



SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

❧ Bethlehem • Founded 1833 ❧

June 29, 2025

13th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saints Peter and Paul

5742 State Route 61 S.
Shelby, Ohio 44875
(419) 342-2256

A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline.

Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Rosemary Sutter

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Mark Rietschlin

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph

6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph

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

Friday



9:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery

Mass Intention: For Those in the Military and Their Families

Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Roger Broach

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: In Thanksgiving for a Prayer Answered

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Dorothy Blum; Jeanne, Paul & Kathleen Gosser

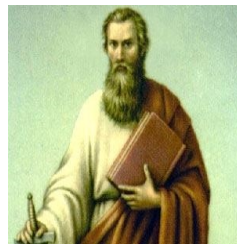
10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Jerry & Josie Dunn; Charles Marek

On June 29, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul to honor the two great apostles Peter and Paul. Together they are honored as founders of the Church of Rome, having been separately martyred there during the reign of Emperor Nero.



St. Peter was one of Jesus' original twelve Apostles and the first Pope. Peter was a Jewish fisherman before he was called to be an Apostle. Jesus changed his name from Simon to Peter ("Rock") and gave Him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 16:19), which is why St. Peter is often depicted with keys. Patron Saint of Fishermen.
(missions.ewtn.com)



St. Paul (originally known as Saul), was a self-righteous young Pharisee, almost fanatically anti-Christian. When the Resurrected Lord appeared to Him on the road to Damascus, he suddenly converted (Acts 9:1-9). From that point, he went on to evangelize throughout the Mediterranean world from the Holy Land to Rome to Spain. His zeal and reach entitles him to be known as the "Apostle to the Gentiles." "The Gentiles" means "the nations." For Jews, it meant the non-Jewish people. For the Church, it means the non-Jewish unbelievers in Christ – that is, the greater part of mankind of all generations. Patron Saint of Missionaries.
(missions.ewtn.com)

"Christian tradition has always considered Sts. Peter and Paul to be inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ."
(Pope Benedict XVI)

Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.

COLLECTION:

June 22, 2025
\$ 2,375.93

Reg. Offertory
\$ 2,275.93

Peter's Pence
\$ 100.00



Online
\$ 970.00
Heart of Bethlehem
\$ 1,610.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday, July 2

Lector: Paula Goodman

Server: Gus Metzger

Saturday, July 5

Sunday, July 6

MUSIC MINISTER

Kevin Willis

SERVERS

Jude Kemerer

Louie Rietschlin

OFFERTORY

Mike & Carrie Kemerer

EXTRAORDINARY**MINISTERS**

Samantha Schroeder

Brenda Gosser, Rosanne Conley

USHERS

Steve & Nick

Gosser

LECTOR

Joe DiLullo

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

MUSIC MINISTER

N/A

SERVERS

Sarah Plazek

Lauren Ann Vogt

OFFERTORY

Roger & Terri Niese

EXTRAORDINARY**MINISTERS**

Paul Schroeder

Cheryl & Luke Rietschlin

USHERS

Roger Niese & Rick Gosser

LECTOR

Tara Finnegan

COUNTERS

*Joyce Timmer, Miriam Schroeder
Steve Metzger*

Bible Readings for the Week of June 29, 2025

Monday

Gn 18:16-33, Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11, Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday

Gn 19:15-29, Ps 26:2-3, 9-12, Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

Gn 21:5, 8-20a, Ps 34:7-8, 10-13, Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

Eph 2:19-22, Ps 117:1b-2, Jn 20:24-29

Friday

Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67, Ps 106:1b-5

Saturday

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29, Ps 135:1b-6, Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

Is 66:10-14c, Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20, Gal 6:14-18, Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

**BULLETIN SPONSORS OF THE WEEK:**

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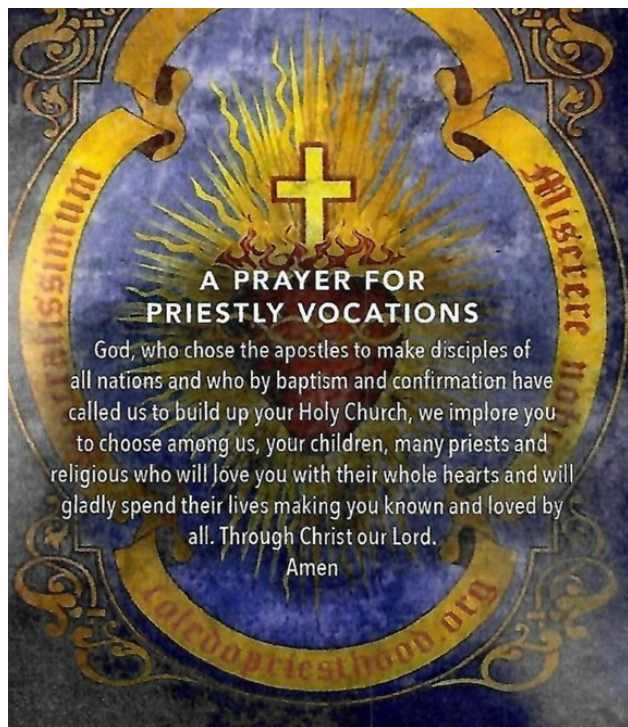


Diocese
of Toledo

Father David Kidd

Director of Priestly Vocations

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Please continue praying for vocations throughout the summer by signing up to take the Vocations Cross and Prayer Booklet home for a Month in 2025. Need July & August! You may sign up by calling the parish office. Thank you!



Your gift to the ACA supports seminarian formation, so that we may have good and faithful shepherds serving the people of God.

Because the Annual Catholic Appeal helps defray the cost of my seminary education, I am afforded the ability to answer God's call to the priesthood.

– Deacon Travis Kahle,
Seminarian

**Sacred Heart is at 68.81% of ACA goal!
Thank you to all who have responded!**



132 year tradition!

Festival Packets are in the back of church. Please pick yours up and help us save on postage! Reminder; the early bird drawing will be held on **July 9th.** by Fr. Jeff. One winner will be drawn from the tickets turned in before this date! The seller of the ticket drawn receives a free reverse raffle ticket and 2 meal tickets.

Registration is now open for the **Retrouvaille Weekend for Married Couples**, taking place July 18–20, 2025, through the Northwest Ohio Chapter. This program is a lifeline for couples experiencing difficulty in their marriage—offering hope, healing, and practical tools to renew your relationship. The weekend is followed by a series of post-sessions that help strengthen communication, rebuild trust, and rediscover joy in your marriage. Couples of all faith backgrounds are welcome. Learn more and register at helpourmarriage.org, or contact 419-481-1116 or NWOHio@helpourmarriage.org.

Trinity Lutheran Church VBS

July 27-31 6:00-8:30 Free Meal for children 6:00-6:30
Grades K-4 Winnie the Pooh and the Fruit of the Spirit
Contact Pastor Seaman 419-683-3972



Diocesan Cedar Point Day

Come celebrate Mass with Bishop Thomas at Cedar Point! Please join him on **Sunday, July 27th.** for **11:00 AM Mass** at the Convention Center (inside the park). Then spend the day enjoying Cedar Point! Tickets are only \$34.28. Discounted tickets are limited! To learn more or purchase your tickets visit: www.toledodiocese.org/cedarpoint or www.cedarpoint.com/save user name: CTPDPD password: TDPD



Plenary Indulgences for visiting:

Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo
Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellevue

See registers in back of church for flyer and additional information.

Sacred Heart Festival

(Between Crestline & Shelby on St. Rt. 61)

July 27th, 11am–10pm

- Chicken and ham dinners
- Grill service, lemonade, and ice cream
- Games and live animal displays
- Antique farm equipment
- Games of chance
- Bavarian village
- Live music

..and more!





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PARISHIONERS LINCOLN MILLIGAN AND MICHAEL VOGT

BETHLEHEM – Sacred Heart School Alumni. Best friends. Future roommates.

Lincoln Milligan and Michael Vogt attended different high schools, but their friendship remained true. They both applied for – and accepted – the 'Bridges Program Scholarship' at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Selected applicants had an overnight visit and tour of the campus.

"The two of us made the joke, 'what if we just both go here?' That joke turned into us dorming together," said Lincoln.

All of the scholarship recipients will be housed in the same dormitory. Choosing a roommate was easy.

"We went to school together for 10 years, so I know him super-well and we have always gotten along," Michael shared. "Our longstanding friendship will make the transition to college a lot smoother and easier."

Michael will study computer engineering, while Lincoln will double major in mechanical engineering and emerging technology in business and design.

The campus appealed to both of them.

"Miami is located in a smaller town similar to Shelby and Crestline, which is unlike the other schools I was considering," said Michael.

After visiting a number of colleges, Lincoln also knew where he belonged. "There was something about Miami that stuck out to me – the small town feel, all the brick buildings."

Sacred Heart School helped them form a bond.

"Lincoln and I have been friends since preschool," Michael noted, but it wasn't until middle school that they became close.

Although Michael went to Shelby High School and Lincoln attended Buckeye Central High School, "we stayed close by finding time to hang out and stay in touch through social media and video games," said Michael.

"We've always clicked," Lincoln explained. "We've always been best friends."

Sacred Heart School solidified their strengths.

"I entered high school with greater academic confidence and a strong foundation in subjects like English and Science," Michael noted, "which helped me succeed academically and maintain a high GPA."

Michael was named Valedictorian of Shelby High School's class of 2025.

Always a competitor with Michael, Lincoln challenged himself in other ways.

"I took this robotics course they offered," said Lincoln. "Robotics was my jam."

Not knowing many people freshman year, Lincoln set the tone for the next four years.

"Be kind to everyone," he said.

Lincoln was named the Homecoming King this spring.

"I got chosen to be the King out of my kindness I think," Lincoln mused. His class was "filled with some of the most extraordinary people. Everyone was so friendly towards each other; it was legitimately like a big family."

One day at lunch, Lincoln was inspired. "I would always pray quietly to myself and one day out of the blue," he asked a friend from St. Bernard's, "do you think we could just pray out loud?"

"Ever since that day, some kids who weren't Catholic started joining us, trying to memorize our prayer. You could physically see more people trying to learn about Christ," Lincoln said.

God impacts each young man.

"I see Him throughout everything," Lincoln said. "Definitely leading me. Every night, I try to read from a daily devotional book. He helps me choose the right path."

"My faith," Michael shared, "inspires me to be kind, respectful, and helpful to others. I turn to prayer for strength, letting God guide me."



A MINISTRY OF SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
BY JOE DI LULLO

IMAGE OF CHURCH BY LORETTA BOCIAN, 2024

Photo provided by Bridget Milligan | Settlement Spotlight



Chairman's Statement on *Dobbs* Anniversary

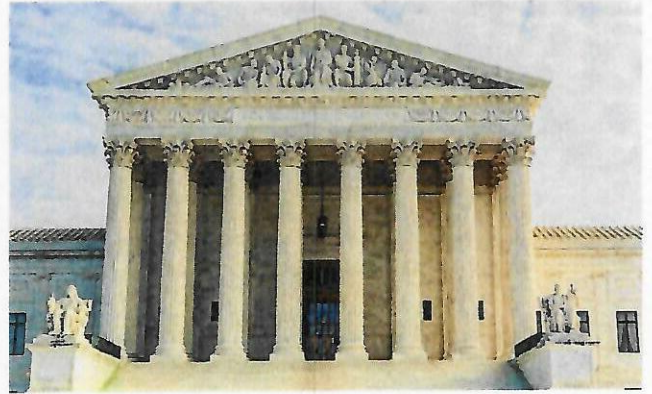
USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

June 24, 2025, marks the third anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade* and ended nearly fifty years of virtually unlimited, nationwide abortion. Hope had never been lost in God's power to right that wrong and accomplish what the world believed to be impossible. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are called to reflect more deeply on the enduring hope that has been won for us through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The *Dobbs* decision not only gave states the freedom to protect preborn children but also paved the way for pro-life victories nationally. The federal government is now closer than ever to defunding Planned Parenthood and other organizations whose abortion profiteering harms women and babies.

At the same time, we know that several states have enacted extreme pro-abortion policies, overriding existing pro-life safeguards, with some states leaving children vulnerable to abortion even up to birth. Despite the good that *Dobbs* decision accomplished, the battle for life is far from over. I urge all Catholics to [engage their elected officials](#) on all issues that threaten the gift of human life, in particular the threat of abortion.

As we confront the challenges of our time, let us find hope anew in this Jubilee Year and be strengthened in our resolve to serve the cause of life. May our Catholic parishes continue to welcome, embrace, and accompany women facing unexpected or challenging



pregnancies through initiatives like [Walking with Moms in Need](#). And may we never tire of sharing Christ's message of mercy with all who are suffering in the aftermath of an abortion through ministries like [Project Rachel](#).

Even amidst the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."¹ As we move forward in hope, may we be united in our efforts to protect God's gift of life, in every stage and circumstance.

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas

Bishop of Toledo

Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities



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¹ *Spes non confundit*, 25.

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Needed Elementary School Principal-Minister St. Mary School

St. Mary's Elementary Pre K-6 Grade School in Shelby Ohio is seeking a Principal-Minister beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year. The Elementary School Principal-Minister serves as the educational and spiritual leader of the school community. The Principal-Minister will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the school, advancing the mission of Catholic education and fostering a faith-filled environment of learning and growth. Candidates must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, committed to Catholic Education, capable of providing spiritual leadership to the school community, and have previous education experience. Administrative experience is also preferred. Candidates must hold at least a Bachelor's degree with a Master's degree preferred. Interested candidates should send cover letter, resume, and at least two letters of recommendation by **July 6, 2025**, to Father Chris Mileski via email at father-chris@stmaryshelby.org or mail to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church 29 West St., Shelby, OH 44875.



Ron Sutter	7/08
Carol Dannemiller	7/12
Raymond Bernotas	7/14
Janet Broach	7/16
Rick Gosser	7/16
Paul Coleman	7/19
Betty Gwirtz	7/20
Marti Keller	7/22
Diane Metzger	7/24
Debbie Rietschlin	7/26
Judy Roberts	7/29

F.I.S.H. food pantry most needed items:

All non-perishable foods are being accepted. Special requests include mandarin oranges, canned chicken and tuna, cream of chicken soup, and instant potatoes.

Thank you for your continued support!

