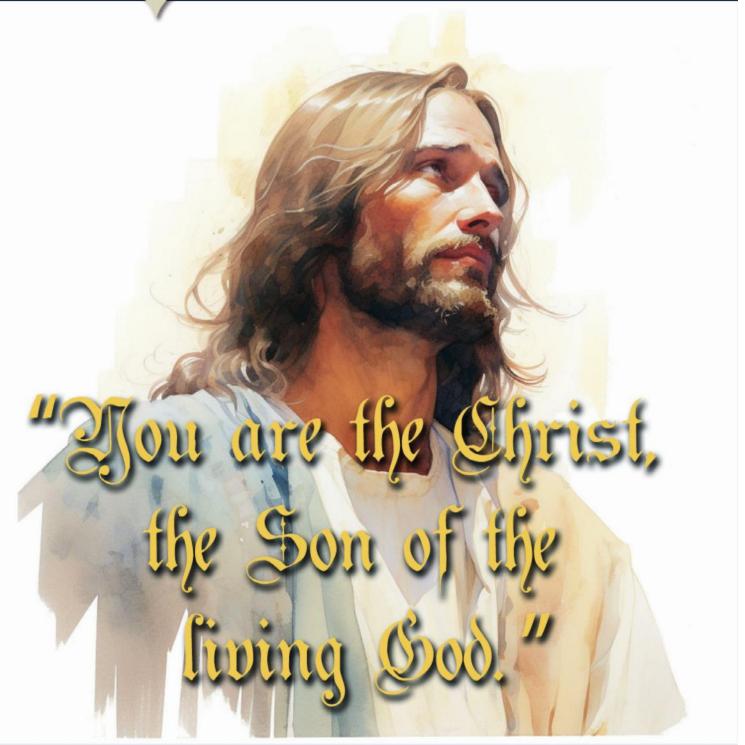


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Key to the City

When an important person visits a city, sometimes the mayor presents the key to the city as a sign of welcome; or a key may be presented to a citizen who has given outstanding service to the community. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives Simon both the keys to the kingdom of heaven and a new name, Peter. This is more than just a symbolic honor bestowed by a mayor. Jesus is actually giving both a blessing and a responsibility.

The blessing is that Peter recognized Jesus as the Son of God. It was a blessing because Peter did this, not by his own cleverness or the help of other disciples, but with faith, a gift from God the Father. Even today, people are blessed with this kind of faith. An atheist who has heard of Jesus but regards him as just another holy man may receive the faith to see that Jesus is the Son of God. A person who withdraws from others and only cares about himself may find the faith to see Jesus in those around him. A sick person may see that Jesus is with her in her suffering and begin to have hope. The faith that sees Jesus in others is the rock on which Jesus builds his church. It is also the

"crown of righteousness" that St. Paul says belongs to all who long to see Jesus (2 Timothy 4:18).

The responsibility comes in the binding and loosing. One meaning of this is the power that Jesus gives his church to forgive sins. Jesus forgave many sinners, sometimes even before they asked. He knew they wanted forgiveness in their hearts, though they may not have dared to ask for it. He even forgave those who crucified him (Luke 23:34). So those who follow Jesus have that same obligation to forgive others. If we forgive those who hurt us, they may come to see God's love in us and know that God forgives them, too. On the other hand, if we refuse to forgive, we might push someone away from seeking God's forgiveness. That doesn't mean we are responsible for how others react to us. But why pass up an opportunity to show God's love by forgiving someone? All Christians pray in the Lord's Prayer that we may be forgiven as we forgive others. Let us use the keys of the kingdom to open the doors of God's love.

-Tom Schmidt

(In Father's absence last week, this reflection comes from Diocesan.com.)



For the Week of June 29, 2025

Sunday The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 Mass during the Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2

Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Monday Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

Gen 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 8:18-22;

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26: 2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8: 23-27

Wednesday Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8: 28-34

Thursday Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

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

Friday Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9: 9-

13

Saturday Memorial Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest and Saint Elizabeth

of Portugal

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66: 10-14c; Ps 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; Gal 6: 14-18; Lk 10: 1-

12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Surveys for South School Capital Campaign are due July 1

If you have not already done so, please complete a survey and turn it in via the collection basket, mail, or drop it off at the parish office. We appreciate your input!

Fourth of July Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery

Friday, July 4 at 9:00 am We hope you can join us for this special outdoor Mass. Bring your lawn chairs.

In case of inclement weather, we will have Mass at St. Joseph Church. Watch our Facebook page for updates.





Cedar Point - Sunday, July 27

Join us for a unique opportunity to gather as a faith community for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas at Cedar Point. The Mass will be held at 11:00 am at the Convention Center

inside the park. Limited discounted tickets are only \$34.28. Visit toledodiocese.org/cedarpoint for tickets and details.

Summer School Office Hours

<u>July</u> - By appointment only. Leave a voice mail as messages will be checked frequently.

<u>August</u> - Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm until school resumes.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday · July 1

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Rosemary Sutter

Wednesday · July 2

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Mark Rietschlin

Thursday · July 3

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph

6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph

For the People of St. Joseph and

Sacred Heart Parishes

Friday · July 4

9:00 am Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery

For Those in the Military and Their

Families

Saturday · July 5

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Roger Broach

Sunday · July 6

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph

In Thanksgiving for a Prayer

Answered

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Dorothy Blum; Jeanne, Paul &

Kathleen Gosser

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Jerry & Josie Dunn; Charles Marek

The parish office will be closed on Friday, July 4.

Retrouvaille Weekend for Married Couples

Registration is now open for the next **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

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

NWOhio@helpourmarriage.org.

Check Ministry Pro for updates.	Sunday, July 6 7:00 am	Sunday, July 6 10:30 am	
Lector	Nicole Roberts	Debby Ketcham	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Don Alt Dave Horning Connie Marek	Joann Palm Peggy Pauley Kristen Wozniak	
Altar Servers	Samantha Link Sydney Link	Gavin Parsons Lane Zucker Tyler Zucker	
Gift Bearers	John & Shari Link	Matt & Sheila Bickert Family	
Ushers	Ushers Don Alt Bernadette Ka Doug DeNero Lynn Whites		



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today is an exceptional event on our calendar: the regular Sunday of Ordinary Time is eclipsed by a solemnity honoring two saints who didn't spend much time together in their earthly ministry, and who have distinct feasts so they probably don't mind sharing this one. Yet each suffered a similar fate in the same city, Rome, during the persecution of the Emperor Nero. Nero probably ordered the destruction of many of the residential neighborhoods in service to his building projects, and

when the homeless began to look for someone to blame for the fires, Nero targeted the Christians. Soon, Peter was crucified, upside down, on the Vatican hill. Excavations (called *scavi*) under the Vatican basilica have proven the authenticity of his burial place near the place of his death. Paul, a Roman citizen, was later granted a swifter execution by sword, and is remembered at a vast basilica on the city's outskirts.

Peter and Paul were just about polar opposites. Peter rough and ready, Paul poetic and polished. Peter carried a burden of regret for his denials, Paul had his own issues

with which he struggled. Peter leapt over barriers to go to the Gentiles, Paul strove with and surrendered to the same call. True, they spent very little time together in this life, but the same Spirit filled their hearts and by their witness changed the face of the earth.

-Rev. James Field

Prayers for Priests Prayers for Priests

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

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 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Pope Leo XIV	2 Bishop Daniel E. Thomas	3 Your Parish Priest	4 Parents of Priests	5 Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Rev.	Rev.	Rev.	Rev.	Rev.	Rev.	Deacons and
Nathan	James	Eric	Nicholas	Michael	Luyen	Missionary
Cromly	Cryan	Culler	Cunningham	Dandurand	Dau	Priests
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Rev.	Rev.	Rev.	Rev.	Rev.	Rev.	Religious
Mark	Charles	Micheal	Todd	Melwin	Frederick	Brothers and
Davis	Denny	Diemer	Dominique	D'Souza	Duschl	Sisters
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Rev.	Rev.	Rev.	Rev.	Rev.	Bishop	Deceased
Frank	Francis	Thomas	Paul	Philip	Earl	Priests of our
Eckart	Ejimofor	Extejt	Fahrbach	Feltman	Fernandes	Diocese
27 Rev. Timothy Ferris	28 Rev. Anthony Fortman	29 Rev. Richard Friebel	30 Rev. Mathew Frisbee	31 Rev. F. Gallagher		

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



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 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.

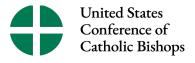
As we confront the challenges of our time, let us find hope anew in this Jubilee Year and be strengthened in our resolve to serve the cause of life. May our Catholic parishes continue to welcome, embrace, and accompany women facing unexpected or challenging



pregnancies through initiatives like <u>Walking with</u> <u>Moms in Need</u>. 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 <u>Project Rachel</u>.

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." 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



¹Spes non confundit, 25.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
***************************************		Make a list of family activities for the summer. Give everyone a chance to add something.	Bless the TV and iPad screens for holy use during the summer.	Play ultimate frisbee. Winner picks dinner. Whoever comes in second picks dessert!	Visit the Blessed Sacrament and pray for our country.	Donate winter clothes that went unused to charity.
Stay after Mass and pray for a holy, fun, and safe summer.	Bless each child this morning before the days' activities begin.	Fill a jar with spare change. When it's full, bring it to the poor box at church.	Do a chore you have been putting off.	Find books written about or written by the saints. You'll get good books and saint friends.	Family Fun Night! Order pizza, play board games, sing songs, and spend time together.	Holy hospitality is outreach. Invite a family who's new to the parish to dinner at your house.
Recite the Apostles' Creed as an act of faith.	Decorate paper airplanes. See whose plane can sail furthest or makes the most loops, etc.	Look for a way God showed He loves you today. Share it at bedtime.	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Enjoy a caramel-themed dessert in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.	Read today's Gospel (Matthew 11:28-30) and talk about how following Jesus faithfully gives us true peace.	Bring a meal to someone who's homebound or has a newborn.	Have an A-to-Z scavenger hunt in the backyard. Photograph something that starts with every letter.
Light a candle at church for the Pope's intentions.	Pick a Beatitude and try to live for the rest of the week (Matthew 5:3-11).	Water balloon battle! Turn on the garden hose and fill up water balloons. Let the games begin!	Practice patience.	Call Catholic Relief Services and see how you can support their projects, at 877-HELP-CRS or www.crs.org.	Build a campfire in the backyard. Make hotdogs and s'mores and sing songs.	Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim Pray for grandparents everywhere.
Discuss the homily so children can understand and put it into practice.	Help make your family more loving and patient. Use only kind words today.	In honor of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, set up an extra place for Jesus at your table.	Give the "alms" of your attention. Put down the screens and be fully present when someone is talking.	Have everyone do an examination of conscience, following the Ten Commandments.		

AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Offer a Mass for your priests and future vocations—pray big, love your shepherds!	Have everyone put prayer intentions in a bowl and draw at random. This week, pray for your prayer buddy's intentions.	Apologize to someone you hurt. Forgive someone who hurt you.	6 The Transfiguration of the Lord In honor of the Transfiguration, come to dinner dressed in your best clothes.	Demonstrate charity by inviting friends over for dessert tonight.	8 Feast of St. Dominic de Guzmán In honor of St. Dominic, talk only of God and His blessings at dinner tonight.	Explore your city. Visit a museum or park that you haven't heard of before.
Today at Mass, thank God for the gift of the Eucharist, the "source and summit" of the Faith.	Ask your pastor how your family can pitch in—team up and make parish life awesome!	Flip worries into thank- yous—trade stress for gratitude on the spot!	Chase fireflies, catch the glow, then set them free before lights out!	Turn a dreaded chore into a prayer—each of you can offer it for someone who needs a lift!	The Assumption of Mary Go to Mass, then pray a family Rosary—double the grace, together.	Take a mini pilgrimage to a nearby church or shrine—pray big for the Church along the way!
Stay around after Mass and pray for peace—linger a little, love a lot.	Shape coat hangers or pipe cleaners into bubble wands, dip, and fill the yard with giant, soapy fun!	Join in prayer for someone who gets on your nerves.	What if Jesus showed up for dinner—what would you say or do?	Surprise an elderly or infirm neighbor—offer to tackle their yardwork.	Pray "Hail, Holy Queen" together before an image of Our Lady.	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! Grab popcom. Press play. Enjoy the show.
After Mass, say a prayer for teachers and students kicking off a new school year.	Play "Guess the Saint"! Grab Buller's Lives of the Saints, drop clues, and take turns guessing.	Brighten the sidewalk—chalk up some feel-good messages for your neighbors.	Tonight, turn off the screens and tune in to God—together.	Cool off by washing the car together.	From noon to 3:00pm—the hours Jesus hung on the Cross—unplug from screens in His honor.	At dinner, swap your best summer stories.
At Mass, thank God for the summer's blessings—big and small.					The state of the s	



From June 22, 2025

Total Offertory Collections	\$4,577.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,350.00
Loose Checks	\$400.00
Loose Currency	\$212.00
Online Giving	\$408.00
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https://stjosephcrestline.org/announcements.

HAPPY Independence DAY

Vacation Bible School Grades K - 4 Winnie the Pooh and the Fruit of the Spirit

July 27 - 31, 2025, 6:00 to 8:30 pm, Free meals for kids 6:00 to 6:30 pm Bible stories, crafts, and games

Trinity Lutheran Church, 410 N. Thoman St., Crestline

Questions? Contact Paster Diana Seaman at 419-683-3972

Family Pool Party with Pizza August 3, 2025 - 5:00 to 7:00 pm Heise Park Pool - Galion, Ohio

Holy Hour

Please join us as we pray a Holy Hour on Tuesdays in St. Joseph Church at 11:00 am. Please come and pray the Rosary and other prayers for our beloved country. God bless us all and the USA.

Pray the Rosary With Us!

Every Sunday at 9:55 am in church before the 10:30 am Mass Extra rosaries can be found in the narthex.





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SAINT JUNÍPERO SERRA (1713-1784)

July 1



No one who has stood before the quiet majesty of Mission San Juan Capistrano, or the altogether different but no less lovely Mission Dolores in San Francisco, or any of the missions from

San Diego to Sonoma can fail to bless the Franciscan *padre* who, while not founder of each, was inspiration for them all, Blessed Junípero Serra. Abandoning the comfortable academic life to which his doctorate in theology entitled him, Serra journeyed to the New World where his tireless traveling,

dramatic preaching, and penitential austerity converted thousands of native peoples. Saving souls and celebrating the sacraments were Padre Serra's primary mission but not his only one. Education in letters and crafts, trades and agriculture transformed the people, while roads and irrigation systems transfigured the landscape. His more than thirty years of ministry were not free from conflict with authorities or without controversy in the retrospectively critical eye of history. But when John Paul II beatified him in 1988, he praised Padre Serra for assisting his converts to use their new faith to advance their true human development.

—Peter Scagnelli

Saint Joseph Catholic Church



Morris 'Mo' Gatchall

Mo Gatchall of Crestline, husband of Peg (Linn) Gatchall passed away on June 18, 2025 at the age of 82.



Philip Edward Sherer

Philip Sherer, brother of Nate Sherer, our school's music teacher, passed away on June 8, 2025 at the age of 77.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."





This Week on Formed

Week of June 29, 2025



Peter: Keeper of the Keys

When a young Christian girl is arrested and imprisoned in ancient Rome, she hears stories of martyrs like St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Lawrence the Deacon—will she find the strength to make the ultimate sacrifice for her faith?



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

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Please email with any concerns.

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Nine days before the desired Sunday. To submit items for the bulletin, please email Lisa Simmons at lsimmons@stjosephcrestline.org or call the Parish Office.

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