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Saturday	4:00 p.m.	At Our Lady of Hope (May thru October) At St. Gaspar (November thru April)
Sunday:	8:00 a.m.	At St. Gaspar
	10:00 a.m.	At Our Lady of Hope

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday:	3:00 p.m.	At Our Lady of Hope (May thru October) At St. Gaspar (November thru April)
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Or by appointment

DAILY MASSES:

Tuesday:	5:30 p.m.	At St. Gaspar
Wednesday:	8:00 a.m.	At Our Lady of Hope
Thursday:	8:00 a.m.	At Our Lady of Hope
Friday:	8:00 a.m.	At St. Gaspar
Saturday:	8:00 a.m.	At Our Lady of Hope (1st Saturday only)

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Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

O.C.I.A.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



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O.C.I.A. – So Important that it gets Two Consecutive Front-Page Spots in the Bulletin!

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a journey for those interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments. But what truly draws someone to explore our faith?

Perhaps you've felt a quiet stirring in your heart, a longing for something more. Maybe you have questions about God, the Church, or the meaning of life that you haven't found answers to yet. Or, perhaps you've been attending Mass with a loved one and feel a pull to understand more deeply.

OCIA is a welcoming space for inquiry, conversation, and discernment. It's for adults who are:

- Unbaptized and wish to become Catholic.
- Baptized in another Christian tradition and are considering joining the Catholic Church.
- Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist.

This isn't just a class; it's a journey of discovery, guided by faith, community, and the Holy Spirit. If you're ready to explore those stirrings and questions, we invite you to take the next step.

If you are interested in exploring the Catholic faith or becoming a full member of the Catholic Church, please talk with Fr. Joseph or Janie Miller (if you haven't done so already), and join in our first gathering on Saturday, September 19, at 9:00 a.m. in the Our Lady of Hope rectory basement.



Diocese
of Toledo Featured Seminarian
of the Week

EVAN SEKERAK

Mount Saint Mary's Seminary
Configuration IV Stage

Favorite Scripture: Heb 12:12

Favorite Saint: St. Therese of Lisieux because reading her works always reminds me how to remain childlike and see how the Lord is loving me at every moment.

Please pray for our Seminarians and more priestly Vocations!



Pray
for Vocations

Monthly Mass for Vocations

All are reminded of our monthly Mass for Vocations at Our Lady of Hope on Saturday, September 5, at 8:00 a.m. This is a

wonderful opportunity to pray for more priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters to serve the Church. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7:15 a.m. **The Sacrament of Healing will be administered after the Mass.**

Votive Light by Our Lady – August 30-September 5, 2026

St. Gaspar
PSR Catechists & Students.

Our Lady of Hope
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Nationwide Invitation to Prayer & Action from Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, President, U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops & Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities: Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother. Now with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing, along with increased health risks. The Food and Drug Administration has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry by allowing abortion pills to be prescribed in telehealth appointments and sold both at neighborhood pharmacies and online, circumventing state laws that protect life in the womb. This leaves women vulnerable to suffering an abortion alone at home, without any medical supervision. It also sets up additional opportunities for exploitation by violent partners or human traffickers. From now through the end of October, Respect Life Month, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills. In addition to invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life, participants can learn about the danger of abortion pills, and can send messages to pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies that are involved. Sign up at respectlife.org/prayer-and-action. Thank you for your prayers and actions to protect innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion. St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life *Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.*

40 Days for Life Kickoff Prayer Rally Tuesday, September 22, 5:45 p.m. at the Wayne-Allen Building, 212 W. Wayne Street, Maumee, Ohio. We'll kick off the campaign with prayer, music, and inspirational stories from within our community. Food and drinks will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. Fr. Eric Schild will open with prayer, Maggie Viertlbeck will share her story about bringing her beautiful daughter, Annie, into the world. She'll share what it was like being pregnant with a child with Down Syndrome, the pressures she faced, and how God can move in your life when you're given unexpected news. Pat Oedy-Murray, a Pro-Life truth-teller, will share her inspirational insights to get us motivated for the campaign ahead. Deacon Dan Brahier will open and close the event with praise and worship music. For more details about the Prayer Rally, visit the Facebook event page.

Banns of Matrimony Be it known to all here present that Chase Foos, son of Ronald & Dana (Conley) Foos, of the parish of Our Lady of Hope, and Abigail Waldock, daughter of Ronald & Karla (Dunn) Waldock, 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 second publication of the banns.

Trailer For Sale The former Octoberfest trailer at Our Lady of Hope will soon be empty and ready to be sold and removed from the campus. Please contact the parish office for details if you are interested.

Fish & Loaves Food Pantry is requesting donations of **Spaghetti, Noodles & Macaroni** for the month of **September**. Personal items are always needed.

Pass It On Clothing Closet accepts fall/winter clothing September 1-April 1 and spring/summer clothing April 1-September 1.

Their wish list for the month of September is **coats (Grades PS-12)**.

The box for both organizations is located in the St. Gaspar Church entrance year-round.



OUR LADY of HOPE
Catholic Parish

OCTOBER Fest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ADVERTISING FLYERS

Please help advertise our Octoberfest by posting the flyer that was included in your informational and raffle ticket envelope in public places. Additional flyers and raffle tickets are available in the vestibule.

DINNER DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Sign-up sheets for food donations and volunteers for activities in the social hall, on the parish grounds and for setup, are in the vestibule. Many helping hands will be needed. All help is greatly appreciated!

BAKED GOODS

In addition to the pies and cakes for the dinner, many baked goods are needed for the Bake Sale and Bakery Bingo. Breads, rolls, noodles, brownies, cookies and cupcakes are all welcome!

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

We are depending on our parishioners for all Silent Auction donations. Please consider personal donations or asking businesses you patronize for a donation to our Octoberfest Silent Auction. Items may be brought to the Social Hall marked with the donor's name (or anonymous) and value. Items will be needed by Monday, October 5.

HOW CAN YOU HELP??

Buy or sell your raffle tickets, volunteer your time to help, pray for good weather and invite family and friends to come!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Monday, August 31</u>	<i>Weekday</i>	1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30
<u>Tuesday, September 1</u>	<i>Weekday</i>	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
4:45 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
5:30 p.m.	Mass – Virginia & Herman Missler, Don Scherley (St. G)	
<u>Wednesday, September 2</u>	<i>Weekday</i>	1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Rita Willman, Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (OLH)	
2:00 p.m.	Mass – Marvin Bumb, Agnes Depinet (Tiffin Willows)	
<u>Thursday, September 3</u>	<i>Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>	1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Frank & Connie Miller (OLH)	
<u>Friday, September 4</u>	<i>Weekday</i>	1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Eldon Falter, Agnes Depinet (St. G)	
<u>Saturday, September 5</u>	<i>Saint Teresa of Calcutta</i>	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – L/D Seven Saints K of C; L/D Our Lady of Hope & St. Gaspar Parishes (OLH)	
	<i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
4:00 p.m.	Mass – Rita Willman, Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (OLH)	
<u>Sunday, September 6</u>	<i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Allen Missler; Fred & Mary Lou Eldred (St. G)	
10:00 a.m.	Mass – L/D Frank & Connie Miller Family; James F. Daniel (OLH)	
	<i>Children's Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mass</i>	

PSR NEWS

St. Gaspar – Wednesday, September 2, 6:15 p.m. Opening PSR Mass (St. G Only)
Our Lady of Hope – Nothing September 2; Wednesday, September 9, 6:15 p.m. Opening PSR Mass (OLH Only)

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.

Immaculate Conception Parish La Dolce Vita – “Sweet Days of Summer” Festival August 29 & 30, 231 E. Center Street, Bellevue. Saturday, August 29 – Adult Night Out – Polish Kielbasa & Perogies, Live Music, Adult Beverages. Sunday, August 30 – Fun for all ages – Chicken Dinner, Progressive Raffle, Games of Skill & Chance for Adults & Children, Petting Zoo, Bounce House, Pony Rides, Farm Market, Flower Market, DIY Crafts, Ice Cream, Italian Sausage, Fair Foods, Prizes, and More. Contact the parish office with questions – 419-483-3417.

IGNITE Tuesday, September 8, 6:30 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church Shrine, Toledo. Join us as we draw more deeply into the Heart of Our Savior. IGNITE is a time of reflection, candle procession, uplifting worship, Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration presided by Deacon Mark Genovesi. This is an outdoor event – Please bring a chair or blanket. Indoors if inclement weather.

Prost! (Cheers!) Tiffin St. Joseph Oktoberfest Saturday, September 12, 5:00-9:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Activity Center Parking Lot, 64 Melmore Street. Adults 21 and older. German Music, Beer, Food, Stein Holding Contest, Axe Throwing and Raffles! Find more details and purchase tickets through the Tiffin St. Joseph Parish Website: www.tiffinstjoseph.org.

Perch & Shrimp Dinner Friday, September 18, 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Attica K of C Hall, 111 Heyman Drive. Please note, the date was pushed back from the normal first Friday of the month due to Labor Day Weekend and the American Legion Car Show September 12. Dinners include French Fries, Coleslaw and Dinner Roll. Perch Dinners are \$16.00 and include ½ lb Perch. Perch by the pound is \$20.00. Butterfly Shrimp Dinners are \$12.00 and include 9 pieces Shrimp. Shrimp only is \$8.00. Dine-in and Drive-thru available.

Attica Community Blood Drive Thursday, October 8, 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the Attica Fairgrounds, sponsored by the Attica Lions Club and Attica Independent Fair Board.



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



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, September 6, 8:00 a.m.

Greeters: Marge Stockmaster, Denise Bell

Minister of the Word: Jerry Dick

Extraordinary Ministers: Denise Bell,
Mattie & Steve Miller

Servers: Jayden Johnson, Thomas & Karlee Smith

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

St. Gaspar Parish Support

August 23, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	7,964.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,750.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	5,214.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	2,877.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	25.00
CHILDREN	\$	27.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	350.00

Employment Opportunity The Franciscan Earth Literacy Center (FELC), a ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis, is seeking a mission-focused **Administrator** to provide leadership for the Center's programs, operations, staff, volunteers, and community partnerships. The Administrator works closely with the FELC Board of Trustees to advance environmental education, sustainable living, community engagement, and the long-term success of the organization.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership for FELC programs, operations, staff, volunteers, and interns.
- Develop community partnerships and support fundraising, grants, and special events.
- Assist with budgeting, financial oversight, marketing, and organizational planning.
- Promote FELC's mission of environmental stewardship and sustainable living.

Qualifications:

- Leadership or management experience, preferably in a nonprofit, educational, environmental, or mission-driven organization.
- Strong organizational, communication, and relationship-building skills.
- Commitment to environmental stewardship and Franciscan values.
- Bachelor's degree preferred; equivalent education and experience will be considered.

To Apply: Submit your cover letter and resume by **Tuesday, September 1, 2026** to jalvarado@tiffinfranciscans.org.

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Ministry Schedule

Monday, August 31, 9:00 a.m.

Kathy Stephenson, Judi Ludban

Saturday, September 5, 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Tom & Darlene Fullen

Minister of the Word: Lisa Heiser

Extraordinary Minister: Linda Hahler

Servers: If servers are present, please come forward.

Sunday, September 6, 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Dcn. Brian & Valerie Rhodes

Minister of the Word: Drew Mennel

Extraordinary Ministers: Valerie Rhodes, Kay Fox,
Craig Hahler, Michelle Hoepf

Servers: Alsatia Mennel, Tyler Rhodes, Mark Fry

Children's Liturgy: Allie Smith, Karli Foos

Our Lady of Hope Parish Support

August 23, 2026

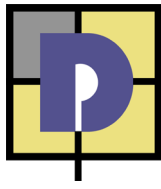
OFFERTORY	\$	2,333.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,750.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	(417.00)
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	2,697.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	0.00
CHILDREN	\$	28.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	280.00

Pilgrimage to the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

September 23-26, to St. Louis, Missouri for the Beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Depart from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 2255 Central Grove, Toledo, 7:30 a.m., September 23, and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. September 26. The Beatification Mass will be celebrated Thursday, September 24, at 2:00 p.m. at the Dome at America's Center in St. Louis. Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and presentations will be available at the center the morning of the Beatification. The \$550.00 cost per person is based on double occupancy and includes transportation, accommodations at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Collinsville, Illinois, meals at five restaurants along the way, and admission to the Beatification. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due with your reservation. To reserve your seat, contact the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Office at 419-382-5511.

Diocese of Toledo Annual Mass on Anniversaries of Marriage

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2026 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass on Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following Mass. To register visit: toledoanniversarymass.org.



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Baked Goods Auction

Wednesday, August 12a - Dialed Action Sports BMX & FMX

Thursday, August 13a - Pig Scramble

Friday, August 14a - A-Bar Rodeo / Bulls & Barrels

Saturday, August 15a - Attica Jr. Fair Livestock Sale
OSTPA Tractor & Truck Pull
Tri-County Garden Tractor Pull