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#### **WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. At Our Lady of Hope

(May thru October)
At St. Gaspar

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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#### **Our Lady of Hope Parish**

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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.

#### St. Sebastian Cemetery

Rick Phillips: 567-224-1526

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**Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon** 

#### A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

#### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Dear Parish Family,

As Thanksgiving approaches, my heart turns with gratitude to each one of you. This season invites us to stop, reflect, and recognize the quiet streams of grace flowing through our lives. When I do that, I cannot help but thank God for your presence, your faith, and the many ways you make this parish a true family in Christ. Couple of years back, earlier in the fall, our schoolchildren were asked to write down something they were thankful for. Most wrote what you would expect – family, pets, friends. But one child wrote, "I'm thankful for our church because every time I walk in, someone smiles at me." That simple line touched me deeply. It reminded me that the warmth of a parish is found not only in programs or events, but in the everyday kindness that comes from hearts rooted in faith.

And throughout this past year, you have lived that spirit beautifully: Through your faithful presence at Mass, through the commitment of our staff, who serve with dedication and love, through our wonderful volunteers, who give of themselves so generously, through every parishioner who contributes - whether by teaching, cleaning, singing, setting up, comforting, welcoming, or simply praying. You are the reason our parish is a living, breathing sign of God's love.

On this Thanksgiving week, I thank God for each of you. I am blessed to be your pastor and grateful for the privilege of walking with you in faith. May the Lord reward your goodness, bless your families, and fill your hearts with His peace and joy. As we celebrate, may gratitude draw us closer to God and to one another. May our parishes continue to shine as a community where Christ is encountered in every smile, every act of service, and every moment of prayer. Wishing each of you happy feast on the solemnity of Jesus Christ: King of the universe. May Christ the king rule our hearts. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful, grace-filled, and very Blessed Thanksgiving!

> With heartfelt gratitude, your pastor, Fr. Joseph

PS: This evening, Sunday, November 23, 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Hope will host the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. Please join in thanksgiving to God for our blessings, with our brothers and sisters in Christ from our community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you are able to help greet and sign families in for their photography appointments at Our Lady of Hope, please contact the parish office. Dates are November 26, 28, 29 at OLH. Thank you!

2025 DIRECTORY PHOTOS CONTINUE THIS WEEK! Please be sure to attend your chosen appointment time for your directory photos at Our Lady of Hope social hall this week (November 26, 28, 29). If you haven't scheduled yet, please call the parish office or visit ucdir.com. Click 'photography session sign-up' and use church code: oh2891; password: photos.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS: Kindly remember in prayer all our Priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on Monday, December 1 for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through our prayers, and the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may the Lord grant them spiritual grace, renewed fidelity, consolation and joy in ministry.

#### **Votive Light by Our Lady – November 23-29**

St. Gaspar

Newly Baptized Petunia Anne Hackenburg.

Our Lady of Hope In Thanksgiving for all of our Blessings.



SHARING WITH THOSE IN NEED: In preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the 8th grade students of St. Gaspar have two projects in motion. They work on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy throughout the year and they would like to make a difference by giving to others as we approach the winter and Christmas season.

The first project is collecting coats, hats, mittens, scarves, boots etc. to help people in our area. Please make sure items are either new or in good condition — wash and clean all items if they are gently used. Collection totes are in the vestibule of the church and in the PSR building. Donations accepted through Sunday, December 14. All items will be taken to the Attica Community Food Pantry and will be handed out on Tuesday, December 16th.

The second project of service is making Christmas Care Packages for those who reside at local nursing and assisted living homes and for our sick and homebound parishioners from both parishes. We purchase all the supplies that the Confirmation youth will be using to make these care packages. If you would like to help the youth in this project, you can provide a monetary donation. 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!

BAKED STEAK DINNER: Sunday, November 23, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (or sold out) at Attica K of C Hall, 111 Heyman Drive. Dinners are \$13.00 and will include Baked Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll and Dessert. Dine-In and Drive-Thru available. Sponsored by Seven Saints K of C.

PERCH & SHRIMP DINNER: Friday, December 5, 4:00 p.m. to 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 9 pieces Shrimp. Shrimp only is \$8.00. Dine-In and Drive-Thru available.

**ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY:** Sunday, December 7 – on the St. Francis Campus, 200 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin. Drive-thru: 4:00-5:15 p.m., Walk-thru 6:30-8:00 p.m. Journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and rediscover the wonder of Christmas! Donations of NEW hats, scarves, gloves and socks will be collected and distributed to those in need throughout the area. Wear comfortable shoes and warm clothes. Please park behind St. Francis Home to meet your guide.



PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR ADVENT: Doing our Christmas shopping and decorating our homes for Christmas are treasured traditions that help us get into the Christmas spirit. At the same time, as Catholics, we know that there is a deeper meaning to this time of year. Advent (November 30-December 24) is a grace-filled time to prepare our hearts for the Birth of the Christ Child. On Sunday, November 30, Deacon Brian Rhodes and Sister Maggie Slowick will host an hour of prayer and reflection from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope to help you prepare your heart for Jesus. We hope you'll join us!

## LADIES...LADIES...LADIES



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.



IN SYMPATHY: Rev. James E. Risacher, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on the night of Tuesday, November 11, 2025. A native of St. Peter Parish, Mansfield, Fr. Risacher was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 1952, by Most Rev. George J. Rehring. Throughout his years

of priestly ministry, he served as pastor of four parishes and devoted ten years as Secretary to the Bishop. Fr. Risacher was granted Senior Status in June 1992 and subsequently retired out of state. In recent years, he returned to the Diocese of Toledo and resided at Rosary Care Center Please remember him in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Monday, November 24 Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 25 Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

4:45 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)
5:30 p.m. Mass – August Stacklin (St. G)

Wednesday, November 26 Weekday Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

7:15 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)

8:00 a.m. Mass – Living & Deceased Members of the Wise & Weaver Families (OLH)

Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

7:15 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)

8:00 a.m. Mass – Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of Hope & St. Gaspar Parishes (OLH)

Friday, November 28 Weekday Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

7:15 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)

8:00 a.m. Mass – John & Lucy Meyer, Rita Willman, Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (St. G)

Saturday, November 29 Weekday Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

4:00 p.m. Mass – Living & Deceased Members of the Barbara & LeRoy Miller Family (St. G)

Sunday, November 30 First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

8:00 a.m. Mass – Mary Dorothy Miller (St. G)

10:00 a.m. Mass – Stephen Hoepf, Agnes Seasly (OLH)

Children's Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mass

#### **PSR NEWS**

**Both Parishes:** Wednesday, November 26 – No PSR – Happy Thanksgiving!

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 recurring donation.



#### **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)**

2025 Goal for St. Gaspar del Bufalo:	\$10,643.07	2025 Goal for Our Lady of Hope:	:\$10,508.62
52 Gifts Given:	\$18,993.34	45 Gifts Given:	\$8,413.94
178 46% of Goal		80.07% of Goal	

Since October 12, two more gifts have been given at St. Gaspar and three more at Our Lady of Hope. Thank you! 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 97 households who have already donated or pledged to the ACA. For more information, visit acatoledo.org.





#### **Ministry Schedule**

#### Saturday, November 29, 4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Kathi Miller
Minister of the Word: Chris Dick
Extraordinary Ministers: Darlene Fullen,
Tom Fullen, Steve Dendinger
Servers: Caroline Reed, Oliver Reed,
Logan Reed

**Ushers:** Kathi Miller, Tammy Daniel, Marvin Daniel, Steve Dendinger

#### Sunday, November 30, 8:00 a.m.

Greeters: Holly, Jon & Mason Weichel Minister of the Word: Dawn Reichert Extraordinary Ministers: Heidi Alt, Kathy Siesel, Jerry Dick

**Servers:** Owen Wise, Grayson Schreiner, Jayden Johnson

Ushers: Holly, Jon & Mason Weichel, Rick Phillips

## St. Gaspar Parish Support November 16, 2025

OFFERTORY	\$ 2,603.27
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$ 103.27
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$ 11,394.27
MAINTENANCE	\$ 380.00
CHILDREN	\$ 36.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$ 170.00

**ST. GASPAR PARISHIONERS:** Our heavenly dusters (volunteers who keep our church neat and tidy) need a few more people who would like to help to keep our sacred space in tip-top shape. Each committee is assigned certain months, and they usually meet on a day at the beginning of the month. Please call Chris Dick at 567-267-8452 if you are interested in being part of this very special ministry. Thank you!

**ST. GASPAR 300 CLUB TICKETS:** Please return your 300 Club tickets! If you have not participated in the 300 Club drawing before, please contact Pat Page to purchase your ticket. \$25.00/ticket gives you 36 chances to win!



Welcome to the Newly Baptized
Petunia Anne Hackenburg



## **Ministry Schedule**

#### Monday, November 24, 9:00 a.m.

Carol Martin, Ginny Holmer

#### Sunday, November 30, 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Dcn. Brian & Valerie Rhodes
Minister of the Word: Tom Miller
Extraordinary Ministers: Dutch Shenefield,
Jon Mackowiak, Denise & Jake Bowerman
Servers: Jordyn & Julia Enders, Mark Fry
Children's Liturgy: Valerie Bordner, Mia Holmes

## Our Lady of Hope Parish Support

#### November 16, 2025

OFFERTORY	\$ 2,871.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$ 371.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$ 6,598.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 155.00
CHILDREN	\$ 107.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$ 243.00

**FISH & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY:** is requesting donations of canned soups for the month of November. 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 November is **Children's 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.



JUBILEE PRAYER: Father in heaven, may the faith You have gifted us in Your Son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom. May Your grace

transform us into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seed that make humanity and the cosmos rise unto the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth, when with the powers of Evil overcome, Your glory shall be manifested eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer. To You God blessed in eternity, be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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