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HE IS RISEN

Easter
2026

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Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



He is Risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A blessed and joyful Easter to each of you! On this most glorious day, we proclaim with faith and hope: Christ is risen! He is truly risen! This is not just a past event we remember, but a living reality that transforms our lives today.

Easter reminds us that no darkness is stronger than the light of Christ. The Resurrection assures us that suffering, sin, and even death do not have the final word. In a world often burdened by worry, uncertainty, and division, the empty tomb stands as a powerful sign that hope is alive and God’s love is victorious.

Like the first disciples, we too are called to encounter The Risen Lord in our daily lives—in moments of prayer, in the Eucharist, in acts of kindness, and in our care for one another. The joy of Easter is not meant to be kept to ourselves; it is a gift we are sent to share. A simple word of encouragement, a gesture of forgiveness, or a helping hand can become a witness to The Resurrection.

Let us also remember that Easter is a journey, not just a single day. The Risen Christ walks with us, strengthens us in our struggles, and invites us to live as people of hope. May we carry this Easter joy into our homes, our parish, and our community. I thank each of you for your faith, your presence, and your commitment to our parish family. May the peace of The Risen Christ fill your hearts and remain with you always. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed, joyful, and grace-filled Easter!

Yours in Risen Christ
Fr. Joseph

PS: Join me in congratulating and welcoming Owen Best and Corvin Mull, our Neophytes that were fully initiated into our Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil Mass. May The Risen Christ bless our Neophytes abundantly.

PPS: Join us for our 3-day Divine Mercy Novena Prayers before 8 a.m. Masses on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 9, 10 & 11. On April 12, Divine Mercy Sunday, all are invited to gather at Our Lady of Hope at 3 p.m. to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together.

Votive Light by Our Lady – April 5-11, 2026

St. Gaspar

In thanksgiving for the gift of mercy and love given through Christ’s Death, Burial, and Resurrection.

Our Lady of Hope

In thanksgiving for the gift of mercy and love given through Christ’s Death, Burial, and Resurrection.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED
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What Catholics Believe About The Resurrection: Was Jesus a Ghost?

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about The Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did The Resurrection actually happen? Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to The Apostles? And what's the deal with the Easter Bunny?



Easter and The Resurrection | The Augustine Institute Show Alleluia!

He is Risen! Join Fr. Brian Larkin, Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Denver, Colorado, as he discusses the Resurrection and the Easter season with Dr. Tim Gray on the Augustine Institute Show.



The Resurrection In this episode, Mark Hartfiel and other experts unpack the mystery of The Resurrection, going back to the historical places where these world-changing events happened.

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NEW SEMINARIAN

The Office of Priestly Vocations is excited to announce that Quinton Schnipke has been accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Toledo for the fall of 2026! Quinton is from Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish, and is a 2024 graduate of Ottoville High School and Vantage Career Center. He



currently works construction at Schnipke Contracting. Quinton will be entering the Propaedeutic Stage at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan. Please pray for Quinton, all seminarians, and for an increase in diocesan vocations to the priesthood.



CASA OF SENECA, SANDUSKY, AND WYANDOT COUNTIES – SPRING VOLUNTEER TRAINING ORIENTATION

Tuesday, April 21, 5:00 p.m., 21 Court Street, Tiffin. We are currently seeking compassionate individuals who feel called to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers are everyday people who step up to be a voice for a child in the court system – ensuring their needs are heard and their best interests are prioritized. It's a powerful way to live out faith through action and make a lasting impact right here in our community. For more information, visit www.casaoffsw.org or call 419-448-1442.

BECOMING WOMEN OF PEACE:

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single Catholic women, ages 18-45, to a prayerful mini-retreat on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. EST on Zoom. During this free online gathering, we will explore the witness of inspiring women of faith such as St. Mary Magdalene and St. Catherine of Siena – women who proclaimed hope, courage, and peace in challenging times. Together, we will reflect on how their example can guide us today as we seek to *be peace, build peace, and preach peace* in our own lives and communities. *There is no cost to attend, but registration is required by April 20.* For more information, visit: opeace.org/become-a-sister or contact Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP, (june.fitzgerald@opeace.org) or call/text 570-336-3991.

Save The Date
May 7th, 2026 Doors open at 5:30 Games at 6:30

SUMMER FLOWER GAME NIGHT
Women in Grace/ Confirmation Program
St. Mary Gym
731 Exchange St. Vermilion



\$15 donation includes 10 rounds of Games and Light Snack
Tickets Go On Sale April 6th on Parish Website at noon

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE

Friday, April 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine Indoor Chapel. Led by Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, this healing service will have prayer for both spiritual and physical healing. Due to limited seating capacity, please confirm attendance by RSVP to 419-483-3435, option 4.

RECEIVE GRACEFUL LIVING AT HOME

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Monday, April 6</u>	<i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i>	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
<u>Tuesday, April 7</u>	<i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
4:45 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
5:30 p.m.	Mass – Rita, Leon & Chick Miller (St. G)	
<u>Wednesday, April 8</u>	<i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Troy Roth (OLH)	
<u>Thursday, April 9</u>	<i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i>	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
7:15 a.m.	Divine Mercy Novena Prayers (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Raymond & Mary Ann Dentinger (OLH)	
<u>Friday, April 10</u>	<i>Friday within the Octave of Easter</i>	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
7:15 a.m.	Divine Mercy Novena Prayers (St. G)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Rita Willman, Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (St. G)	
<u>Saturday, April 11</u>	<i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i>	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
7:15 a.m.	Divine Mercy Novena Prayers (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – L/D Seven Saints K of C, L/D Our Lady of Hope & St. Gaspar Parishes (OLH)	
	<i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i>	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
4:00 p.m.	Mass – Sandy Stockmaster (St. G)	
<u>Sunday, April 12</u>	<i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i>	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Krista Sturdevant (St. G)	
10:00 a.m.	Mass – Living & Deceased Members of the Newton & Betty Swartzmiller Family (OLH)	
3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet (OLH)	
	<i>Children's Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mass</i>	

PSR NEWS

St. Gaspar: Wednesday, April 8, 6:15 p.m. Class
Our Lady of Hope: Wednesday, April 8, 6:15 p.m. Class

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 or 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 NEWLY CONFIRMED 8TH GRADE STUDENTS!

The Confirmandi of both parishes traveled to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, March 21, to receive their final Sacrament of Initiation. May you be always filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and become Christ's true disciples to build His Church. May God bless Elyse, Brady, Aaden, Zane, Nash, Grayson, Lynnae, Henry, and Owen!



Welcome to any guests or family members who may be visiting our parish family this weekend! May your visit be blessed!



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 11, 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Brett, Jamie & Hunter Martin

Minister of the Word: Dawn Reichert

Extraordinary Ministers: Brett & Jamie Martin, Mary Swartz

Servers: Caroline, Oliver & Logan Reed

Ushers: Brett, Jamie & Hunter Martin, Kathi Miller

Sunday, April 12, 8:00 a.m.

Greeters: Marge Stockmaster, Denise Bell

Minister of the Word: Heidi Alt

Extraordinary Ministers: Denise Bell, Leon Miller, Rick Phillips

Servers: Jayden Johnson, Karlee & Thomas Smith

Ushers: Marge Stockmaster, Denise Bell, Charles Miller, Joe Daniel



Ministry Schedule

Monday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.

Ginny Holmer, Carol Martin

Sunday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Carol Aichholz

Minister of the Word: Kay Fox

Extraordinary Ministers: Mia Holmes, Anderson Mennel, Valerie Rhodes, Jon Mackowiak
Servers: Kelsey Miller, Tyler Rhodes, Blaise Mackowiak
Children's Liturgy: Doris Lambert, Alsatia Mennel

St. Gaspar Parish Support

March 29, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	2,698.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	198.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	25,096.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	1,090.00
CHILDREN	\$	15.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	170.00

Our Lady of Hope Parish Support

March 29, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	2,647.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	147.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	10,612.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	0.00
CHILDREN	\$	328.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	333.00

OUR LADY OF HOPE ROSARY ALTAR MEETING

Monday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. – Election of Officers
 All ladies are invited to attend.

FISH & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY is requesting donations of Bar Soap for the month of April. Personal items are always needed.

PASS IT ON CLOTHING CLOSET will accept fall/winter clothing September 1 - April 1 and spring/summer clothing April 1 - September 1. Their wish list for the month of April is Children's underwear (briefs or boxers).

The box for both organizations will be located in St. Gaspar Hall late March until the end of November. December until March, it will be located in St. Gaspar Church Entrance.

ST. GASPAR ROSARY ALTAR MEETING

Monday, April 13, 7:00 p.m. in the parish office. All ladies are welcome!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP typically meets on the First and Third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Our Lady of Hope Rectory Basement. Due to Holy Week, we are moving the April Meetings to April 9 & 23 (the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of April). All men of the area are invited to participate as you are able.

THANK YOU to Seven Saints Knights of Columbus for the April, May, June *Living Faith* daily devotions booklets which are available in the bulletin racks at Our Lady of Hope and in the entrance of the church at St. Gaspar.

OUR LADY OF HOPE SUNDAY SOCIAL

April's Social will be hosted by Seven Saints Knights of Columbus. Everyone is invited to the Social Hall following Mass on Sunday, April 19 for a variety of good breakfast foods, and fellowship with friends, family, neighbors, and fellow parishioners.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

April 12, 8:00-11:00 a.m. at Bismark Senior/Community Center, 5582 Bismark Road, Bellevue. Menu: ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage gravy & biscuits, pancakes, waffles, etc. We will be accepting food donations for the local food bank. There will also be a 50/50 drawing. This will be the last breakfast until October, so come and enjoy!!

SPRING BBQ

Sunday, April 19, 11:00 a.m. at the Republic Ballpark. Drive-thru only. Dinner includes Brad's BBQ Ribs, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Roll and Dessert for \$15.00. Hosted by the Scipio Republic Historical Society.

BLOOMVILLE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, April 22 at the Bloomville Community Center, Sponsored by the Bloomville Lions Club.

LAWN CARE BIDDING OPEN

The Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery Board is seeking Bids for the 2026 Lawn Mowing Season. The successful bidder will mow and string-trim the cemetery on an "as needed" basis. Bidders must furnish their own equipment and have liability insurance. Please send an amount-per-time bid to Bill Ruffing: 14411 E. Twp. Road 88, Attica, OH 44807 by April 15, 2026. Questions? Call 567-224-0840.

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