

## Daily Readings for the Week of June 29, 2025

June 29: Acts 12:1-11/ Psalms 34:2-9/ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18/  
Matthew 16:13-19  
June 30: Genesis 18:16-33/ Psalms 103:1-4, 8-11/ Matthew 8:18-22  
July 1: Genesis 19:15-29/ Psalms 26:2-3, 9-12/ Matthew 8:23-27  
July 2: Genesis 21:5, 8-20/ Psalms 34:7-13/ Matthew 8:28-34  
July 3: Ephesians 2:19-22/ Psalms 117:1-2/ John 20:24-29  
July 4: Isaiah 58:6-11/ Psalms 107:2-9/ Matthew 25:31-46  
July 5: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29/ Psalms 135:1-6/ Matthew 9:14-17

## Liturgical Ministries

### Schedule for June 29, 2025

Lector: Katie  
Greeters/Gifts: Rissler Family  
Servers: Evie/Gabi  
Money Counters: Kris/Monte  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Mary A M/ Ron

### Schedule for July 6, 2025

Lector: Nathan  
Greeters/Gifts: Rickels Family  
Servers: Kevin  
Money Counters: Monte/John  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Rick/Mary A M

### Today's Mass Intention Dolores Eganhouse

Mass Intention July 6, 2025

Duane and Jean Feuss

### Priest Visit to the Homebound

If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

### Prayer Corner

Betty Anderson, Karen Kleineck, Bill Ihns, John Swan, Marilyn Stevenson,  
Julie Ahrendsen, Margaret Fowler, Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek,  
Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack, Mary Hansen, Paul Rowan, Chris Gibbs,  
Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

# SACRED HEART



June 29, 2025

### Sacred Heart Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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### Office Hours:

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## Saints Peter and Paul (Solemnity)

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Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

## PASTOR SPEAKS

### Feast of Saints Peter and Paul: “You are the Christ”

Church Dear Friends,

Today, Holy Mother Church celebrates the memory of two of the most iconic founders of our cherished faith—Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. Though called and sent on distinct missions—Peter as the apostle to the Jews and Paul as the apostle to the Gentiles—they together laid a firm foundation for the Church across the nations. Through their tireless work, they handed down to us the faith and mission entrusted to them by the Lord of the harvest. As Pope Benedict XVI once said, *“Christian tradition has always considered Saints Peter and Paul inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ.”*

Jesus Christ founded His Church on the faith of Peter, and Paul became the greatest evangelist in the Church’s history. These two saints are not only remembered as pillars of the faith and symbols of the Catholic Church, but tradition also holds that both were martyred around the same time under Emperor Nero’s persecution.

When we look closely at the individuals behind these great biblical figures, we see distinct personalities—Peter, impetuous and sometimes fearful, Paul, intense and bold. And yet, we recognize how God used their differences for His purpose. This teaches us that God can use each of us, with all our uniqueness, to serve His glory. Peter’s passionate love was channeled into pastoral care for Christ’s flock, while Paul’s rigorous Pharisaic training and powerful character were used to bring the light of the Gospel to the Gentiles, who had long lived in ignorance of the true God.

At the heart of today’s Gospel are two critical questions Jesus asked His disciples—and continues to ask us today: *“Who do people say that I am?”* and *“Who do you say that I am?”* The responses then revealed widespread confusion about Jesus’ identity. Sadly, that same lack of knowledge, faith, and even rejection of Jesus still persists today. While the people may have changed, the challenge remains the same.

You may already be familiar with the statistics. According to Pew Research, today, people aged 18-39 are less likely to consider religion as important to them compared to those ages 40 and older. Moreover, just 19% of the U.S. population identifies as Catholic. Regionally, 19% are in the Midwest, 26% in the Northeast, 29% in the South, and 25% in the West. These figures point to a sobering reality, but not a hopeless one.

Rather than despair, let us pray to the Lord of the harvest, who transformed Saul into Paul, that He may use each of us—weaknesses and all—as witnesses to the faith. Let us draw strength from Saints Peter and Paul, who show us that our talents, limitations, and even disagreements can become instruments of God’s transformative grace. They remind us that unity in diversity is possible in the Church, and that through God’s grace, reconciliation is always within reach.

Let us never stop answering the Lord’s question: *“Who am I to you?”* As Pope Francis urges us, *“Let us give Him an answer today—one that comes from the heart.”* We do not need to be perfect for God to work through us. Just as He worked through Peter and Paul, He can work through us—flaws, failures, and all.

**Happy Feast of Saints Peter and Paul! Happy Feast of Saint John the Baptist!**

## News

The next meeting of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart is today, following Mass. Please consider staying and attending for one hour.

Our next Table of Plenty is July 6th. Please participate, this has been such a success for the church.

Refreshments after Mass for July will be the 13th. Serving Committee is: Sharon Miller, Cherie Ruley and Julie Ahrendsen.

Mary Ann Mostaert was the Silent Auction winner of the Hawkeye themed baby/lap quilt made by Amy Eganhouse.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Mass/picnic celebration for our namesake—Sacred Heart of Jesus, last Sunday. We moved to inside as it was so hot and window, and had a wonderful Mass and lunch in the comfort of air conditioning. The food and fellowship was great. Thanks to the Ladies of the Sacred Heart and all who brought food to share.

Remember to mark September 5-6 on your calendars for our next kolache bake.

St. Peter’s Parish, Temple Hill (6 miles south of Cascade on Hwy 136) is celebrating its 52nd Annual Pork Barbecue on Sunday, June 29th. A delicious pork meal with potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert will be served 3:30-7:00 pm with a carry out option available. There will be a Country Store, both LIVE & Silent Auctions, a raffle drawing plus numerous adult and children’s games. Live Music by Temple Hill Road will be throughout the evening. Adult meal \$15.00—Children Meal (under town) \$5.00—Preschool Free.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the K of C baby bottle collection. \$708.00 was collected by OLHR and Sacred Heart and will be donated to the Pregnancy Center of Clinton County.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

#### June 29, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 445.00
Offertory	50.00
Candles	13.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 508.00</b>

### Baptism Information

If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail [dbq155sec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq155sec@dbqarch.org) to get the process started.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM