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**Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon**

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

Mother's Day is a beautiful moment in the life of our parish and our families – a time to pause, give thanks, and honor the incredible gift of mothers. In every stage of life, a mother's love reflects something of God's own tenderness: patient, faithful, sacrificial, and enduring.

From the very beginning, mothers are entrusted with a sacred mission. They nurture life, shape hearts, and teach love not only through words, but through countless quiet acts of care and self-giving. Whether it is through comforting a child, guiding a family in faith, or offering prayers in silence, the vocation of motherhood is a profound participation in God's creative and sustaining love.

On this special day, we also remember with gratitude all those who have been like mothers to us – grandmothers, godmothers, guardians, and mentors – women whose presence has been a blessing and a source of strength. We remember, too, mothers who are no longer with us, entrusting them to the loving embrace of God.

As a parish family, we lift up all mothers in prayer. May they be strengthened in their vocation, encouraged in their sacrifices, and filled with the joy that comes from giving life and love so generously. To all mothers, we offer our heartfelt gratitude. Your love is a living witness to the Gospel, and your faith enriches the Church in countless ways.

May the Lord bless you abundantly, grant you peace in your hearts, and reward you for all the good you do. Wishing all mothers a very Happy Mother's Day, with God's richest blessings today and always.

Yours in Risen Christ  
Fr. Joseph

**Mother's Day Chicken BBQ**

Sunday, May 10, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (or sold-out) at the Attica K of C Hall, 111 Heyman Drive. Dinners are \$14.00 and include half BBQ chicken, macaroni salad, baked beans, roll, and a cookie. Dine-in and Drive-thru available. Sponsored by Seven Saints K of C.



**MINISTER TRAINING**

for current AND FUTURE volunteers

Wednesday, May 13 | 6:00 p.m.

at Our Lady of Hope Church

Dan Demski will join us from the Diocese for our bi-annual Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and Minister of the Word Training.

Please attend if you are currently or would like to minister in either of these roles.

Commissioning will take place at Masses on the weekend of the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Our parishes are also in need of many volunteers.

Contact the Parish Office to

share your gifts in any of the following ministries:

- Greeters / Hospitality
- High School Youth Catechists
- PSR Catechists & Helpers
- Ushers
- Altar Linen Care



**Votive Light by Our Lady – May 10-16, 2026**

St. Gaspar  
Rest in Peace – Jean Bray.

Our Lady of Hope  
Rest in Peace – Pat Holmer.

### Diocese of Toledo Transitional Diaconate and Priesthood Ordinations

You are invited to attend two joyful celebrations in the Diocese of Toledo: Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 10:00am at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral - Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will ordain Evan Sekerak to the Transitional Diaconate. Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 10:00am at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Toledo - Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will ordain Deacon Andrew Messer to the Priesthood. The ordinations will also be livestreamed. If you cannot join us in person, watch at [toledopriesthood.org](http://toledopriesthood.org). **Please join us in praying for these men each day!**

### Natural Family Planning...supporting God's gifts of love and life!

Women Only: May 17, 10:45 a.m. Couples: May 31, 10:45 a.m. St. Joseph Catholic Church, Activity Center Upper Room 36 Melmore St., Tiffin, Ohio. Two great opportunities to learn about how beautifully God made YOU! God desires for you to live fully and joyfully! For those called to the marriage vocation, our goal is to give you a foundation in how to live your calling to be fruitful and multiply in a way that allows you to participate and discern God's call for your unity and potential procreation. For those that are unmarried, our goal is to share with you the truth of your inherent dignity and to help you respectfully seek understanding of how our bodies work, drawing you close to God and His creation. Special Guest Presenter, Dr. Perry Cahall Academic Dean, School of Theology Pontifical College Josephinum. Agenda: *Introduction to Humane Vitae and Theology of the Body* (the WHY behind NFP); *Introduction to Natural Family Planning and Methods* (the WHAT of NFP); *Real Life Testimonies* (the FRUITFULNESS of NFP). Registration encouraged, but not required. Scan QR Code to register. Lunch will be provided for both events. Child Care will be provided for the COUPLES event! For more information, contact Monica Frankart 567-230-2146



### Rainforest Falls VBS at St. Gaspar

Monday, June 1-Friday, June 5, 6:00-8:15 p.m. All are invited for Friday's closing program, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Grab your hiking boots and take a step through the misty air of Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into

a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a refuge in life's storms. Children can expect hands-on science experiments, games, Bible songs, and tasty treats! Please complete one registration form per child, and return the forms to Janie Miller, or in the collection baskets. Contact Janie with any questions!

### Banns of Matrimony

Be it known to all here present that Corey Irish Andrews, son of Todd and Cynthia (Heal) Andrews, of the parish of St. Gaspar del Bufalo, and Alexis Kaylee Hillman, daughter of Keith and Angela (Lauthers) Hillman, intend to be united in holy matrimony. Wherefore, we hereby admonish each and all that, if anyone of you has knowledge of an impediment existing which would prevent their marrying, you are bound to make it known to the pastor or the bishop as soon as possible. This is the first publication of the banns.

### Parish Job Posting

Our Lady of Hope Parish has a part-time opening for a Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE). Flexible work hours, as it includes some evening and weekend hours and limited overnight travel. The CRE ministers, implements, and oversees religious education for Preschool through Grade 12 students. Supervises/recruits catechists, schedules meetings and classes with children and their parents, and exhibits goals of leading our young people and their families closer to Christ. Must be able to appropriately relate to parishioners and guests of the parish, while showing respect and compassion in delivery of his or her services.

### Top Qualifications:

- Must be a practicing Catholic with knowledge, understanding and commitment to the Catholic Church and its teachings.
- Willingness to participate in ongoing formation and educational opportunities to keep current on trends in catechetical ministry.
- High level of computer expertise in Microsoft Office products and the ability to learn custom church software.
- Ability to face situations firmly, courteously, tactfully, and with respect for the rights of others.

For more information or to submit your resume, please contact Fr. Joseph at [jjosephsac@toledodiocese.org](mailto:jjosephsac@toledodiocese.org), 419-426-3043 or mail to 320 Stump Pike Road, Attica, OH 44807.



### From the Office of Diocesan Priestly Vocations

We are excited to announce that Anthony Caruso has been accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Toledo for fall of 2026! Anthony's home parish is Sylvania St. Joseph. He is currently a senior at St. John's Jesuit High School in Toledo, Ohio. He will be entering his propaedeutic stage of formation at the

Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Please pray for Anthony and continue to keep all of our seminarians in prayer as they finish their spring semester in seminary and prepare for their summer assignments!

**HAPPY 12<sup>th</sup> ORDINATION Anniversary!**

*Fr. Joseph P. Joseph*

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. May God bless you abundantly!

**May 15, 2014**

ST. GASPAR OUR LADY OF HOPE Catholic Parishes

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Monday, May 11</u>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a
<u>Tuesday, May 12</u>	<i>Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr</i>	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
4:45 p.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)</b>	
5:30 p.m.	<b>Mass – Marvin Bumb, Agnes Depinet (St. G)</b>	
<u>Wednesday, May 13</u>	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
7:15 a.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)</b>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – Walter F. Shank Family (OLH)</b>	
<u>Thursday, May 14</u>	<i>Saint Matthias, Apostle</i>	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
7:15 a.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)</b>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – Russell &amp; Betsy Magers (OLH)</b>	
<u>Friday, May 15</u>	<i>Saint Isidore</i>	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
4:45 p.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)</b>	
5:30 p.m.	<b>Mass – Don Scherley, Rita Willman &amp; Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (St. G)</b>	
<u>Saturday, May 16</u>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass – Anthony Schock, Ronald Bogner (OLH)</b>	
<u>Sunday, May 17</u>	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – Virginia &amp; Herman Missler, August Stacklin (St. G)</b>	
10:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – Mary Beth Magers (OLH)</b>	
	<i>Children's Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mass</i>	

## PSR NEWS

**St. Gaspar:** Sunday, May 17, 8:00 a.m. – Graduate Mass

**Online Giving** is available at St. Gaspar Parish and Our Lady of Hope Parish. Here are the simple steps to follow:

1. Go to either [stgaspar.com](http://stgaspar.com) or [ourladyofhopeattica.com](http://ourladyofhopeattica.com)
2. Scroll down and select your parish's yellow button **Donate St. Gaspar** or **Donate Our Lady of Hope**
3. Follow the steps shown there to make your one-time or recurring donation.



Congratulations to the graduates at Our Lady of Hope! Wherever your future may take you, may you always follow Jesus – the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Nm 6:24-26*



**Ministry Schedule**

**Sunday, May 17, 8:00 a.m.**

**Greeters:** Marge Stockmaster, Denise Bell

**Minister of the Word:** Jerry Dick

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Joanne & Dick Bernard,  
Steve Dendinger

**Servers:** Caroline, Oliver & Logan Reed

**Ushers:** Marge Stockmaster, Denise Bell,  
Rick Phillips Joe Daniel



**Ministry Schedule**

**Monday, May 11, 9:00 a.m.**

Kathy Stephenson, Judi Ludban

**Saturday, May 16, 4:00 p.m.**

**Greeters:** Tom & Darlene Fullen

**Minister of the Word:** Tom Miller

**Extraordinary Minister:** Linda Hahler

**Servers:** If servers are present, please come forward

**Sunday, May 17, 10:00 a.m.**

**Hospitality:** Dcn. Brian & Valerie Rhodes

**Minister of the Word:** Drew Mennel

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Craig Hahler, Michelle Hoepf,  
Mia Holmes, Clint Lease

**Servers:** Zane & Thad Martin, Anderson Mennel

**Children's Liturgy:** Doris Lambert, Alsatia Mennel

**St. Gaspar Parish Support**

May 3, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	3,687.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	1,187.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	28,921.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	1,170.00
CHILDREN	\$	7.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	375.00

**Our Lady of Hope Parish Support**

May 3, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	3,036.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	536.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	12,702.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	550.00
CHILDREN	\$	8.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	603.00

**St. Gaspar Ladies' Night Spring Fling** To the ladies of St. Gaspar Parish: Our Ladies' Night Spring Fling will be held Monday, May 11, 2026. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall for a delicious catered meal, fellowship and fun! There is a sign-up sheet at the church's entrance. If you have questions, please call Chris Dick at 567-267-8452.

**St. Joseph Catholic School in Monroeville** is still enrolling for the upcoming school year, and we have a seat saved just for your child. Come join our family and experience the St. Joseph difference, where faith, community, and academic excellence come together. Spots are open in Preschool through 8th grade, and we invite you to discover the lifelong blessing of a Catholic education. Want to see the excitement for yourself? Tours and student shadow days are available. Walk our halls, meet our teachers, and see our classrooms in action. For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact 419-465-2625 or visit [www.msjcs.org](http://www.msjcs.org).

**St. Gaspar Bulletins** and newsletters (previously in the social hall) are now located in the mailbox by the Church Office / Religious Education Building. Drive-thru friendly, for your convenience – just use the driveway to the west of the office, pull up beside the box and take your item(s). Please close the box tightly when finished. Thank you!



May the gentle and merciful heart of Jesus grant eternal rest to Patricia A. Holmer. May her family and friends find comfort and peace with God's healing grace.

**Thank You to all of Our Bulletin Sponsors!**  
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The next EPIC gathering will be Sunday, May 17, at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine. Join at 4 p.m. for food, followed by a Walking Rosary. All high school youth are welcome to attend.

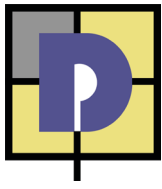
**St. Peter School in Upper Sandusky is hiring!**

**School Principal:** To provide educational leadership on the local level to enable the school to realize the threefold purpose of Catholic Education – to teach the message revealed by God which the Church proclaims, to build community in the life of the Holy Spirit, and to serve the human community.

**5th Grade Homeroom:** 3rd-5th Grade Social Studies teacher (Full-time) – The ideal candidate will inspire students to understand history, geography, civics, and culture through engaging, developmentally appropriate instruction, while integrating Catholic values throughout the curriculum.

**8th Grade Homeroom:** 5th-8th Grade ELA and Social Studies teacher (Full-time) – This candidate is responsible for providing high-quality instruction in English Language Arts and Social Studies, while supporting the spiritual, moral, and academic development of students in accordance with the mission and teachings of the Catholic Church. This teacher integrates faith, values, and academic excellence to create a nurturing and disciplined learning environment.

If you would like more information or to apply, please contact the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Office at 419-294-1268 or email [tlp.businessmanager@gmail.com](mailto:tlp.businessmanager@gmail.com). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



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