



# SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**July 7, 2024**  
**Fourteenth Sunday**  
**Ordinary Time**

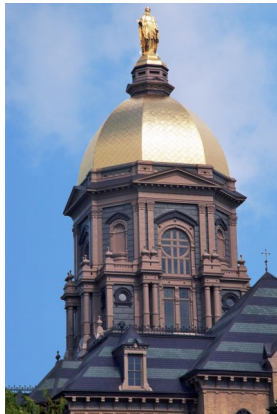
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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline.

## Intentions

### No Weekday Masses

**Fr. Jeff will be attending the School Pastor's Institute and saying Mass at the University of Notre Dame.**



### Saturday

**3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ**

**4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: For the People of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Parishes*

### Sunday

**7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intentions: Clarence "Shorty" Moyer; Al Falter Jr.*

**8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: For the Living and Deceased of the Henry Weaver Family; Thomas Weaver*

**10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intention: Deacon William Rall; Thomas Burkhart*

### Why not enroll at Sacred Heart School?

Families have many reasons of choosing a partnership with Sacred Heart School. Some of the reoccurring reasons are: living/learning about our Catholic faith and strong academics. We are a community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service. Each one of those aspects is important by themselves, but, more importantly, living them out all together is life changing. Living out Faith, Knowledge and Service is ingrained in our daily curriculum at Sacred Heart School.

At Sacred Heart School we focus on building a relationship with God and we provide strong academics. At Sacred Heart School, we are learning about our Catholic faith. As a community, celebrate Mass together. As a school community, we pray together. We pay reverence to our feast days, holy days of obligation, learning more about our faith during religion classes, learning more about our faith by having conversations with other believers, and participating in Advent, Lenten and sacramental retreats. We are blessed by being able to put our faith in action daily.

We also provide strong academics! Our students reap the benefits of being in smaller classrooms. They are able to have more one on one more time. All of our teachers are State certified through ODE. Eighty-five percent of our staff have their Master's Degree. We also have aids in the classrooms for preschool through sixth grade. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are given many opportunities being leaders of our school. They are also able to mature into the person God is calling them to be in a nurturing environment.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students also have the opportunity to take Algebra I for high school credit their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. I am proud to inform you that our average score for Algebra I for the 23/24 school year was a **723!** Some facts about the State test results: 1. The average test score for the State of Ohio was 702. 2. The minimum score needed to pass was a 684. All of our 8<sup>TH</sup> grade students met the requirement for high school credit!

All of our students take MAP testing to help ensure that they are reaching bench marks throughout the school year. By having smaller classes, we are able to offer intervention to students that might need extra help. We also have the resources to provide an Intervention Specialist, Title I Services, Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy.

**We offer many scholarship opportunities!** Sacred Heart School can be an affordable choice for any family. We are a provider for EdChoice Scholarship. Currently this scholarship is potentially available to families that live in the **Crestline School district**. The Jon Peterson Scholarship which is for students who are currently on an IEP. We are also a provider for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship which is available for families who meet certain income guidelines. In addition, we offer the One Faith Many Blessings Scholarship available to families that may need tuition assistance to attend our school.

Our community of Faith, Knowledge and Service keeps evolving with the times while keeping a secure belief of our past. We are currently accepting registration for the 24/25 school year for students 3year old preschool through eighth grade. To experience the difference that Sacred Heart School might make for your family, please call me, Lisa Myers, at 419-342-2797 to schedule a personal tour of our school. Class sizes are limited at Sacred Heart School. Bussing is also available for the surrounding communities. We ask you---is this the year that you and your child will experience firsthand the benefit of an excellent faith filled education?

**Lisa Myers, Principal**

**\*School Office Closed July 4-11th.**

**COLLECTION:**

June 30, 2024  
\$ 3,817.00  
Reg. Offertory  
\$ 3,704.00

General Maintenance  
\$ 10.00  
Peter's Pence  
\$ 103.00



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\$ 401.00  
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\$ 20,638.70

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Wednesday, July 10th.

Lector: Diane Metzger; Server: Titus Beeson

**Saturday, July 13**

**Sunday, July 14**

MUSIC MINISTER

Sean Beeson

SERVERS

Ruthie Faith

Jude Kemerer

OFFERTORY

Ric & Kathi Biglin

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS

Brenda Gosser, Cory Myers

Rosanne Conley

USHERS

Shannon Finnegan & Joe Faith

LECTOR

Samantha Schroeder

(Please check Ministry Scheduler Pro for the most up to date assignments)

MUSIC MINISTER

Folk Group

SERVERS

Noah & Evan

Metzger

OFFERTORY

Dale & Linda Schroeder

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS

Deacon Steve Vogt, Marti Keller

Dale Schroeder

USHERS

Greg Gwartz & John Finnegan

LECTOR

Tara Finnegan

COUNTERS

Linda Schroeder, Joyce Timmer

Crystal Metzger

**Bible Readings for the Week of July 7, 2024**

**Monday** Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22, Ps 145:2-9, Mt 9:18-26  
**Tuesday** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13, Ps 115:3-10, Mt 9:32-38  
**Wednesday** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12, Ps 105:2-7, Mt 10:1-7  
**Thursday** Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9, Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, Mt 10:7-15  
**Friday** Hos 14:2-10, Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17, Mt 10:16-23  
**Saturday** Is 6:1-8, Ps 93:1-2, 5, Mt 10:24-33  
**Sunday** Am 7:12-15, Ps 85:9-14, Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10, Mk 6:7-13



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## Pastoral Council

Newest pastoral council members are Joe DiLullo and Greg Keller! Congratulations! Thank you to all our nominees for your participation in this process!

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 12th.**, following Mass.

The 2024-25 council members are as follows: Doug Lucius, Heath Gwartz, Jacob Gosser, Jake Rietschlin, Justin Tuttle, Kim Metzger, Taylor Gosser, Joe DiLullo, and Greg Keller.



### Help us Celebrate!

**Msgr. Dennis Metzger and Msgr. Michael Hohenbrink on their 50th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination. Sunday, July 14th. at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart. Reception following Mass in the Sacred Heart gym. All are invited!**

### Summer Young Adult Gathering (Theology on Tap) Sunday, July 21st. @ 6:00 pm Holy Trinity, Bucyrus

This will be an informal gathering for open discussion about any topic about the Catholic Faith. Is there something you always wondered about? Now's your chance to ask your question!

Please bring a small food item to share, but with or without food, please come! RSVP is not mandatory, but appreciated: [ewurm124@gmail.com](mailto:ewurm124@gmail.com).



**We are looking for volunteers to take the Vocations Cross and Prayer Booklet for a Month in 2024. (NEED August and beyond.) You may sign up by calling the parish office.**

**Thank you!**



**July 28th.**



Please make sure you have returned your food donation slips or scanned the QR code to make your donation! Thank you!

There will be an early bird drawing on Wednesday, **July 17th.** By Fr. Jeff. One winner will be drawn from the tickets turned in before this date! The winner is the person who sold the ticket drawn. They will receive a FREE reverse raffle ticket and two complimentary tickets.

Don't forget to help advertise our festival by putting out your yard signs, (number 8 on the back registers), and distributing the posters that are also available in the back of church.

### Shelby Help Line Ministries Back-to-School Clothing and Supplies

We will be accepting donations from now until the end of summer. Donations can include backpacks, school supplies, and clothing for all ages. All items must be NEW. Monetary donations can be made through our website, venmo app. or by cash or check through office mail. Applications for assistance will be accepted through July 31st. with photo ID & proof of address for self and all children listed. 419-347-6308 or [www.shelbyhelpline.org](http://www.shelbyhelpline.org)

### Prayers for Priests

*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*

\*July 8, Pray for Rev. Jeffery Smith  
\*July 27, Pray for Deceased Priests



Parents of Priests  
**Prayers for Priests**

PRAY FOR CLERGY, RELIGIOUS, OR THE SPECIAL INTENTION FOR EACH DAY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pope Francis	2 Bishop Daniel E. Thomas	3 Your Parish Priest	4 Parents of Priests	5 Rev. Jeffery Sikorski	6 Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
7 Rev. Monsignor Charles Singler	8 Rev. Jeffery Smith	9 Rev. Philip Smith	10 Rev. Francis Speier	11 Rev. Stephen Stanbery	12 Rev. Joseph Steinbauer	13 Deacons and Missionary Priests
14 Rev. John Stites	15 Rev. Keith Stripe	16 Rev. Conrad Stutter	17 Rev. Richard Sizzle	18 Rev. Joseph Szybka	19 Rev. Stanley Szybka	20 Religious Brothers and Sisters
21 Rev. Douglas Taylor	22 Rev. Florian Tiell	23 Rev. Maurice Tiell	24 Rev. David Tscherne	25 Rev. Christopher Turner	26 Rev. Walter Tuscano	27 Deceased Priests of our Diocese
28 Rev. Rathish Varghese	29 Rev. Monsignor Christopher Vasko	30 Rev. Vincente Vera	31 Seminarian Alexander Wahl			

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



Diocese  
of Toledo

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

July 2024

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Rev. Jeff Smith, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Kateri Tekakwitha

A smallpox epidemic in her Native American village left Kateri orphaned, disfigured, and half-blind at the age of four, and raised by relatives. Introduced to Catholicism by visiting priests, she was baptized when she was 19 against the objections of her relatives. Eventually, the persecution against her became so strong she had to steal away to a Christian village where she lived in holiness. After her death, her scarred face was miraculously restored to its original beauty.



### Grow with God

A relationship between two people is most satisfying when it is dynamic and growing but that takes effort and care. Our relationship with God is no different. Spending time with God and making Him a daily part of your life will help your relationship with Him grow and deepen.

### Got faith?

Faith is not about what you see with your eyes. Faith is about what you see with your heart. *"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe"* (John 4:48).



## Our God of second chances

The bad news is that at some point in our lives—probably way more than we would like to admit—we are going to make choices that hurt our relationship with God.

The good news is that our God is a God of forgiveness and second chances. Here are some suggestions for using God's second chances in your own life.

**Come to your senses.** The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-52) left the embrace of his father and ruined himself with bad choices. He finally "came to his senses" and returned home. Realize and admit your own mistakes and come back to your Father's embrace.

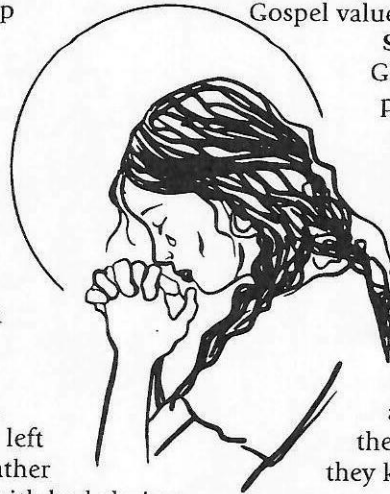
**Avoid bad company.** "Walk with

*wise men and you will become wise, but the companion of fools will fare badly"* (Proverbs 13:20). Surround yourself with people who will support your Gospel values.

**Stay close.** Closeness to God comes through prayer, Scripture study, regular Mass participation and living a Gospel-centered life.

**Don't give up.** Jesus spent three years teaching twelve people how to live as His

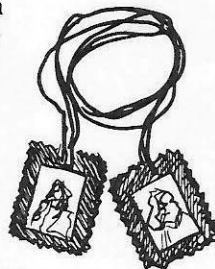
followers. They didn't always get it right (and they lived with Him!), but they kept trying. When you mess up, remember what Jesus said to the woman caught in the act of adultery. *"Neither do I condemn you ... from now on do not sin anymore"* (John 8:11). Pick yourself up and start again.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics wear scapulars?

Catholics wear scapulars as a sign of their devotion to Mary and their commitment to a Christian life. The scapular, particularly the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, symbolizes Mary's protection and promises spiritual benefits to



the wearer. Tradition holds that those who wear it faithfully will receive Mary's special protection and will not suffer eternal damnation. It serves as a daily reminder to live virtuously and is often associated with spiritual affiliation to religious orders like the Carmelites.

# A vacation is no vacation without Mass

Does your summer vacation sometimes include taking a vacation from Mass? Finding a Mass when you are away from home, or fitting it into a summer schedule can mean making special efforts. Here are four reasons to fit Mass into your summer routine:

Wherever Mass is said anywhere in the world, millions of people you don't know are praying for you and with you. Where else can you get that kind of help?

Attending Mass connects you to the Communion of Saints – the saints in heaven,

the souls in purgatory and believers on earth. That's powerful company.

After Jesus ascended to Heaven, His followers formed the early Church to keep His message alive. Every time you attend Mass, you help to keep Jesus' message alive.

God commanded us to keep holy the Sabbath, and Mass is the way a Catholic fulfills that requirement. If God tells you to do something, it's a good idea to do it.

**Note:** to find a church or Mass time anywhere in the country, see [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org).



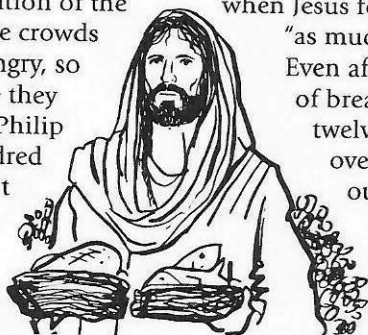
## from Scripture

### John 6:1-15, God's generous response to generous faith

This Gospel passage records the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowds following Jesus were hungry, so Jesus asked Philip where they could get enough food. Philip calculated that two hundred days' wages still wouldn't buy enough food for them. Like Philip, we face problems that seem too big for us and can be intimidated.

The apostle Andrew went a step further than Philip; he found the boy with five loaves of barley bread and two fish. The boy, in turn, offered to Jesus what little he

brought – all of it. What a surprise when Jesus fed the five thousand "as much...as they wanted." Even after they'd had their fill of bread, there were still twelve wicker baskets left over! God can't be outdone in generosity.



When we are faced with many problems at once, it can be overwhelming. It's easy to react like

Philip and give up hope. While on our own, we may not have much to offer, if we offer what we have to God, He can do something amazing with it.

## Q & A Why are Catholics asked to dress modestly?

Catholics are encouraged to dress modestly, firstly in church, to honor and respect the sanctity of the liturgy. This practice keeps the focus on prayer and the Eucharist, free from distractions. And, dressing modestly is a way to show respect and honor to God.

In general, modesty in attire reflects the dignity of the human body, recognizing it as made in God's image. By dressing with discretion, we display humility and purity, following scriptural teachings.

Conforming to common standards of decency promotes unity and mutual respect.

Beyond church, modest dressing aligns with Catholic values of chastity and humility, guiding us to live our faith daily and publicly. It demonstrates self-respect and respect for others, acknowledging every person's dignity. Modest attire minimizes temptations and scandals, fostering purity in interactions. Moreover, it sets a positive example for others, especially the youth, reinforcing values of decency and virtue.

In essence, modest dress in church and everyday life cultivates an atmosphere of respect, reverence, and virtue, embodying and demonstrating our Catholic beliefs and values.



## Feasts & Celebrations

**July 3 – St. Thomas, Apostle (First Century):** Despite being known as "doubting Thomas," he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received proof of Jesus' Resurrection: "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28). Tradition says Thomas evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians, and ultimately reached India.

**July 5 – St. Elizabeth of Portugal (1336):** The daughter of King Peter III of Aragon, she married King Denis of Portugal. She became known as "the Peacemaker" for resolving political

conflicts. After her husband's death, she became a Franciscan tertiary with the Poor Clares.

**July 15 – St. Bonaventure (1274):** Cured of an illness through the prayers of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Bonaventure became a Franciscan. As Minister General of the order, he cultivated a love of the way of St. Francis and the order's ideals.

**July 24 – St. Sharbel Makhluf (1898):** A Maronite hermit, St. Charbel lived a life of solitude and holiness. He had a reputation as a wonder worker, even among his Muslim neighbors.



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The Diocese of Toledo received five Catholic Media Awards in the 2024 competition sponsored by the Catholic Media Association of the United States and Canada.

The awards we received were:

Second Place Best Facebook Account – Diocesan Bishop: [Bishop Daniel E. Thomas](#)

Second Place Best Story and Photo Package: [Candy Land, Graceful Living Magazine, Summer 2023](#)

Second Place Best Title and Lead-In: [The Habit of Joy, Graceful Living Magazine, Summer 2023](#)

Third Place Best Reporting on Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate: [The Habit of Joy, Graceful Living Magazine, Summer 2023](#)

Honorable Mention Best Layout or Article Column: [Painting Pilgrimage, Graceful Living Magazine, Winter 2023](#)

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## **Diocese of Toledo Safe Environment Program**

The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)*.

Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance.

Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth.

The last 3-year audit was conducted in October of 2021. The next on-site audit will be conducted in September of 2024.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.

### ***F.I.S.H. Wish List:***

***Most needed items: spam, cakes mixes, canned peaches, peas and carrots.***

***Thank you!***