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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 20, 2025

The Better Part

The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He wasn't just saying, "Sit down and listen." He meant that just as Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Instead of thinking of her work as a gift to Jesus, she was more concerned with why Mary was not helping her. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son.

So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ is in us; the church is the body of Christ. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ. When we are respectful to people who help us, like the maintenance staff, the mail carrier, the waiter, we are also showing respect for the Lord.

And what about that "better part" that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the Lord? Sometimes we can't avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds, we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. Sometimes kids interrupt when we're fixing dinner—maybe they need to be taught how to take care of things by themselves, or maybe they just need a few moments of attention. We can certainly ask the Lord to help us handle distractions. And as we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God's peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part.

-Tom Schmidt

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



Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 20, 2025

Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
Monday	Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Feast of Saint James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
Saturday	Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13



2025 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

*Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
October 26, 2025 / 3:00 p.m.*

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2025 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit: www.toledoanniversarymass.org



Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

July 20-26, 2025

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Pope Francis has designated that feast as World Grandparents Day, a fitting commemoration during National NFP Awareness Week! For further information, contact nfp@uscgb.org.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday • July 22

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
For the People of St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Parishes

Wednesday • July 23

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Carl Keller; Bob Niese

Thursday • July 24

5:30 pm Confessions at St. Joseph
6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph
Roy Palm

Friday • July 25

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
For the Hungry, the Poor, and the Homeless

Saturday • July 26

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart
4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Ron & Barb Finnegan; Mark & Lucy Rietschlin

Sunday • July 27

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
For Grandparents
8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
Margaret Kromer
10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
William (Bill) Sharrock; Charles Marek; Gerald Bickert

Sacred Heart Festival

Sunday, July 27

11:00 am—10:00 pm

Chicken & Ham Dinners; Grill Service; Kid's Games and Live Animal Displays; Bavarian Village; Games of Chance; Antique Farm Equipment; Live Music and much more!

Still Fishing.....

Knights of Columbus members and parishioners Steve and Connie Marek have been at the fish fry helm for the past nine years. When the 2026 Fish Fry Season ends, they will be stepping down, and we will need new leadership for this parish project.

We are still "fishing" for a few people to step into this role. Ideally, the new fish fry leaders will be able to work with Steve and Connie next year to learn the ropes so that they can fly solo in 2027.

If you would like to know more and/or volunteer, please contact Steve Marek at (419) 295-1827.

Check Ministry Pro for updates.	Sunday, July 27 7:00 am	Sunday, July 27 10:30 am
<i>Lector</i>	Nancy Cozad	Dan Salvati
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Don Alt Dave Horning Steve Marek	Tracy Dzugan Dave Sharrock Lisa Zucker
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Adam Link Samantha Link	Brylee Warnecke Grayson Wozniak Luci Wozniak
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Cyril & Bonnie Cochran	Cole & Sydney Phillips Family
<i>Ushers</i>	Don Alt Dave Horning	Keith Ketcham Chris Wozniak

Jubilee Pilgrimage with Bishop Thomas



In this Jubilee Year, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas has designated four locations in the Diocese of Toledo as Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites. A pilgrimage to any of these sites can apply to the reception of the Jubilee Indulgence. **On Sunday, September 14, 2025, join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on this one-day pilgrimage to visit three of the designated sites.**

We are inviting all our lay faithful, families, youth groups, parish organizations, consecrated religious, deacons, and priests to join us as a Diocesan family. Provide your own travel and pack a lunch.

First Stop

The Sorrowful Mother Shrine

4106 State Route 269 Bellevue, Ohio 44811

11:00am Mass (Pieta Outdoor Chapel)

12:30pm Picnic lunch, enjoy grounds, gift shop

2:00pm Depart for Attica

Second Stop

Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

320 Stump Pike Road Attica, Ohio 44807

2:30pm Holy Hour

3:30pm Depart for Carey

Third Stop

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation

315 Clay Street Carey, OH 43316

4:30pm Enjoy the grounds, Lower Basilica, Original Church, gift shop

5:00pm Solemn Vespers (Upper Basilica)



Weekly Offering

From July 13, 2025

Total Offertory Collection\$4,082.50

Sunday Envelopes \$1,845.00
 Loose Checks\$605.00
 Loose Currency.....\$334.00
 Online Giving.....\$208.50
 Votive Lights.....\$26.00
 School Support.....\$80.00
 Parish Maintenance\$792.00
 Church Building Maintenance.....\$60.00
 Caritas\$30.00
 Altar Candles\$102.00

Thank You !

To sign up for weekly or one-time online contributions, you can use the QR code or visit our parish website:

<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.



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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- Village
- Sister
- Speak
- Serving
- Help
- Anxious
- Many
- One
- Chosen
- Better



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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.

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

Roberta Scully passed away peacefully at her home on July 9, 2025. She was 80 years old. St. Joseph Parish sends our sincere condolences to Roberta's family and friends.



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

Flash Flooding Disaster Relief Collection

Our prayers go out to those who perished, their families, and untold numbers of people who were injured and suffered devastation wrought by deadly flash floods across six counties in Central Texas. More than 100 have perished and the death toll is expected to rise as search and recovery efforts continue.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Charities agencies in impacted areas for this disaster relief effort.

You may donate on our secure website (<https://catholiccharitiesnwo.org/how-to-help/new-donate-page.html>)

or mail a check made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. Please designate your donation for **Flash Floods**. Checks can be mailed to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604.

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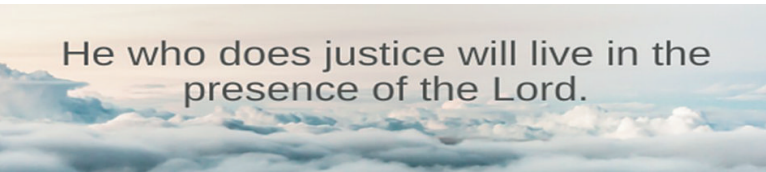
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Protecting Our Youth

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This Week on Formed

Week of July 20, 2025



Footprints: The Path of Your Life

Eleven young men from the United States walk the Way of St. James pilgrimage. They are looking for answers, not beautiful scenery. How do you deal with pain and suffering? Do the weak quit, or do they find meaning on the Camino? How much baggage is enough or too much?



Sts. Joachim and Anne | Catholic Saints

Though they never appear in canonical Scripture, Sts. Joachim and Anne—the grandparents of Jesus—hold a place of great importance in the Church's tradition. Discover more about the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this episode of Catholic Saints with Mary McGeehan and Augustine Institute professor Dr. Carl Vennerstrom.



Saint Mary Magdalene | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—1:00 pm

School Office Hours:

8:00 am—3:00 pm (While in session)

Please email with any concerns.

Bulletin Deadline:

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.

When traveling [masstimes.org](https://www.masstimes.org) will help you find a Sunday Mass to attend.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

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