



SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 26, 2020
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Shelby, Ohio 44875
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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline

Mass Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

*Mass Intention: Students & Staff of All
Catholic Schools*

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Harold "Slim" Newmeyer

Thursday

5:30 pm Confession at St. Joseph

6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Donald W. Alt

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

*Mass Intention: For the Staff and Students
of St. Joseph School*

Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: John & Helen Hohenbrink

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Bill Higgins; Christine Keller

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Bob Sutter & Mary Hoepf

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

*Mass Intention: Josie Dunn; "Jerry" Miller;
Leno Tesso*

Word of God Sunday

Pope Francis set out an apostolic letter on September 30, 2019 declaring that the third Sunday of Ordinary Time would henceforth be celebrated as Word of God Sunday. Yes, we do proclaim the Word of God every Sunday, but this Sunday we reflect deeper on how important the Bible needs to be in our lives.

What is your favorite Scripture passage? What is your favorite Gospel? What is your favorite Old Testament reading? What is your favorite New Testament reading? What is your favorite letter from Paul? There are so many questions that can be asked about the Bible and the many ways it can help us to stay close to God.

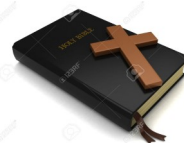
If you do not read the Bible, let this Sunday be an opportunity for you to start reading the Bible. It is our guide to salvation. It is our pathway to heaven. It is Divine Revelation in which God's voice is speaking to us, so we need to read it and listen to it. Taking just five minutes a day to read the Bible can be a bridge to enlightenment, wisdom, and fulfillment!

Here are some of my favorite Scripture verses:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15: 5)

"Love never fails. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor 13: 8, 13)

"I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the Lord, your God, heeding His voice, and holding fast to Him." (Dt 30: 19-20)



Thanks, and God Bless!!!

Fr. Chris

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE:

Mon	01/27	10:00 pm at St. Joseph
Tues	01/28	8:30 am at St. Joseph
Wed	01/29	10:00 pm at St. Joseph
Thurs	01/30	8:30 am at St. Joseph
Fri	01/31	2:15 pm at Sacred Heart
Sat	02/01	2:30 pm at Sacred Heart



Church in Latin America Collection:

This weekend we are collecting for the Church in Latin America ! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life:

The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is celebrated annually on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, **February 2**, which falls on a Sunday this year. While everyone in the Church is called to a life of holiness and to love God above all else, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us that God calls some among the baptized to be consecrated "more intimately to God's service and to the good of the whole Church." The Diocese of Toledo has been blessed by the witness and service of countless consecrated sisters, brothers, and priests, and for this we give thanks to God. Please pray for all consecrated women and men, especially in the Diocese of Toledo, and for vocations to the consecrated life.

Catholic Womens Club:

Our next luncheon and meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 12th at the Roadhouse Event Center, 3985 Park Avenue W. Mansfield. The lunch will begin at noon with a meeting & program to follow. All Catholic women in the St. Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, we encourage you to join us and get to know the Catholic women in the area. Please call Jo Ann Winters-Jerger, February Chairperson at 567-274-7954 or Joan Schonhardt, President at 419-366-0118 for reservations. Reservations must be made by **February 7th before noon**. We are looking forward to seeing current members and meeting new members!

January Meeting Reminders:



Finance Council

Jan 28



2019 Euchre Tournaments

Sacred Heart PTO's Annual Euchre Tournaments have been scheduled for:

February 2nd and March 8th

\$10 per team.

Doors open @ 12:30 pm (Feb 2nd)

Play begins @ 1:00 pm (Feb 2nd)

Doors open @ 3:00 pm (March 8th)

Play begins @ 3:30 pm (March 8th)

50/50 drawings, food and drinks for sale

RSVP Laura Garver to sign up a team.

419-565-0909



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GIRLS:

The Catholic Women's Club of the St. Juan Diego Deanery is offering a \$500.00 Scholarship to a high school girl who is planning to attend college. You do not have to be attending a Catholic high school or plan to attend a Catholic college to apply. See your youth director or the parish pastor for an application form. (Due by April 8, 2020.)

2020 Basketball Schedule:

Girl's 4th/5th Grade:



Feb 2nd @ St. Joseph

12:00 St. Joseph vs Carey

4:00 Upper Sandusky vs St. Joseph

Boy's 4th/5th Grade:

Jan 26th @ Buckeye Central

1:30 Buckeye Central #1 vs St. Joseph

2:45 St. Joseph vs Mohawk #2

Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



“Catholic Schools: Supporting the Education of the Whole Person”

The benefits of a Catholic Education are far reaching for students, their families, the workplace, their communities, our Church and nation! Whether you, like me, benefitted from many years of Catholic Education or not, it is important for all of us to advocate that today's parents have the option to choose where their children will be educated. Parents have the right to form their children in body, mind and spirit, by selecting the best educational opportunity to assist them in that formation.

As Catholic Schools Week approaches, reflecting on the treasure that Catholic Education has been in my own life, I write to share with you some thoughts on its value and the increased opportunities for students to attend our Catholic schools.

In 1997 the Congregation for Catholic Education was prophetic in its document *The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium*. In it, the Congregation recognizes the difficulties and crises facing education, namely, subjectivism, moral relativism, and nihilism; it also identifies rapid technological changes, migration changes, and marginalized Christian faith in traditionally well-evangelized areas as emerging challenges facing us all and especially Catholic education. Such a

bleak cultural outlook calls us to renew our resolve to support Catholic education and authentically Catholic schools.

Since 1782, the United States has benefitted from Catholic schools by their serving students from every race and economic status, by their saving states and public schools billions of dollars each year (\$24 billion annually), and by integrating Gospel values into the educational experience of each student. Catholic schools have a significant tradition of developing the whole person. To more fully embrace our being created in the image of God, Catholic education seeks to affect not only the mind and body, but also the soul.

Through frequent observance of the sacraments, daily catechetical instruction, and through a commitment to learning and practicing virtues from school leaders and teachers, students in Catholic schools experience formation for their souls that is fundamentally unique, and the results of a Catholic education speak for themselves. For example, Catholic school students are more likely to pray daily, attend church more often, and retain a Catholic identity as an adult. They are more likely to vote, more likely to graduate from high school, especially for minority students, and are more likely to attend college.

Researchers have given a name to the continued documented success of student achievement and outcomes: *the Catholic School Effect*. Recently the Fordham Institute published an article that found students in Catholic schools exhibit more self-control than those in other private or public schools. The virtue of self-control is one of many that our schools reinforce each day; it is also an indicator of how successful one will be with respect to spirituality, health, and financial stability throughout life.

Last October, the Ohio Department of Education released a public school classification listing which dramatically increased the number of students eligible for the EdChoice Scholarship. This list now includes at least one designated public institution from each of the nineteen counties within the Diocese of Toledo. There has also been an increase in both the funding and eligible grade levels for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship, serving low-income families. Such actions provide greater opportunities for parents to have choices for where their children are educated.

As Catholics, we believe that parents are the primary educators of their children, and therefore parental choice in education is a fundamental right. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* highlights, "As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental. As far as possible parents have the duty of choosing schools that will best help them in their task as Christian educators. Public authorities have the duty of guaranteeing this parental right and of ensuring the concrete conditions for its exercise" (CCC 2229).

This is not a new practice or belief. In 1965, the Second Vatican Council issued the *Declaration on Christian Education* highlighting this right of parents and the obligation of the state: "The public power, which has the obligation to protect

and defend the rights of citizens, must see to it, in its concern for distributive justice, that public subsidies are paid out in such a way that parents are truly free to choose according to their conscience the schools they want for their children" (6).

In 1986, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith connected school choice to an issue of social justice in that "whenever the State lays claim to an educational monopoly, it oversteps its rights and offends justice...The State cannot without injustice merely tolerate so-called private schools. Such schools render a public service and therefore have a right to financial assistance" (*Instruction on Christian Freedom and Liberation* 94) and should be supported through our state government.

The Catholic Church supports parents' rights to be the primary educators of their children, as well as the importance of providing parents with educational options. True school choice includes options for public education, non-public education, or homeschooling. Committed to the virtues of charity and justice, as a Diocese we will work to ensure that parents know about these educational choice opportunities, and we will continue to support school choice within the state.

This year *Celebrate Catholic Schools Week* is January 26th through February 1st. Please join me in celebrating the treasure of Catholic education with the theme "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Please pray with me in gratitude for all of our Catholic Schools, our students, teachers and staff, so that in all their efforts God is better known, loved and served.



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
January 13, 2020

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Free Community Meal
Thursday, January 30th
Trinity Lutheran Church, Crestline.
5:30-6:30pm
All Are Welcome!
Free will donations accepted.

Celebrating the gift of Catholic Education!

***Please join students and Staff of Sacred Heart School,
Wednesday, January 29th for Mass at 8:30 am and follow-
ing we will have treats in the parish hall.***

THANK YOU for supporting our students, staff and school !

First Quarter Honor Roll Students:



Straight A's

Third grade:

Sophia Fox, Louis Rietschlin and Ariel Stine

Fourth grade:

Tessa Biglin, Sara Holt, Evan Keller, Gage Massey, Blaise Metzger and Isabella Sefcek

Fifth grade:

Titus Beeson, Bridget Belcik, Alyssa Massey, Charly Milligan and Phoebe Rafferty

Sixth grade:

Jordyn Benton, Anissa Gosser and Lauren Vogt

Seventh grade:

Finnegan Belcik, Lincoln Milligan, Allie Vogt and Michael Vogt

First Honor A's and B's

Third grade:

Eva Beeson, Luke Blevins and Sophia Hamilton,

Fourth grade:

Mirabelle Grose

Fifth grade:

Kyleigh Biglin, Grady Briggs, Carley Evans, Addysen Giesige, Nick Gosser, Carter Hieber, Colten Keller and Michael Lenz

Sixth grade:

Brayden Drake, Brady Fox, Sam Gwartz, Blaine Miller and Parker Sutter

Seventh grade:

Wyatt Biglin, Clayton Evans and Grace Rietschlin,

Eighth grade:

Lucas Hieber, Jordon Lowe and Haiden Newmeyer

New Scholarship Opportunity for free or dramatically reduced tuition at Sacred Heart School for 2020-2021 school year! EdChoice Scholarships are now available for the surrounding home districts of Bucyrus, Colonel Crawford, Galion, Shelby and Wynford. Scholarships are based on location regardless of income. Contact SACRED HEART SCHOOL at 419-342-2797, 419-683-1697 or visit schoolchoicetoledo.org to find your family's next steps in choosing our school where we excel in academics and knowing Jesus!