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2026

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**Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon**

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, our hearts are drawn into the boundless love and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ. This beautiful feast, given to the Church as a reminder of God’s infinite mercy, invites us to trust more deeply in His forgiving love and to become instruments of that same mercy in the world.

In the Gospel, we see the Risen Jesus appearing to His disciples, offering them peace and showing them His wounded hands and side. These wounds are not signs of defeat, but powerful reminders of love poured out for us. Through them, Christ reveals that no sin is greater than His mercy, and no heart is beyond His healing touch.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a call to each one of us: to turn back to God with confidence, to seek His forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to place our trust in Him. “Jesus, I trust in You” – a simple prayer, yet one that has the power to transform our lives.

I especially encourage you and your families to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet regularly. This beautiful prayer unites us with the Passion of Christ and opens our hearts to receive His mercy while also interceding for the whole world. In a time when our world is marked by division, pain, and uncertainty, the Chaplet becomes a powerful source of grace and peace. Let us not only receive God’s mercy but also share it – with kindness, forgiveness, patience, and compassion toward one another. In doing so, we become living witnesses of God’s love.

May this Divine Mercy Sunday renew our faith, strengthen our trust, and fill our hearts with the peace that only Christ can give. Join us this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope for an hour of Adoration, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Also, there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the time of Adoration.

Yours in Risen Christ  
Fr. Joseph

**PS: Pallottine Mission Sunday:** Next weekend, April 18 & 19, we will have our special collection taken for the Pallottine Mission Appeal, supporting the missionary work of the Indian Pallottine Fathers. Their ministries reach out to the poor, the marginalized, and those in need of education, healthcare, and pastoral care.

We kindly invite you to keep these missions in your prayers and to consider offering your generous support. Special envelopes are at the end of each pew for your convenience. You may return these envelopes with your contribution during the collection next weekend. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for being a part of the Church’s mission to bring Christ’s love to all.

**Votive Light by Our Lady – April 12-18, 2026**

St. Gaspar

Rest in Peace Richard Bores.

Our Lady of Hope

O Fount of Life, unfathomable  
Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world  
and empty Yourself out upon 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 & recruits catechists, schedules meetings & 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.

Thank you to Ariel Fry for your ministry in this position over the past year!



**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.casaofssw.org](http://www.casaofssw.org) or call 419-448-1442.

**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.



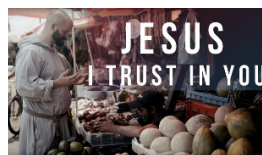
*May the gentle and merciful heart of Jesus grant eternal rest to Robert J. Leis. May his family and friends find comfort and peace with God’s healing grace.*



**Welcome to the Newly Baptized**  
**Declan Karl Weaver**  
 son of Joe & Ashley Weaver



**THIS WEEK ON FORMED**  
**APRIL 12, 2026**



**Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal**

Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on Formed includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.



**Pope John Paul II**

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla’s journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



**Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley**

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God’s love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org).

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

**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.

**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: [oppeace.org/become-a-sister](http://oppeace.org/become-a-sister) or contact Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP, ([june.fitzgerald@oppeace.org](mailto:june.fitzgerald@oppeace.org)) or call/text 570-336-3991.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Monday, April 13</u>	<i>Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr</i>	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
<u>Tuesday, April 14</u>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
4:45 p.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)</b>	
5:30 p.m.	<b>Mass – Marvin Bumb (St. G)</b>	
<u>Wednesday, April 15</u>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
7:15 a.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)</b>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – Russell &amp; Betsy Magers (OLH)</b>	
<u>Thursday, April 16</u>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
7:15 a.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)</b>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – Lyndel &amp; Sylvia Coder (OLH)</b>	
<u>Friday, April 17</u>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
7:15 a.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)</b>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – Rita Willman, Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (St. G)</b>	
<u>Saturday, April 18</u>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass – Agnes Depinet, Bernard &amp; Florence Brown (St. G)</b>	
<u>Sunday, April 19</u>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Harold &amp; Jeanette Daniel Family (St. G)</b>	
10:00 a.m.	<b>Mass – Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Stacklin &amp; Wise Families, Bob Langjahr (OLH)</b>	
	<i>Children’s Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mass</i>	

## PSR NEWS

**Both Parishes:** Wednesday, April 15, 6:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope – PSR Closing 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.



Many heartfelt congratulations to Owen Best and Corvin Mull, who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4, 2026.

*Come, Holy Spirit, to guide and strengthen Owen and Cory on their new journey of faith.*



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 18, 4:00 p.m.**

**Greeter:** Kathi Miller

**Minister of the Word:** Steve Dendinger

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Darlene & Tom Fullen, Amy Ferres

**Servers:** Caroline, Oliver & Logan Reed

**Ushers:** Kathi Miller, Brett, Jamie & Hunter Martin

**Sunday, April 19, 8:00 a.m.**

**Greeters:** Gary & Kathy Siesel

**Minister of the Word:** Dawn Reichert

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Joanne & Dick Bernard, Jerry Dick

**Servers:** Olivia & Jackson Schoen, Grayson Schreiner

**Ushers:** Gary & Kathy Siesel, Ron Alt, Rick Phillips



**Ministry Schedule**

**Monday, April 13, 9:00 a.m.**

Judy Daniel, Kathy Stephenson

**Sunday, April 19, 10:00 a.m.**

**Hospitality:** Dcn. Brian & Valerie Rhodes

**Minister of the Word:** Clint Lease

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Denise Bowerman,

Jake Bowerman, Michelle Hoepf, Kay Fox

**Servers:** Anderson Mennel, Jordyn & Julia Enders

**Children's Liturgy:** Valerie Bordner, Mia Holmes

**St. Gaspar Parish Support**

April 5, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	4,288.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	1,788.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	26,884.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	2,835.00
CHILDREN	\$	28.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	645.00
EASTER YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	4,065.00

**Our Lady of Hope Parish Support**

April 5, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	3,053.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	553.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	11,165.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	458.00
CHILDREN	\$	46.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	951.00
EASTER YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	5,755.00

**FISH & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY** is requesting donations of Bar Soap for the month of April. 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 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.*

**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!!

**ST. GASPAR ROSARY ALTAR MEETING**

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

**OUR LADY OF HOPE ROSARY ALTAR MEETING**

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

**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.

**DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Thursday, April 23, 1:00 p.m. until food is distributed, 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.

**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.

**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 and 23 (the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of April). All men of the area are invited to participate as you are able.

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

Thursday, August 13a - Pig Scramble

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

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