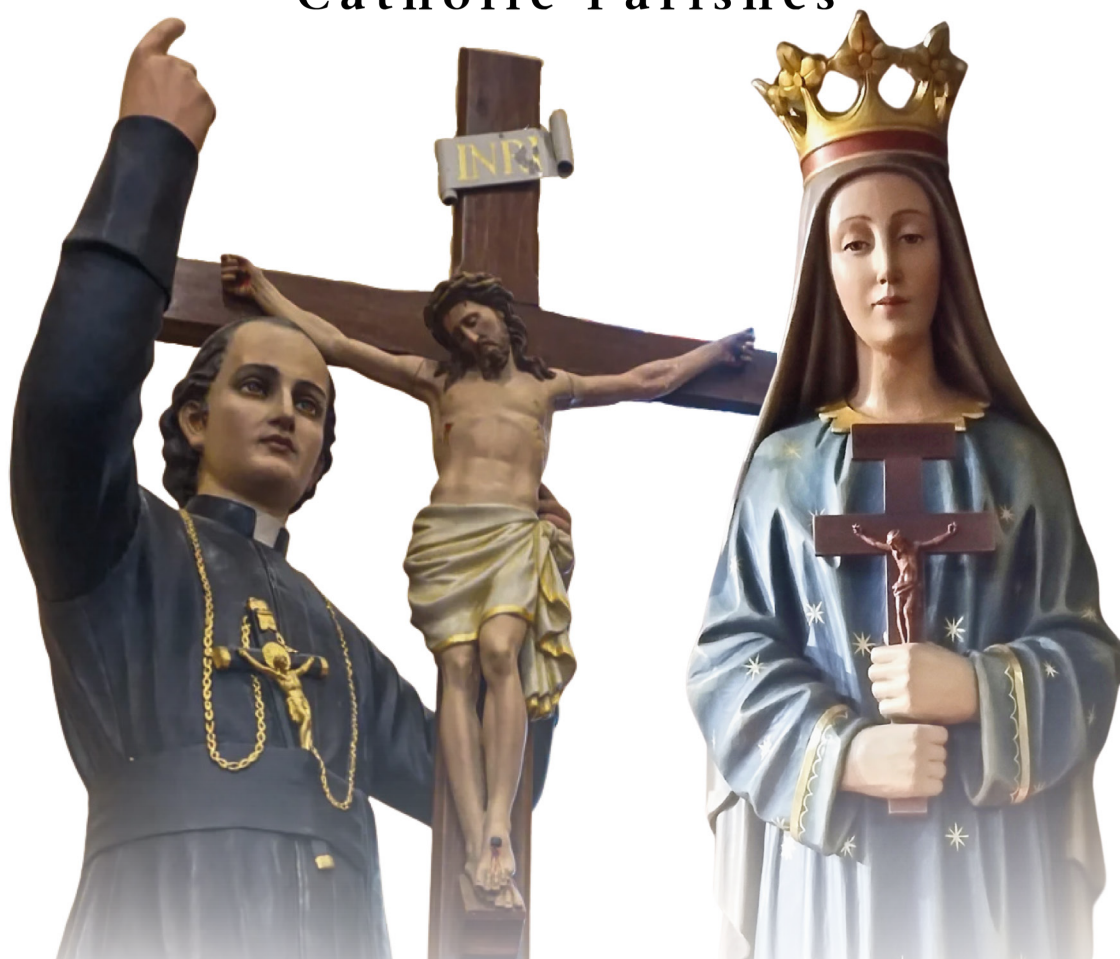


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DAILY MASSES:

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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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us the familiar Parable of the Sower. A farmer generously scatters seed everywhere – on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns, and on rich soil. At first glance, it may seem wasteful to sow seed so freely. Yet that is exactly how God loves us. He never stops sowing the seeds of His grace, mercy, and truth into every human heart.

The question is not whether God is speaking to us. He is. The real question is: What kind of soil am I?

Our hearts can sometimes become like the hardened path when we allow resentment, indifference, or routine to keep God's Word from taking root. At other times, we may resemble the rocky ground, receiving God's Word with enthusiasm but allowing difficulties, disappointments, or suffering to weaken our faith. The thorns represent the distractions of daily life – the constant pursuit of success, possessions, and worries – that slowly choke our relationship with God.

Yet Jesus invites each of us to become rich soil: hearts that are open, humble, and receptive to His Word. Good soil is not perfect soil. It is soil that is cultivated, watered, and cared for. Likewise, our hearts grow through prayer, the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and acts of charity. As we remain close to Christ, His Word begins to bear fruit in our lives – fruit of kindness, patience, forgiveness, generosity, and hope.

A story is told of an elderly gardener who faithfully planted trees, even though he knew he would never live long enough to enjoy their full shade. When someone asked why he continued planting, he smiled and replied, "Others planted trees whose shade I enjoy today. Now it is my turn to plant for those who come after me." In much the same way, every act of faith, every prayer, every word of encouragement, and every example of Christian living plants seeds that God can use to bless future generations.

As we gather around the Lord's table this weekend, let us ask Him to remove whatever hardens our hearts and to make us fertile soil for His Word. May our lives become a joyful witness to the Gospel so that the seeds God plants within us may produce an abundant harvest for His Kingdom. May God bless you and your families abundantly.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph

P.S. The St. Gaspar Summer Festival is just two weeks away! Get ready for a great day filled with delicious food, fun, and fellowship. The first Early Bird Winner for a FREE dinner at the festival is Marilyn Steinmetz. Congratulations!

Votive Light by Our Lady – July 12-18, 2026**St. Gaspar**

Newly Baptized

Lorraine Elise Neuenschwander.

Our Lady of Hope

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PSR and EPIC Help Needed! Contact the Parish Office if you'd like to volunteer as a catechist or helper at either parish for the 2026-2027 school year. We need a Grade 7 Catechist at Our Lady of Hope. We're still looking for a couple of individuals to lead our EPIC youth group, so that we can continue guiding our Youth through High School. Don't feel qualified? That's OK! God doesn't always call the qualified, but He qualifies the called. Being a catechist or helper is beyond rewarding – you will learn just as much, if not more than what you teach. Our children and youth are our future. We need your help!

Principal - St. Francis Xavier School, Willard St. Francis Xavier School, Willard, Ohio, is accepting resumes for the position of principal for the 2026-2027 school year. Successful candidates will be a practicing Catholic, hold valid Ohio licensure and ideally have a minimum of three to five years of experience as a teacher in a Catholic School. Send or email resume and cover letter to Rev. Eric Mueller, 422 W. Mansfield Street, New Washington, OH 44854 or emueller@toledodiocese.org.

This Week on FORMED – July 12, 2026



St. Kateri Tekakwitha | God's Princesses Follow along with Sister Imelda as she tells of the inspiring journey of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Mohawk girl who comes to know the Gospel with the help of

pioneering priests. Choosing to follow Jesus, Kateri is faced with great challenges as she does her best to bring God's love to her own people! A fun and inspiring example of not giving up!



St. Bonaventure | Catholic Saints A Franciscan cardinal-bishop and contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure is an excellent example of saintly humility. Known as the "Seraphic

Doctor," St. Bonaventure loved God above all else. Join Dr. Chris Mooney and Mary McGeehan as they explore the life of this great saint.



What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity & the Rosary Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is

Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

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Sunday, July 26, 2026

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Chairman's Statement on Dobbs Anniversary USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Four years ago, on June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court changed history with the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision, overturning *Roe v. Wade* and ending the status quo of virtually unlimited abortion at the Federal level. While the *Dobbs* decision gave states the freedom to pass pro-life laws and protect preborn children, these laws are now being undermined by a proliferation of abortion pills. The Food and Drug Administration, a government agency responsible for protecting public health, has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry by allowing abortion pills to be prescribed in tele-med 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 opportunities for further exploitation by their violent partners or human traffickers. 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. The victory of the *Dobbs* decision risks being undone by the massive influx of abortion pills. What can we do to help protect women and babies from the evil of abortion pills? First, pray for women who are deceived by the abortion industry. Second, share the facts about abortion pills with your friends. Third, take action to help protect women and babies from these dangerous drugs by sending a message to your pharmacy or to pharmaceutical companies that produce these drugs. From mid-August through the end of October, Respect Life Month, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities will be inviting Catholics to unite in prayer and action. Please sign up and join us at www.respectlife.org. In recognition of the Anniversary of the *Dobbs* decision, we praise God for the historic overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, and we beg the intercession of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in building a culture of life. Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo – Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, July 13	<i>Saint Henry</i>	Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday, July 14	<i>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin</i>	Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
4:45 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
5:30 p.m.	Mass – Virginia & Herman Missler, August Stacklin (St. G)	
Wednesday, July 15	<i>Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Mary Hoyles (OLH)	
Thursday, July 16	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Carole Spicer, Pat Holmer (OLH)	
Friday, July 17	<i>Weekday</i>	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Don Scherley, Rita Willman, Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (St. G)	
Saturday, July 18	<i>Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i>	Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43
4:00 p.m.	Mass – Mary Beth Magers (OLH)	
Sunday, July 19	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Krista Sturdevant, Living & Deceased of the Gus & Catherine McConnell Family (St. G)	
10:00 a.m.	Mass – Pat Holmer, Dave Hushour, Cheri Wurm (OLH)	

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.

74th Annual Tiffin St. Joseph Festival: July 11 & 12, 36 Melmore Street, Tiffin. Fun, Food and Entertainment for all ages from 12:00-9:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Our World-Famous Chicken Dinners are \$12.00 each and will be served on Sunday, July 12 beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria. Dinners may also be purchased in the Drive-thru on Washington Street from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Grand Prize Raffle is \$10,000.00 and there are over 60 spectacular prizes in the Super Raffle! More details: www.tiffinstjoseph.org/festival.

St. Alphonsus Parish Festival: July 12, 2026, serving 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or sold out. Barbecue chicken or ham dinners include homemade pie in air-conditioned hall. Carryout available. Kiddie Tractor Pull, Silent Auction, Softball Tournament, BINGO, Kids' games and Raffles. Come join us for a fun day!

Night of Healing – Charismatic Mass and Healing Service: Tuesday, July 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., St. John the Evangelist, Defiance, 510 Jackson Avenue, Defiance, OH 43512. Fr. David Cirata and Fr. James Brown. Group healing and personal prayer teams.

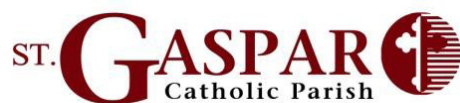
Toledo CYO Athletics 5th Annual Golf Outing: Monday, July 20, Toledo Country Club. \$125.00 per player; \$500.00 – per foursome. 100% of proceeds go to support CYO. For more info, to register, or sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://toledodiocese.org/cyo-golf-outing-2> or contact Kelly Collins, 419-214-4932, ext. 4932.

Diocese of Toledo Family & Youth Day with the Toledo Mudhens: Friday, August 7, Gates open 6:00 p.m., First Pitch 7:05 p.m. Enjoy an exciting evening of baseball as the Toledo Mud Hens take on the Omaha Storm Chasers. This family-friendly event offers a great opportunity to come together for fellowship, fun, and community spirit. Discounted tickets are available for **\$11.64 per person (including fees)**. Purchase your tickets here: gofevo.com/event/Catholicdiocese43. For those needing accessible seating, please select seats in **Section 118, Row T** or **Section 116, Row T**.

Bloomville Community Blood Drive: Wednesday, August 12 at the Bloomville Community Center, Sponsored by the Bloomville Lions Club.



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



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, July 19, 8:00 a.m.

Greeters: Holly, Jon & Mason Weichel

Minister of the Word: Morgan Beat

Extraordinary Ministers: Cory Mull,
Gerald C. Miller, Jerry Dick

Servers: Ryly, Lynnae & Lily Stacklin

Ushers: Holly, Jon & Mason Weichel, Joe Daniel

St. Gaspar Parish Support July 5, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	2,913.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,750.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	163.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	163.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	1,050.00
CHILDREN	\$	0.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	425.00

Banns of Matrimony: Be it known to all here present that Clayton Jacob Johnson, son of Joshua & Jennifer (Claus) Johnson, of the parish of St. Gaspar del Bufalo, and Anna Caroline Reed, daughter of Paul and Mary (Schisler) Reed, of the parish of St. Gaspar del Bufalo, 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.

Fish & Loaves Food Pantry is requesting donations of Crackers for the month of July. Always needed are personal items.

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 July is Mens' Undershirts.

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



Welcome to the Newly Baptized

Lorraine Elise Neuenschwander

daughter of Jakob and Marin Neuenschwander

Celeste Bridget Hawkinson

daughter of Craig and Erin Hawkinson



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.

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Ministry Schedule

Monday, July 13, 9:00 a.m.

Anne Fry, Judy Daniel

Saturday, July 18, 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Ariel & Mark Fry

Minister of the Word: Lisa Heiser

Extraordinary Minister: Linda Hahler

Servers: If servers are present, please come forward

Sunday, July 19, 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Drew & Mindy Mennel Family

Minister of the Word: Rob Molyett

Extraordinary Ministers: Mindy Mennel, Jake Bowerman,
Deb Briggs, Kay Fox, Ashley Mackowiak

Servers: Lukas & Blaise Mackowiak, Thad Martin

Our Lady of Hope Parish Support July 5, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	2,056.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,750.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	(694.00)
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	(694.00)
MAINTENANCE	\$	603.00
CHILDREN	\$	122.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	611.00

Camp Miakonda – Quo Vadis Retreats: High School guys (entering grades 9-12) – July 31-August 2, cost \$40.00. Junior High guys (entering grades 7-8) – August 2-3, cost \$25.00. Ready for a challenge? These retreats are designed for guys seeking to explore their faith and future. Retreats are led by our Diocese of Toledo seminarians and priests. Questions? Contact Fr. David Kidd at dkidd@toledodiocese.org or 419-214-4945. To register, visit toledopriesthood.org and click "Events."



May the gentle and merciful heart of Jesus grant eternal rest to Barbara Sue Leis. May her family and friends find comfort and peace with God's healing grace.

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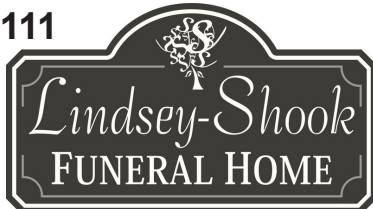
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