

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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A sister parish with Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bethlehem

Member of the St. Juan Diego Deanery

Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week:

<p>Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Mass Intention: Norbert, David, Denise, Patti, & Eric Keller</p>
<p>Wednesday 8:00 am Rosary 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart Mass Intention: Douglas Alan Sutter</p> <p>6:00 pm Confessions at St. Joseph 6:30 pm Rosary 7:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph Mass Intention: Mr. & Mrs. C.M. Harley; Lena Tesso & Deceased Members of the Tesso Family</p>
<p>Thursday ~ Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph Mass Intention: All Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish</p> <p>6:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Mass Intention: All Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish</p> <p>12 Midnight Mass at St. Joseph Mass Intention: All Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish</p>
<p>Friday ~ Christmas Day 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart Mass Intention: All Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish</p> <p>10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph Mass Intention: All Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish</p>
<p>Saturday 6:00 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart 7:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Mass Intention: Bren Finnegan</p>
<p>Sunday 6:15 am Rosary 7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph Mass Intention: Jack Harley</p> <p>8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart Mass Intention: Charles Studer, Vincent Borgelt</p> <p>10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph Mass Intention: Terrance Coleman; Ralph & Rose Coward</p>



From the Desk of Father Mike

My Dear Friends in Christ:

Christmas will soon be here in all of its beauty and glory. To prepare us on this 4th Sunday of Advent, the Church proclaims the poetic and familiar account of the Blessed Mother visiting her cousin Elizabeth. Mary's humble, obedient and powerful "yes" to God was an event that changed history. Although Mary may not have known what this "yes" meant in its entirety, she did have powerful insights into her monumental decision, since she shared a deeply profound relationship with God.

Although Mary may not have known everything that our Heavenly Father had in store for her, Mary always had an open and obedient heart. Throughout her life, Mary was always pondering, listening, reflecting, and responding to what was being offered, revealed, given, and created for her and through her. As we prepare to enter the exuberant joy of Christmas, let us pray that **we** have this same obedience, and this same open heart.

Also, I want to thank all those parishioners who attended our collaborative Advent Penance Service and Rectory "Open House" party. What wonderful celebrations! Thanks too, to all those who helped in any way with the service or party preparation.

Please accept my sincere wishes for a grace-filled and blessed, merry Christmas!

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Fr. Mike

Weekly Offering

December 13, 2009

Total:

\$5,209.28

Adult Envelopes
\$4,202.00

Anonymous
\$167.00

Children's Mass
\$43.28

Votive Lights
\$48.00

School Support
\$75.00

Parish Maintenance
\$243.00

School Endowment Fund
\$10.00

Retirement Fund for Religious
\$226.00

Campaign for Human Development
\$10.00

Immaculate Conception
\$175.00
(To-date: \$636.00)

All Saints
\$10.00

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Liturgical Ministers For Sunday, December 27, 2009

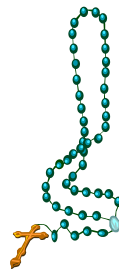
<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>GIFT BEARERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
7:00 AM— Greg Coleman & Anna Salvati	7:00 AM— Sharen & Don Alt	7:00 AM— Don Alt, Lou Baldasare, Dave Horning, Steve Marek
10:30 — Louis Kurtzman & Taylor Webster	10:30 AM— Crystal & Josh Keller	10:30 AM— Vic Anatra, Don Harley, Marvin Heydinger, Daniel Looney
<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNION MINISTER</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>
7:00 AM— Peg Coe	7:00 AM — Conn Marek	7:00 AM— Fran Baldasare
10:30 AM— Deb & Ron Schroeder	10:30 AM — Nathan Kemper	10:30 AM— Anne Kurtzman



ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED INSERT FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY AND

OUR FINAL ADVENT ROSARY ...



Please join us as we recite the Rosary this Wednesday evening (at 6:30 p.m.) before the 7:00 p.m. Mass . This will be our final Rosary for the Advent season.



Thank you to all those who donated clothing, toys, food and money to Community Christmas. Special thanks to all the women who volunteered many hours preparing the clothing for distribution. The response was overwhelming and through your generous support we were able to assist 160 families. May God bless you. Merry Christmas and a blessed and peaceful New Year.



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Save the Dates!

Today, Sunday, December 20th @ 3:00 pm at St. Peter's Mansfield, a Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent. Performed by the St. Peter's Choir, Children's Choir & Hand Bell Choir, and Contemporary & Instrumental Ensembles. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information call 419-524-2572, ext 2113.

Sunday, January 17th, 3:30 P.M.—Partners Euchre Tournament @ Sacred Heart School, St. Rt. 61, Shelby. Doors open at 3:00 pm, play begins at 3:30 pm. \$10 per team/\$5 per person. RSVP Jon & Tara Finnegan @419-683-8903 or 419-571-3865.



CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC...

ST. JOSEPH'S MENS CHOIR WILL PROVIDE MUSIC BEGINNING AT 11:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, BEFORE MIDNIGHT MASS BEGINS.



A special Thank You to everyone who has helped me with our Sunday bulletins, St. Joseph's Dream Capital Campaign mailings, Dinner with Fr. Mike invitations, Penance Service Programs, Christmas mailings, phone calls, and anything else...you have helped me make molehills out of my mountains! What would I do without you?

Christine Casper,
Administrative Manager

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 NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INSTRUCTORS

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Mary was excited with her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Some consider children as a liability, a "mouth to feed" or an obstacle to a career. While Christmas is "for children" it is also "for adults to appreciate the gift children are to us."



ATTENTION ARTISTS!

The Toledo Catholic Diocese is looking for artists of all ages and mediums to submit Catholic themed artwork celebrating the Year for Priests as declared by Pope Benedict XVI. Art will be entered into a traveling art show that will tour the Dioceses' 19 county area. The show begins in late March during Holy Week and will conclude during the Diocesan Priest Convocation in late June. All art must be in by January 15th. For more info or to submit artwork online visit: www.toledodiocese.org/year-for-priests



A SNOWFLAKE PRAYER

Thank you, Creator God,
 For the gift of Winter,
 For cold frosty air,
 Shimmering icicles,
 Frozen lakes and rivers,
 And most of all for snowflakes,
 Ever so beautiful, so special,
 So one of a kind.
 Let them remind me that
 I am like that in Your eyes—
 So beautiful, so special,
 So one of a kind.
 Thank you, God, for
 Snowflakes.