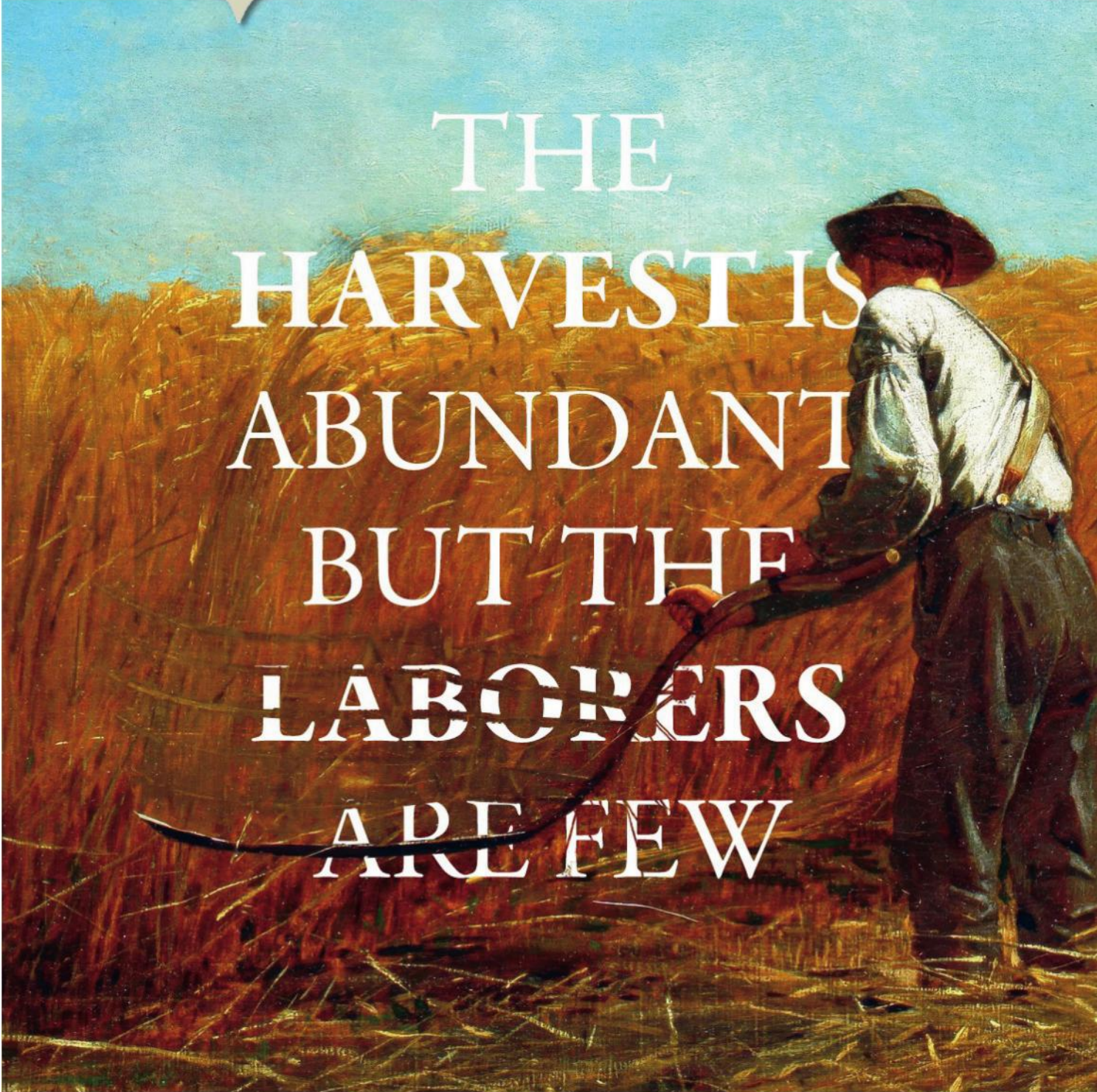


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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 6, 2025

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100% of St. Joseph students received a full scholarship last year.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION? Find more information about EdChoice Expansion on the Department of Education website or contact the school office at 419-683-1284.



Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 6, 2025

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
Monday	Gn 28: 10-22a; Ps 91: 1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15; Mt 9: 32-38
Wednesday	Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33: 2-3, 10-11, 18-19, Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10: 16-23
Saturday	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37



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Winner for June 2025
Congratulations to Pat Armstrong!**



Annual Catholic Appeal Update

We are at 96.96% of our goal of \$11,751.75!

Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each year including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. Envelopes are still available in church if you would like to contribute. Thank you for your generous support of this campaign.



Living Christ
Diocese of Toledo

Campaign Update

Total Pledged:	\$307,175.02
Total Cash Due Parish:	\$73, 987.75

Disbursement from Diocese in June 2025:	\$3,030.42
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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday • July 8

NO Mass - Fr. Jeff on vacation

Wednesday • July 9

NO Mass - Fr. Jeff on vacation

Thursday • July 10

NO Mass - Fr. Jeff on vacation

Friday • July 11

NO Mass - Fr. Jeff on vacation

Saturday • July 12

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Lawrence & Mary Alice Biglin; Yogi & Mark; Rodney Cole

Sunday • July 13

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph

Clarence (Shorty) Moyer

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Living and Deceased of the Henry Weaver Family

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Linda (Del Greco) Kump



Cedar Point - Sunday, July 27

Join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas and others from our diocese for this unique opportunity for a fun day at the park including Mass at 11:00 am. Limited discounted tickets are only \$34.28. Visit toledodiocese.org/cedarpoint for tickets and details.

St. Alphonsus Parish Festival - Sunday, July 13

St. Alphonsus Parish, 1322 Settlement Rd., Norwalk, Ohio

Serving dinners from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm or until sold out. Barbecue Chicken and Ham dinners which include homemade pies in an air-conditioned hall. Carryout available. Kiddie Tractor Pull at 2:30 pm. Live Auction beginning at 4:30 pm. Silent Auction, Softball Tournament, Kids Games and much more. Come join us for a fun day!

<i>Check Ministry Pro for updates.</i>	<i>Sunday, July 13 7:00 am</i>	<i>Sunday, July 13 10:30 am</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Morgan Frye	Adrienne Ruhe
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Barbara DiPietro Morgan Frye Steve Marek	Dan Legge Adrienne Ruhe Lisa Zucker
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Don Alt Jake Rafferty	Maddie Hocker Max Ruhe Miles Ruhe
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jerry Studer Family	Matt & Adrienne Ruhe Family
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike Anatra Jerry Studer	Matthew Ruhe Dave Sharrock

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America

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshiping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situates us in community, and evokes a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life.

—James Field



Weekly Offering

From June 29, 2025

Total Offertory Collections\$5,036.50

Sunday Envelopes \$2,550.00
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 Online Giving.....\$290.50
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 School Support.....\$675.00
 Parish Maintenance\$125.00
 Church Building Maintenance.....\$246.00
 Caritas\$40.00
 Altar Candles\$10.00
 Peter's Pence (Holy Father)\$200.00

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<https://stjosephcrestline.org/announcements>



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.



JULY

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Independence Day

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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

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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July 2025

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Crestline

Rev. Jeff Smith, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

St. Elizabeth followed the footsteps of her great-aunt and namesake, St. Elizabeth of Hungary: she was born to royal parents, practiced fervent spirituality, great generosity and penances. She married King Denis of Portugal. Despite a difficult marriage and family conflicts, she remained patient and charitable. She is known for her care for the poor and sick, and for resolving political conflicts peacefully. After her husband's death, St. Elizabeth entered the Third Order of St. Francis.

Prayer is a response to Love

God wants a relationship with us. This is a central truth of our faith. "The living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer, the faithful God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2567). So, next time you feel called to pray, say, like Samuel, "*Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening*" (1 Samuel 3:10).

"By mercy you have washed us in the Blood, and by mercy you desire to converse with your creatures... Loving Madman! ...Your mercy constrains you to give even more to mortals, namely, to leave yourself to them in food."

St. Catherine of Siena

Step out and let Christ meet you where you are

"Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water" (Matthew 14:28). St. Peter showed remarkable courage when he stepped out of the boat in the middle of a storm. While God may sometimes call us to follow Him in dramatic or difficult moments, more often He invites us in the quiet, ordinary circumstances of daily life — to step out of what's comfortable and meet Him in our prayer, our relationships, and our service.

Prayer: The greatest challenge in deepening your prayer life is often just beginning. Start with a Gospel passage, read slowly, reflect, respond, and rest in God's presence. Light a candle. Sit in front of an icon. Play sacred music. Let beauty draw your heart to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your desire, focus, and love for God. Step out of the boat — and you'll find Christ waiting.

Relationships: The virtues — patience, self-control, fidelity, honesty — aren't just about personal growth; they're about

loving others well. Show kindness to someone who frustrates you. Have a real conversation with someone with whom you disagree. Forgive, even if it's undeserved. These small choices shape us into Christ's likeness.

Service: *"...the Son of Man came ... to*

***"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid"* (Matthew 14:27).**

serve" (Matthew 20:28). Loving service doesn't require grand gestures. True holiness is forged in everyday acts: give away a piece of clothing you love but don't need. Help with the dishes, even when it's not your turn. Offer a break to a tired parent by watching their children. When service flows from love, it transforms both the giver and the receiver — and conforms our hearts to Christ's.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Church teaches that many souls, though destined for Heaven, undergo purification after death, a process called Purgatory. Purgatory prepares us to see God clearly.

Scripture supports this: Judas Maccabee offered prayers for the dead (2 Maccabees 12:43-46), and Jesus mentioned sins forgiven in the next life (Matthew 12:32). St. Paul described a

Why Do Catholics Believe in Purgatory?

judgment in which a person is saved, but their works are tested by fire. This fire isn't Hell (since they are saved), but a purifying fire, which aligns with the idea of Purgatory (1 Corinthians 3:13-15).

Purgatory is mercy. The souls there benefit from our prayers — and they pray for us in return. It's part of God's loving plan to make us truly ready for His presence.

Outsmart temptation with grace in action

When temptation strikes, the first line of defense is often simple: say “no” or avoid the situation entirely. But when that’s not enough, there are deeper, proven strategies that can help us respond with grace and strength.

First, think of temptation as an opportunity for holiness. God always gives us a choice, and when we say “yes” to Him and “no” to sin, He responds with even more grace. If another person is involved, pray for him or her. That small act of charity not only pleases God but disarms the enemy. As Scripture says, “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

Second, don’t just resist temptation—replace it. Trying

not to think about sin often leads us right back to it. Instead, follow the advice of Philippians 4:8: focus on what is true, honorable, and good. For example, swap out gossip for words that build others up, or replace a bad habit with a holy one.

Finally, don’t overlook small victories. Faithfulness in little things strengthens us for bigger battles. Telling the truth in a pressure situation, showing patience in traffic, or keeping a promise all train the soul for harder moments. “Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities” (Matthew 25:23). Grace builds on effort. Use every moment well.

from Scripture

Luke 11:1-13, The Our Father is a school of prayer

If you’ve ever found yourself thinking, “I want to pray better,” this Scripture reading is for you. In it, Jesus teaches His disciples the Our Father — a masterclass in prayer, compact and profound. It’s not just one prayer, but four in one.

First, it’s a prayer of praise and thanksgiving, placing God above all. Second, it’s a petition, where we ask for our daily needs — spiritual and material. Third, it’s a plea for mercy, as we ask for forgiveness and the grace to forgive others. And finally, it’s a declaration of trust in God’s providence, a surrender of our will to His.

Praying the Our Father well means acknowledging that God knows what’s best for us — even when His will challenges ours. It’s an invitation to deeper faith.

God always answers prayer — but not always how or when we expect. Sometimes the answer is “Yes.” Other times, it’s “No” or “Wait — I have something better.” Jesus also makes it clear that persistence matters. Like the neighbor in the parable who keeps knocking at the door, we’re called to ask, seek, and knock with confidence. Prayer isn’t just about getting what we want — it’s about drawing closer to the One who loves us most.

Q & A

Can we console Jesus?

If you saw a close friend in deep pain, you wouldn’t walk by thinking, “She will get over it — I’m busy.” You’d drop everything, run to her, and ask, “What can I do?” This is the logic — and the love — behind consoling the Heart of Jesus. It’s not just a pious tradition; it reaches into the very core of our faith.

Jesus is fully human. He felt real emotions — joy, grief, betrayal, and sorrow. He understands our pain, and we can share in His, since He is also fully God, He stands outside of time. In the Garden of Gethsemane, He saw not only every sin but also every act of love, repentance, and faith. That means your love today can truly console His Heart in His Passion.

Words like “consolation” or “reparation” might sound outdated, but they mean something simple and powerful: to love Jesus where He has been wounded, to bring gratitude where there was ingratitude, and to respond with compassion where He was abandoned. Even small acts of love — a kind word, a prayer, a moment of sincere repentance — touch Him deeply.

Feasts & Celebrations

July 9 – St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions (1648-1930). This feast honors St. Augustine Zhao Rong, a soldier-turned-Catholic priest, and his martyred companions, forming a group of 120 Chinese Christians and Catholic missionaries. They were canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000.

July 16 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (1251). The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock in England, carrying the brown scapular, a sign of her favor of the Carmelite Order, and promised whoever wore the scapular until death would avoid the fires of Hell.

July 18 – St. Camillus de Lellis (1614). Born in Italy, St. Camillus aimed for holiness despite battling a gambling addiction and a hot temper. After gambling away his possessions, including his shirt, Franciscan brothers gave him a job. He was ordained a priest, and later founded the Order of the Camellians, caring for the grievously sick, prisoners, and the plague victims.

July 31 – St. Ignatius of Loyola (1556). Ignatius spent several years defending Spain and suffered serious injuries. While recovering, he began a religious conversion and a lifelong dedication to education. He wrote spiritual exercises and started a community of priests now known as the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

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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 fatherchris@stmaryshelby.org or mail to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church 29 West St., Shelby, OH 44875.

Summer School Office Hours

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

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



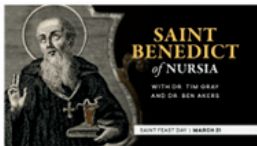
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Week of July 06, 2025



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Saint Benedict | Catholic Saints

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Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—1:00 pm

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8:00 am—3:00 pm (While in session)

Please email with any concerns.

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