once completed, kindly place your pledge card in the offertory.

As you consider supporting this year's Annual Catholic Appeal, remember that when Saint Joseph Parish exceeds our goal, **we receive 50% of all funds raised above that goal.** Your gift not only strengthens diocesan ministries but also directly benefits our own parish community.

**Every gift is significant. Thank you for your generosity.**

## Remember in Your Prayers

Bill & Sue Cutshall  
 Todd Clear  
 Dan Brennan  
 John Pierson  
 Daniel Malcom  
 Jan Millen  
 Barbara Gerasimiak  
 Richard Gerasimiak  
 Helena Bruns  
 Shirley Boyles  
 Robert Gliniski  
 Richard Masserant  
 Barbara Masserant  
 Mary Jo Maurer

Baby Jacob Bell  
 Patty Hartnett  
 John Keller  
 Francis Lenhart  
 JoAnn Cellura  
 Keith Loski  
 Pam Kurjan  
 Ron Cain  
 Marge Millen  
 Steven Searle  
 Larry Roberts  
 Judy Roberts  
 Crystal Buyaki  
 Andrew Augustus

**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):** The process of becoming Catholic involves faith formation and spiritual preparation leading to full initiation into the Church. It is for the unbaptized, those baptized in other Christian communities.

**Penance:** The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated every Saturday from 3:00 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](mailto: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 religious witness the joy of union with God and, freed from worldly cares, live fully for Him and others as signs of His Kingdom. To learn more about this vocation, contact Sister Anthony Mary Diago at 419-214-4920.

**Matrimony:** Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish at least six months in advance. Wedding dates and times may be set only after meeting with a Priest or Deacon. If either party has a prior civil or religious marriage, it must be resolved before a wedding date can be scheduled.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** If a parishioner is homebound due to age or illness, or is in a hospital or nursing facility, please contact the Parish Office to arrange Holy Communion or a pastoral visit. For serious illness or before surgery, request the Sacrament of the Sick by calling the Parish Office at 419-885-5791. For urgent needs, please call—do not email.



## In Memoriam

**Lois McKenna**  
**Michael Maidlow**  
**William Beutler**



*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.*

## Praying for Priests

**Monday, May 18** Seminarian Collin Gosche  
**Tuesday, May 19** Father Xavier Goulet  
**Wednesday, May 20** Father Peter D. Grodi  
**Thursday, May 21** Father Scott Hahn  
**Friday, May 22** Father James E. Halleron  
**Saturday, May 23** Deceased Priests of our Diocese  
**Sunday, May 24** Father Adam L. Hertzfeld

## Praying for Seminarians

**Monday, May 18** Joe Kochendoerfer  
**Tuesday, May 19** Dino Piccinini  
**Wednesday, May 20** Alexander Wahl  
**Thursday, May 21** Collin Gosche  
**Friday, May 22** Joshua Horvath  
**Saturday, May 23** Austin Pirc  
**Sunday, May 24** Jeremy Smith

*Please pray one Hail Mary daily for an increase of Priestly Vocations in our Diocese.*

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

	Time/Location	Mass Intention (†Deceased)	Daily Scripture Readings
<b>Monday, May 18</b> <i>Saint John I, Pope, Martyr</i>	6:45 AM – Ch	Special Intention: Bill Goodnough	Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>	6:45 AM – Ch 8:30 AM – HFC 1:30 PM – KCC	† Kaye Schuller † Meg Smith † Father Jerome Schetter	Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a
<b>Wednesday, May 20</b> <i>Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i>	6:45 AM – Ch 7:15 AM – HFC 2:30 PM – FCC 5:15 PM – HFC 5:30 PM – HFC	† Robert Clark Eucharistic Adoration † Father Frederick Duschl Eucharistic Benediction † Sal Cellura	Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19
<b>Thursday, May 21</b> <i>Saints Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	6:45 AM – Ch 8:30 AM – Ch 2:00 PM – DCC	† Deacon Thomas Carone † Eli Markho † Luke Smith	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday, May 22</b> <i>Saint Rita of Cascia</i>	6:45 AM – Ch	† Rosemary Miner	Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19
<b>Saturday, May 23</b>	3:00 PM – Ch	Confession	<b>Saturday:</b> Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25 <b>Sunday:</b> Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

May 23/24 PENTECOST SUNDAY	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM	Sunday 12:00 PM	Sunday 5:00 PM
<b>Mass Intention</b>	† Darcy Gill	Saint Joseph Parishioners	† Rose Marie Skorupski	† Karl Hiebel	† Carolyn E. Creque
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<b>Deacon</b>	Deacon Tony Pistilli	Deacon Tony Pistilli	-	-	-
<b>Lector</b>	Nancy Mayo	Jack Edwartoski	Ronald Vass	Shelene Morgan	Beverly Monahan
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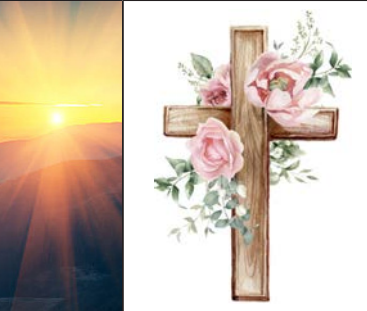
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