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Catholic Parishes

“Behold,

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May it be done to me
according to your word.”



the season of
Advent
2025



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(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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Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

As we arrive at the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our wreath shines with the candle of Love – the love that moved God to step into our world, the love that heals, restores, and draws us together as one family in Christ. This final candle invites us to prepare our hearts not just with expectation, but with the deep and life-giving love that Christ Himself offers. How fitting that this week flows directly into the celebration of Christmas, when that very Love becomes flesh and dwells among us. In the quiet humility of the manger, God reveals the most powerful truth: we are infinitely loved. Not because of what we have achieved, but simply because we are His.

This season reminds us that love is not an idea – it is a Person. Jesus comes to us as Emmanuel, “God-with-us,” to dispel our fears, strengthen our hope, and fill our homes and our parish with peace. May His gentle presence renew your hearts and deepen your joy.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you – for your faith, your generosity, your compassion, and the countless ways you serve and support our parish throughout the year. Your witness to Christ’s love shines brightly in our community.

As we celebrate Christmas, may your homes be filled with warmth, your families with peace, and your hearts with the love of the newborn King. A Blessed Fourth Sunday of Advent and a Very MERRY CHRISTMAS to you and your loved ones! May Christ be born anew in all our hearts.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Joseph

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 29. 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 21-27

St. Gaspar
In celebration of our Savior
and His love for us.

Our Lady of Hope
In celebration of our Savior
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SUNDAY SOCIAL

OUR LADY OF HOPE
Catholic Parish

YOU'RE INVITED

Join us after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 21 for December's Social

Meet in the Social Hall for good food and fellowship with friends, family, neighbors, fellow parishioners, and **SANTA CLAUS!**

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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.

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.

ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY MARDI GRAS VIRTUAL REVERSE RAFFLE: Friday, February 13, 2026, Cost: \$50.00 Includes: 1 Reverse Raffle Number, 1 Entry for the Chance to Win \$500.00 and, 1 Entry for the Gift Card Tree Drawing. Purchase tickets at www.tiffinfranciscans.org, or call 419-447-0435. Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, February 6. Over \$5,000.00 in Prizes. Drawings will take place via Zoom starting at 7:00 p.m. View Reverse Raffle LIVE on the Facebook page of the Sisters of St. Francis (Tiffin Franciscans). Online auction begins February 5, 12:00 p.m.-February 12, 12:00 p.m. Winners will be announced and contacted on February 12. To view auction items and set up an account to bid, visit: <https://www.32auctions.com/SFCMardiGras2026>. Proceeds benefit the ministries of the St. Francis Community.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED – DECEMBER 21, 2025



The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.



Christmas | Sacred Art Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord.

This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



What Catholics Believe About Christmas: Traditions, Santa Claus & the 12 Days Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions

about Christmas. What are the 12 days of Christmas? Was Santa Claus a real person? What is Advent?

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1. Go to www.formed.org.
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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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF ITALY: Join Fr. Charles Obinwa (St. Alphonsus and St. Joseph Parishes of Peru/Monroeville) July 13-22, 2026. Papal Audience, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Basilicas of St. Peter, John, Paul, Mary, Holy Stairs, Vatican Museum/Garden, Sistine Chapel, Appian Way, Catacombs; Monte Cassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Mont Sant' Angelo, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Orvieto, etc. \$6,474.00 per person from Cleveland or Detroit Airports. Book Now: www.206tours.com/frobinwa/italy using booking code CO071326. Contact info: cara@206tours.com or 800-206-9687.

SNOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

WEEKENDS: When Seneca County is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, Our Lady of Hope and St. Gaspar parishes will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in our area, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are canceled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion. When weekend or Holy Day Mass is canceled, all other parish events are also canceled.

WEEKDAYS: On weekdays, if Seneca County is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, parish offices will be closed and all activities are canceled. As Fr. Joseph lives immediately adjacent to Our Lady of Hope Church, he will offer Mass there at 8 a.m. for the intentions of all Masses scheduled for that day. When there is inclement weather or a lower level snow emergency is declared, Masses will be offered as scheduled.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Monday, December 22</u>	<i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
<u>Tuesday, December 23</u>	<i>Saint John of Kanty, Priest</i>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
4:45 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
5:30 p.m.	Mass – August Stacklin (St. G)	
<u>Wednesday, December 24</u>	<i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1: 67-79
	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
4:00 p.m.	Mass – Living & Deceased of St. Gaspar & Our Lady of Hope Parishes (St. G)	
<u>Thursday, December 25</u>	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
12:00 a.m.	Mass – Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of Hope & St. Gaspar Parishes (OLH)	Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Mass – Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of Hope & St. Gaspar Parishes (OLH)	
<u>Friday, December 26</u>	<i>Saint Stephen, the First Martyr</i>	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
	NO MASS	
<u>Saturday, December 27</u>	<i>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
4:00 p.m.	Mass – Don Scherley (St. G)	
<u>Sunday, December 28</u>	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
	8:00 a.m. Mass – Living & Deceased Members of Wise & Bischoff Families, Bill & Ruth Foes (St. G)	
	10:00 a.m. Mass – Raymond & Mary Ann Dentinger, Wilbur, Martha, Gerry & Jason Ruffing (OLH)	
	<i>Children’s Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mass</i>	

PSR NEWS

St. Gaspar: Wednesday, December 24 – No PSR – Merry Christmas!
Our Lady of Hope: Wednesday, December 24 – No PSR – Merry Christmas!

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.

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20 25
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

St. Gaspar del Bufalo:	
2025 Goal	\$10,643.07
54 Gifts Given:	\$19,193.34
180.34% of Goal	
Our Lady of Hope:	
2025 Goal	\$10,508.62
45 Gifts Given:	\$8,413.94
80.07% of Goal	

Since November, two more gifts have been given at St. Gaspar. Thank you, and congratulations on surpassing our goal! This will provide a sizable rebate for St. Gaspar.

There was no increase for Our Lady of Hope.

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 99 households who have already donated or pledged to the ACA. For more information, visit 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

Wednesday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Crista & Dan Stacklin

Minister of the Word: Morgan Beat

Extraordinary Ministers: Heidi Alt, Crista Stacklin, Dan Stacklin

Servers: Rylly Stacklin, Lynnae Stacklin, Lily Stacklin

Ushers: Crista & Dan Stacklin, Rick Phillips, Joe Daniel

Saturday, December 27, 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Crista & Dan Stacklin

Minister of the Word: Crista Stacklin

Extraordinary Ministers: Amy Ferres,

Tammy Daniel, Marvin Daniel

Servers: Rylly Stacklin, Lynnae Stacklin, Lily Stacklin

Ushers: Crista & Dan Stacklin, Kathi Miller, Tammy Daniel

Sunday, December 28, 8:00 a.m.

Greeters: Marge Stockmaster, Denise Bell

Minister of the Word: Chris Dick

Extraordinary Ministers: Kate Hosang, Leon Miller, Rick Phillips

Servers: Olivia Schoen,

Jackson Schoen, Grayson Schreiner

Ushers: Marge Stockmaster, Denise Bell,

Charles Miller, Rick Phillips

St. Gaspar Parish Support

December 14, 2025

OFFERTORY	\$	2,453.13
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	(46.87)
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	14,832.13
MAINTENANCE	\$	390.00
CHILDREN	\$	9.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	150.00

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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 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.



Ministry Schedule

Monday, December 22, 9:00 a.m.

Judi Ludban, Anne Fry

Thursday, December 25, 12:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Craig & Kris Hahler

Minister of the Word: Rob Molyett

Extraordinary Ministers: Michelle Hoepf,

Craig Hahler, Linda Molyett, 1 needed

Servers: Blair Beagle, Alex Shenefield, 2 needed

Thursday, December 25, 9:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Drew & Mindy Mennel Family

Minister of the Word: 1 needed

Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Hahler, 4 needed

Servers: 3 needed

Sunday, December 28, 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Drew & Mindy Mennel Family

Minister of the Word: Kay Fox

Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Hahler,

Missy Hines, Tom Miller, Jon Mackowiak

Servers: Alsatia Mennel, Tyler Rhodes, Alex Shenefield

Children's Liturgy: Valerie Bordner, Mia Holmes

Our Lady of Hope Parish Support

December 14, 2025

OFFERTORY	\$	1,772.75
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	(727.25)
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	5,930.75
MAINTENANCE	\$	100.00
CHILDREN	\$	8.25
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	428.00



Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion? Contact Project Rachel for confidential help in starting your healing journey. God's mercy is abundant and waiting for you.

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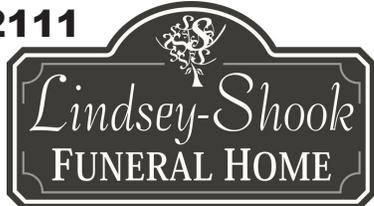
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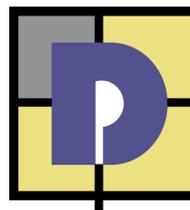
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