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*Easter*  
2026

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**Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Good Shepherd Sunday) is Sunday, April 26th. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to “Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

**A TRADITION FOR MOTHERS** Like St. Monica, sometimes a mother sheds many tears when a son responds to his divine calling. Before St. Augustine returned to the practice of the faith and was ordained a priest, his mother shed many tears of intercession. Similarly, many mothers in today’s world will make countless sacrifices so that their son can freely respond to whatever calling God has in store for him.

Recognizing this reality, a pious tradition has been passed on over the years that pays respect to the role a mother has in a priest’s life. When a priest is ordained, his hands are anointed with chrism oil by the bishop. After this occurs, his hands are cleaned with a white linen towel called a maniturgium. The oil that is used on the hands of the priest is sacred, having been previously consecrated by the bishop.

According to an age-old tradition, the mother saves the towel in a safe place until she dies. When her body is prepared for the funeral, the maniturgium is placed within the hands of the mother. When she arrives to the gates of heaven, she is escorted directly to our Lord. Our Lord says to the woman – “I have given you life - what have you given to me?” She hands him the maniturgium and responds, “I have given you my son as a priest.” At this, Jesus grants her entry into paradise.

It is a beautiful and consoling tradition that is always a touching ceremony to witness. Many more tears are shed when a young priest presents the towel to his mother, tears of joy instead of sorrow.

**Upcoming Dates from the Vocations Office:**

May 16: Evan Sekerak’s Diaconate Ordination (Holy Rosary Cathedral)

June 27: Deacon Andrew Messer’s Priesthood Ordination (St. Joan of Arc)

Please keep our seminarians in prayer as they finish up their spring semester in seminary and prepare for their summer assignments!

**Camp Miakonda – Quo Vadis Discernment Retreats** – High School guys (entering grades 9-12) – July 31-August 2, cost: \$40.00. Junior High guys (entering Grades 7-8) – August 2-3, cost: \$25.00. Ready for a challenge? These retreats are designed for guys seeking to explore their faith and future. Retreats are led by our Diocese of Toledo seminarians and priests. Questions? Contact Fr. David Kidd at [dkidd@toledodiocese.org](mailto:dkidd@toledodiocese.org) or 419-214-4945. To register, visit [toledopriesthood.org](http://toledopriesthood.org) and click “Events”.



**Our Lady of Hope Graduation Mass & Sunday Social** –

The Our Lady of Hope Graduation Mass for all High School Seniors of the parish will be next Sunday, May 3, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited to the Social



Hall for TACOS following the Mass to congratulate our high school seniors, catch up with friends, meet new friends and share in fellowship.

**Votive Light by Our Lady – April 26-May 2, 2026**

**St. Gaspar**

Newly Baptized Maddox Mark Dendinger.

**Our Lady of Hope**

Rest in Peace Thomas J. Holmer.

**A Prayer for Seminarians** – *Father, thank You for the generosity of our seminarians. Safeguard them as they prepare for the priesthood. Keep all evil far from them, so they may become strong Christian men who are faithful to prayer, diligent in their studies, open to spiritual direction, and docile to all aspects of seminary formation. Above all, enflame their hearts with love so they will be ardent and gentle shepherds for Your Church. We make this prayer through the great High Priest, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Charles Borromeo, patron of seminarians, pray for us.*

**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 and 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. They 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.



**Welcome to the Newly Baptized**  
**Maddox Mark Dendinger**  
 Son of Sylvester & Ericka Dendinger



**Community Earth Day Celebration** Sunday, April 26, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, 194 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin. Rain or Shine...FREE Fun for the entire family! Lots of raffle drawings and hands-on activity stations. Bring your bagged aluminum cans to recycle and drop-off at Seeds of Hope Farm pavilion. *Participating organizations include: Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, Tiffin Parks and Recreation, Seneca County Park District, Tiffin Water Pollution Control Center, Seneca Conservation District, Glass Roots, OSS Solid Waste District, Columbian High School Bio Club, Sisters of St. Francis Mission Core Team, National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg University and OSU Extension Master Gardeners Volunteer Program of Seneca County.*

**Community Garden Plots** available to rent at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center on the St. Francis Campus in Tiffin. Rent 20'x30' plots (\$140.00), 20'x15' plots (\$100.00) or mini plots 10'x15' (\$70.00). This includes use from May-October (weather permitting). Plot fees will be waived for those who qualify for financial assistance. Visit [www.felctiffin.org](http://www.felctiffin.org) for guidelines or to download an application. Call Sr. Shirley at 419-448-7485 for questions or email [sshafranek@felctiffin.org](mailto:sshafranek@felctiffin.org).

**Annual Plant Sale at Seeds of Hope Farm** Saturday, May 2, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at 194 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin. Find a variety of chemical-free flowers, as well as cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, herbs and more! Large variety of flowers and veggies at just \$2.00/4-pack – everything you need to get your gardens off to a great start. Microgreens, hydroponic lettuce, greenhouse tomatoes, and fresh eggs also for sale.

**Spring Wildflower Hike in the Woods at Franciscan Earth Literacy Center** Saturday, May 2, 12:00-1:00 p.m. 194 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin. Join Naturalist Leonard Weber for a walk through the beautiful St. Francis woods to identify and learn about Northern Ohio Wildflowers. Spring is a wonderful time to explore our woods. Wear comfortable shoes for walking through the trails. Participants are welcome to drive to the wood. *Donations are welcome. RSVPs are encouraged, but not required at 419-448-7485.*

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## 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



*St. Gaspar Easter Flowers*  
*In Memory and In Honor of...*

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Alt & Wise Family	Leon, Rita, Chick Miller
Arden & Millie Miller	Walter, Rosemary, Fr. Jim Holmer

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In Memory and In Honor of...*

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Susan Shade  
Bob & Ruth Hornett  
Seasly & Bates Families

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 27	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday, April 28	<i>Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest</i>	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
4:45 p.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)</b>	
5:30 p.m.	<b>Mass – Virginia &amp; Herman Missler (St. G)</b>	
Wednesday, April 29	<i>Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	Acts 12:24 – 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
7:15 a.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)</b>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – Marvin Bumb, Mary (Willman) Scarpelli &amp; Rita (Willman) Remlinger (OLH)</b>	
Thursday, April 30	<i>Saint Pius V, Pope</i>	Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
7:15 a.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)</b>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – Clem Falter Family (OLH)</b>	
Friday, May 1	<i>Saint Joseph the Worker</i>	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
<p><b>NOTE CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASS TIMES TO ACCOMODATE RENOVATIONS AT ST. G</b></p> <p>4:45 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)          5:30 p.m. Mass – Don Scherley, Rita Willman &amp; Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (St. G)</p>		
Saturday, May 2	<i>Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
7:15 a.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)</b>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – L/D Seven Saints K of C, L/D Our Lady of Hope &amp; St. Gaspar Parishes (OLH)</b>	
	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass – Agnes Depinet, Ken Lutz (OLH)</b>	
Sunday, May 3	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – Leo &amp; Shirley Schreiner, Raymond Schreiner (St. G)</b>	
10:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – Allan Schoen, Mary &amp; John Schank (OLH)</b>	
	<i>Children’s Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mass</i>	

PSR NEWS

**Our Lady of Hope: Sunday, May 3, 10:00 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.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)**

St. Gaspar del Bufalo:	
2026 Goal	\$10,190.61
35 Gifts Given:	\$11,291.64
110.80% of Goal	
Our Lady of Hope:	
2026 Goal	\$9,642.81
38 Gifts Given / Pledged:	\$8,819.15
91.46% of Goal	



Congratulations to St. Gaspar Parish for going over goal! If you haven’t already done so, there is still time to donate to this fund that supports many worthwhile diocesan ministries, which include supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. All donations, large or small, are greatly appreciated. Many thanks to the 73 households (21 more since last published on March 29) who have already donated or pledged to the ACA. For more information, visit [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org).



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



**Ministry Schedule**

**Sunday, May 3, 8:00 a.m.**

**Greeters:** Patti Page, Landry Schreiner

**Minister of the Word:** Joanne Bernard

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Kim Schreiner, Heidi Alt, Rick Phillips

**Servers:** Lynnae & Lily Stacklin, Charlotte Miller

**Ushers:** Patti Page, Scott Schreiner, Rick Phillips, Ron Alt

**St. Gaspar Parish Support**

April 19, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	2,971.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	471.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	27,590.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	640.00
CHILDREN	\$	15.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	200.00
EASTER YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	5,465.00
PALLOTTINE MISSIONS	\$	3,835.00

**FISH & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY** is requesting donations of Toilet Paper for the month of May. Always needed are personal items.

**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 May is **Adult 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 300 CLUB DRAWING**

\$100.00 – Denise Bell

\$75.00 – Ron & Cheryl Alt

\$50.00 – Joe Weaver

**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.

**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.

**CLEVELAND GUARDIANS BUS TRIP** – Sunday, August 2, 9:30 a.m. Meet at the Attica K of C Hall, 111 Heyman Drive. Includes travel on the bus and game ticket in Club Seats with all-you-can-eat food at the game. Contact Tom Miller at 419-937-7532 for price and further details, if interested.



**Ministry Schedule**

**Monday, April 27, 9:00 a.m.**

Anne Fry, Ginny Holmer

**Saturday, May 2, 4:00 p.m.**

**Greeter:** Ann Beaston

**Minister of the Word:** Ruth Pifher

**Extraordinary Minister:** Linda Hahler

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

**Sunday, May 3, 10:00 a.m.**

**Hospitality:** Craig & Kris Hahler

**Minister of the Word:** Mia Holmes

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Rob Molyett,

Valerie Rhodes, Jon & Ashley Mackowiak

**Servers:** Alex Shenefield, Mark Fry, Oliver Mackowiak

**Children’s Liturgy:** Jordyn & Julia Enders

**Our Lady of Hope Parish Support**

April 19, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	3,873.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	1,373.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	12,351.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	910.00
CHILDREN	\$	179.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	413.00
EASTER YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	6,881.00
PALLOTTINE MISSIONS	\$	733.00

**SEVEN SAINTS K OF C APRIL YOUTH RAFFLE WINNERS:**

Brian Rhodes, Roger Schock, Gary Bumb, John Brandt, William J. Tate

**2026 SUMMER CAMPS**

Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, 194 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin.

June 1-5 – Art in Nature (ages 8-12)

June 8-12 – Animal Pals (ages 5-10)

June 15-19 – NEW Kinetic Science Camp (ages 5-7)

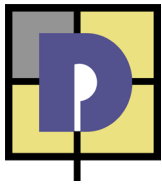
June 22-26 – NEW Velocity Science Camp (ages 8-12)

June 29-July 2 – Explore Your World Camp (ages 8-12)

July 13-17 – NEW Firefly Friends (ages 5-10)

Thanks to generous community support, each camp is \$175.00 per camper. Scholarships available. Camps are 8:00 a.m.-12 Noon. 30 campers max per week, with a waitlist option. Registration ends two days prior to each camp. **Early bird special: save \$25.00 if registered before May 1st.** To register, visit <https://popsicle.app/parents/FELC/login>. For questions or a scholarship application, contact Hannah Bumb at 419-448-7485 or email at [hbumb@felctiffin.org](mailto:hbumb@felctiffin.org).

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Thursday, August 13a - Pig Scramble

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