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WEEKEND MASSES:

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)

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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Office Hours

OLH – Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

St. Gaspar – Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

JOY

Today is Gaudete Sunday (from Latin for "rejoice"). This begins the third week of Advent, where we shift our focus to Joy. The pink candle (the "Shepherd's Candle"), symbolizes our rejoicing over Jesus' imminent arrival, echoing the shepherds' gladness in Luke 2:10-11. This week, we celebrate the deep, faith-based happiness that isn't dependent on circumstances, but on God's promises and the salvation Jesus brings.

Take time this week to reflect on our True Source of Joy and seek ways to share this joy with others. Perform an act of kindness. Share some good news. Simply smile at someone to spread the joy of this beautiful season.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Joseph

P.S. Here are the times for our Days of Grace this week, to make your Advent Confession as we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ Jesus.

DIRECTORY PHOTO SUBMISSION & ROSTER DETAIL:

If you missed our 2025 Pictorial Directory photography dates, please submit your picture (in print or digital format, preferably vertical) to the parish office by Monday, December 22. Cost to submit the photo is \$15.00, which covers the manual processing of the image for inclusion, but also gets you a copy of the finished directory.







If you have updates to your address, phone number, or email that will be in the parish roster section, or if there is any information that we should NOT print for your family in the directory, please contact the office ASAP.

Votive Light by Our Lady - December 14-20

St. Gaspar
For those who feel alone.

Our Lady of Hope
Rest in Peace Donald W. Duston II.

SHARING WITH THOSE IN NEED: In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the 8th grade students of St. Gaspar are working on two projects focused on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, and you can help!

Cold Weather Gear Donation Drive: We are collecting new or gently used coats, hats, mittens, scarves, boots etc. to help people in our area. Please wash / clean all items that are gently used. Collection totes are in the vestibule of the church and in the PSR building until Sunday, December 14. All items will be taken to the Attica Community Food Pantry to be distributed on December 16th.

Christmas Care Packages for those at local nursing and assisted living homes and for our sick and homebound parishioners from both parishes. We purchase all supplies, but you can help by providing a monetary donation to help defer the costs. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Care Package Donation," for it to be used for this outreach.

Thank you to everyone who helps the Confirmandi with these two beautiful outreach ministries!



HEALING THROUGH THE EUCHARIST: Saturday, January 3, 9:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, 4106 State Route 269 Bellevue. Retreat presenter: Fr. Patrick Gonyeau. Start 2026 with a retreat on the most important food you will ever eat in this life: the Eucharist. Dive into the radical truth of the Most Blessed Sacrament that is the very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, and of which Venerable Fulton Sheen said, "The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host." Also, dive deep into the healing power of the Most Blessed Sacrament and how the Eucharist truly is the meal that heals! \$25.00 registration fee includes lunch. Register and pay by December 22 – space is limited, so call early: 419-483-3435, option 4.

OUR LADY OF HOPE REVERSE RAFFLE: Saturday, February 21. Tickets sell for \$35.00 each and include one dinner. Additional meals are \$14.00 at the door. Donated items (big and small) from area businesses and individuals will be needed for the auction. If you would like to purchase tickets as Christmas gifts, or would like a few to sell during the holidays, please contact Janeen at 419-271-2865.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED - DECEMBER 14, 2025



Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage
This Advent, make a spiritual
pilgrimage to the Holy Land.
Uncover the beauty of the place
where Christ was born, preparing

your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.



30 Minutes BC 30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As

the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.



Is Christmas Pagan? What Catholics Believe About Christmas
Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a

pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more!

SIGN UP FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP

- 1. Go to www.formed.org.
- 2. Click on "sign up."
- 3. Click on "I belong to a Parish or Organization."
- 4. In the search box, type "Our Lady of Hope" and then click on it (make sure it is Attica).
- 5. Enter your name and email address.

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE: The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (Charter) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance. Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth. The last 3-year audit was conducted in September 2024 and all audited Articles within the Charter were found to be compliant. The next on-site audit will be conducted in 2027. The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 419-214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.



SAVE THE DATES! Reverse Raffles are approaching quickly for both parishes! February 21 – Our Lady of Hope. March 7 – St. Gaspar. Stay tuned for more info to come!

<u>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</u> will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Our Lady of Hope rectory basement. All men of the area are invited to participate as you are able.

WEEKLY CALENDAR				
Monday, December 15	Advent Weekday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27		
Tuesday, December 16 4:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Advent Weekday Eucharistic Adoration (St. G) Mass – Rev. James E. Risacher, Rev. Robert J. Kill (St. G)	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32		
Wednesday, December 17 7:15 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Late Advent Weekday Eucharistic Adoration (OLH) Mass – Sandy Shafer, Sharon Ebersole (OLH)	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17		
Thursday, December 18 7:15 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Late Advent Weekday Eucharistic Adoration (OLH) Mass – Ruth Ann Randolph, Betty Swartzmiller (OLH)	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25		
Friday, December 19 7:15 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Late Advent Weekday Eucharistic Adoration (St. G) Mass – Rita Willman, Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (St. G)	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25		
Saturday, December 20	Late Advent Weekday	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38		
4:00 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass – Sandy Stockmaster (St. G)	Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24		
Sunday, December 21 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass – Leon, Rita, Eugene "Chick" Miller (St. G) Mass – Roger & Janet Hines, Louis & Michael Fritz (OLH) Eucharistic Adoration (OLH) Children's Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mas.	Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24		

PSR NEWS

Class/Advent Reconciliation Service: Wednesday, December 17, 6:15 p.m.

Our Lady of Hope: Wednesday, December 17, 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 <u>stgaspar.com</u> or <u>ourladyofhopeattica.com</u>
- 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 reoccurring donation.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST December 14, 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. Santa will be there from 9:30-10:30 a.m.! There will also be a 50/50 drawing and donations are being accepted for the local food bank.

BLOOMVILLE LIONS CLUB WINTER BBQ December 14, 11:00 a.m. Drive-thru only in front of the Bloomville Community Center. Please follow signs to enter drive-thru line. Menu features baby back ribs, cowboy beans, baked potato, dinner roll, and a cookie. Proceeds support youth development, eyeglasses, and other needs of those in Bloomville and Bloom Township.

COOKIES WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS Sunday, December 14, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, 194 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin. Meet Santa, Mrs. Claus and the animals living at FELC. This event is FREE and open to the public. All ages are welcome to tour the facility. FREE pictures with Santa are available.

51ST ANNUAL CAREY ECUMENICAL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sunday, December 14, 4:00 p.m., Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH. No entry fee – a freewill offering will be collected during the event. Following the concert, all are invited to a reception in the Basilica's Shrine Cafeteria.

PERCH & SHRIMP DINNER Friday, January 9, 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the Attica K of C Hall, 111 Heyman Drive. Dinners include French Fries, Coleslaw and Dinner Roll. Perch Dinners are \$16.00 and include ½ lb Perch. Perch by the pound is \$19.00. Butterfly Shrimp Dinners are \$12.00 and include nine pieces Shrimp. Shrimp only is \$8.00. Dine-In and Drive-Thru available.





Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 20, 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Jamie, Brett & Hunter Martin
Minister of the Word: Chris Dick
Extraordinary Ministers: Jamie Martin,
Brett Martin, Marilyn Martin
Servers: Caroline Reed, Oliver Reed, Logan Reed
Ushers: Jamie, Brett & Hunter Martin, Marilyn Martin

Sunday, December 21, 8:00 a.m.

Greeters: Patti Page, Landry Schreiner
Minister of the Word: Joanne Bernard
Extraordinary Ministers: Heidi Alt,
Mattie Miller, Steve Miller
Servers: Jayden Johnson,
Owen Wise, Grayson Schreiner
Ushers: Patti Page, Scott Schreiner,
Marge Stockmaster, Joe Daniel

St. Gaspar Parish Support

December 7, 2025

OFFERTORY	\$ 4,923.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$ 2,423.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$ 14,879.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,490.00
CHILDREN	\$ 16.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$ 450.00

FISH & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY is requesting donations of spaghetti sauce for the month of December. 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 December is Adult Socks.

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.



Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the St. Gaspar 300 Club and made this a successful fundraiser. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated! May you all hold a winning ticket.



Ministry Schedule

Monday, December 15, 9:00 a.m.

Judy Daniel, Carol Martin

Sunday, December 21, 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Dcn. Brian & Valerie Rhodes
Minister of the Word: Deb Briggs
Extraordinary Ministers: Linda & Rob Molyett,
Ann Myers, Valerie Rhodes

Servers: Autumn & Kelsey Miller, Anderson Mennel **Children's Liturgy:** Doris Lambert, Alsatia Mennel

Our Lady of Hope Parish Support December 7, 2025

December 7, 2025

OFFERTORY	\$ 3,026.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$ 526.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$ 6,658.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 223.00
CHILDREN	\$ 33.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$ 862.00





ANNUAL FUDGE & BUCKEYE SALE:

Papa's Pistols are sponsoring their fudge and buckeye sale in memory of Louis Fritz and all those who have lost their battle with ALS. Cost

is \$7.00 per lb for fudge; \$7.00 per dozen for buckeyes. All proceeds benefit the ALS Association. Orders can be placed by calling Rita Schank at 419-426-2305 or Becky Allgyre at 419-937-6369 or by signing up on the sign-in sheet in the vestibule of Our Lady of Hope by December 14. Delivery will be after Mass on December 21. Early delivery upon request. Don't miss out on a wonderful holiday treat or perfect gift!

DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Thursday, December 18, 1:00 p.m.-until food distributed at First Lutheran Church parking lot, 300 Melmore Street, Tiffin. For Seneca County residents who meet federal poverty guidelines. Valid photo ID and proof of residency requested.

SEVEN SAINTS K OF C DECEMBER YOUTH DRAWING WINNERS: Rian Myers, Bob Schumacher, Jerry Senn, Kevin & Jen Dick, Krista Sturdevant



May the gentle and merciful heart of Jesus grant eternal rest to Donald W. Duston II. May his family and friends find comfort and peace with God's healing grace.

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August 6 - Draft Pony Pulls August 7 - Pig Scramble

August 8 - Bulls & Barrels August 9 - OSTPA Truck & Tractor Pulls

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