



SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent



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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: Fr. Jerry Knueven

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Jackie Metzger; Paul Parrish; Megan Smith

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph

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Mass Intention: Jim DelGreco

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Don Schill

Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Mary Alice Biglin;
Tony Gwartz; Sandy Burkhart

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Mamie & Roger
Gorman

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Waldo, Cecelia & Tyler
Niese; Charlie, Evelyn & Lynn Till

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Jim DelGreco; Deceased
of the Tesso Family; Bob & Stella Salvati;
John Smarto



Advent Continues...Christmas to Follow!

We light the second candle of our Advent wreath this weekend, so we are at the halfway point of the Advent season. The joy of Christmas is soon to come. But it has come already to the society that surrounds us. The advertisements for Christmas seem to come earlier and earlier every year. Yet our churches are not decorated until Advent is almost over- even then

Jesus is not placed in the manger until Christmas Eve. We already hear Christmas songs on the radio, but we do not sing them in Church until Christmas Eve.

I have certainly done many things that acknowledge Christmas outside of Mass. On Friday November 30 I went to Toledo to see the Trans-Siberian Orchestra performance of "Ghosts of Christmas Past" with my dad. It was an awesome experience! Some great parishioners came over to the rectory to help me decorate for Christmas and we played Christmas songs as well. I will be attending Christmas parties with the staff of both parishes and school before Christmas happens. But Mass is different. Mass tells us that we must discipline ourselves to acknowledge the season of Advent and to wait to celebrate Christmas until it officially arrives.

The Catholic Church has always been counter-cultural. That is choosing what is right and just rather than what appears fun or convenient. Yes, I would love to be singing Christmas songs at Mass now, but our faith calls us to discipline in our lives and in how we celebrate liturgy. Advent prepares us for Christmas... Lent prepares us for Easter... Purgatory prepares us for Heaven.

Preparation is really the key to bring anything to fruition or completion and to ensure success. Confession is a sacrament that helps prepare us for the joy of Christmas. **This week St. Joseph Parish will host a Penance Service on Wednesday December 12 at 6:30 p.m. There will be other priests from the deanery besides myself to hear confessions.** Please take advantage of this opportunity to be cleansed of your sins and enter the Christmas season with more awareness of the graces of God that surround you.

How many times in our lives have we made serious mistakes when we rushed into something? How many times has Christmas brought us more stress than peace? How many times have we been a 'Martha' -concentrating on the doing- rather than a 'Mary' - concentrating on being in the love of Christ- as a preparation for Christmas?

Jesus loves you more than you can ever know so follow His love through this Advent season to the joy of the upcoming Christmas season. 'Then your joy will be complete.'

Thanks, and God Bless!!!

Fr. Chris

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Tuesday Dec 11: John Bonen & MaryPat Davis

Saturday, December 15, 2018

MUSIC MINISTER

Kevin Willis

SERVERS

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Ric & Kathy Biglin

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS

*Kim Metzger, Harry Miller
Judy Roberts & Brenda Gosser*

USHERS

Jacob Gosser & Kim Gosser

LECTOR

Harry Miller

GREETERS

Ric & Kathy Biglin

Sunday, December 16, 2018

MUSIC MINISTER

High School

SERVERS

Dylan & Grace Finnegan

OFFERTORY

Gary & Donna Biglin

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS

*John Bonen, Stan Cain
Jerry & Debbie Schumacher*

USHERS

Roger Niese & Lance Biglin

LECTOR

Kathy Paynter

GREETERS

John & Karen Bonen

COUNTERS

Miriam Schroeder & Rosemary Sutter

Bible Readings for the Week of December 9, 2018

Monday Is 35:1-10, Ps 85:9ab-14, Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday Is 40:1-11, Ps 96:1-3, 10 c, 11-13, Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday Zec 2:14-17, (Ps) Jdt 13:18b-19, Lk 1:26-38
Thursday Is 41:13-20, Ps 145:1, 9-13ab, Mt 11:11-15
Friday Is 48:17-19, Ps 1:1-4, 6, Mt 11:16-19
Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday Zep 3:14-18a, (Ps) Is 12:2-6, Phil 4:4-7, Lk 3:10-18

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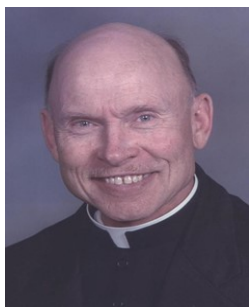
Simple Holy Hour Schedule:

Sun	12/09	None
Mon	12/10	10:00 pm @ St. Joseph
Tues	12/11	8:30 am @ St. Joseph
Wed	12/12	10:00 pm @ St. Joseph
Thurs	12/13	8:30 am @ St. Joseph
Fri	12/14	2:00 pm @ St. Joseph
Sat	12/15	2:30 pm @ Sacred Heart



Retirement Fund for Religious

The aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years with little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. **Please be generous!**



Fr. Gerald E. Knueven, Senior Status Priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Friday, November 23, 2018. Please pray for his family and the repose of his soul.

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

Ecumenical Choir Celebrating 47 Years !



Get in the Christmas spirit ! Consider attending the Ecumenical Christmas Choir Concert at Our Lady of Consolation in Carey to be held on **Sunday, Dec. 9th at 4:30 pm.** This year's Christmas musical program at the holy shrine promises to be a highlight of your holiday season ! The cafeteria and gift shop will be open immediately following the concert.

Parish Directory



Thank you to all that participated in our parish Directory ! Unfortunately, only those who were photographed and those who submitted photos will receive a directory. **A Special Thank you to Kim Metzger for coordinating this labor intensive effort as well as updating parish records in the process !** Any questions need to be directed to Life Touch customer service at 866-756-0281; our account number is 339509.

Liturgical Minister Update

New liturgical ministers schedules and contact numbers will be coming out in January. If you have had a change in contact information or when you are available to serve please contact the parish office or email me at: bkromer@sacredheartbethlehem.org. **Thank You !**

Shelby Help Line Ministry

Thank You Sacred Heart Parishioners for your generosity and loving care in helping 260 families with food for Christmas! We will also be helping over 400 children with toys, coats, hats, gloves, and socks. Thank you again for your loving generosity !

AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Wednesday, December 12th, 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph, Crestline

(Please note TIME CHANGE from previous schedule)

(There will be no Rectory Open House)

Wednesday, December 12th, 7-9 p.m. At Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby

Thursday, December 13th, 6:30 p.m. at Galion St. Joseph



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Memorial

***This weekend's flowers are in memory of
Nellie Young from Tim and Jo Young.***



Reminder: The memorial altar is available should parishioners want to honor loved ones with flowers.
Contact: Parish Office 419-342-2256 Or
Cindy Keller 419-347-7967

**Get Ready for the Holidays
While Lowering Your Tuition !**



It is that time of year when the holidays are right around the corner. Have you ever thought about buying gift cards at the school for your gifts/purchases ? There is no extra cost to you, and while purchasing your gift cards through us, you will receive money off your tuition. We have a master list of over 500 vendors that we can order from. Please contact Mrs. Myers if you have any questions.



CRESTLINE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION'S

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL:

Thursday, December 13th.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Crestline.

Serving 5:30-6:30 pm.

All are welcome!



Praying for Vocations

The North Central Ohio Vocations Club has provided each parish with a Traveling Vocations Cross and a Booklet of Prayers to give us help in praying for this intention.

Father Chris has asked that one individual or family per parish sign up to take the cross for one month and pray at least 5 minutes per day for vocations.

Please consider this ministry as a way to help our Catholic Church remain strong. Please help us continue this ministry by calling the parish office and letting them know what month you are willing to take the cross in 2019.

Never underestimate the power of prayer !

Thank you and God Bless !

