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(November thru April)

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(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 DEACON BRIAN

Last week, I mentioned the underlying point of the readings (for the sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time) was that sin starts within our hearts and then lives or dies by the choices we make. Last week, Saint Paul told us we are capable of choosing God’s way, and this week from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus proves it can be done.

Today’s gospel starts by saying, *“At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.”* At first glance this doesn’t seem to make sense. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Sound familiar? So why *would* Jesus need to start His mission in the desolate loneliness of the desert, being tempted by Satan? It just doesn’t seem fair, especially given all that He would do for us and all He would go through to do it.

I think the short answer is, for the Good Shepherd to find the lost sheep, He must go where they are. The desert is where He finds you and me. Since the first sin of Adam and Eve, mankind has been “lost in the desert.” The Spirit is leading Jesus into battle, not into danger. By leading Jesus into the desert, the Holy Spirit is confronting Satan head on and provoking him into the fight that will lead to his defeat. The Good Shepherd is a warrior, and He came to fight for us.

Jesus recognizes each temptation for what it is, and He denies each one. The devil is very good at what he does. Notice, he waited until after the 40 days of fasting. Then, just as with Adam and Eve, he tries to get our Lord to put Himself before the will of the Father – and he does the same thing with us. He waits until we are at our weakest moment, then offers us all we think we want or need. In his book, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Pope Benedict XVI says, *“At the heart of all temptations, as we see here, is the act of pushing God aside because we perceive him as secondary, if not actually superfluous and annoying, in comparison with all the apparently far more urgent matters that fill our lives.”*

Do not allow the “urgent matters” in your life to come before your relationship with God. Allow this Lenten season to be your time spent with Jesus in the desert. When we walk with Jesus through the desert of our lives, praying, fasting, and sacrificing, we share in the strength that leads Him...and us...to the victory of Easter.

Peace be with you,
Deacon Brian

PS – Please pray for our 2nd Grade Students as they finally get to attend their Dragon Slayers First Communion Retreat this afternoon. Their first scheduled date (four weeks ago) was rescheduled due to the snow.

LENT: SEASON OF

Joy & Hope

Sunday, February 22 | 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Hope Church

Come to Listen - Stay to Worship

Pat Oedy-Murray, from Catholic Radio (The Virtuous Life, The Morning Offering Show, The Bishop’s Corner) will discuss how our sufferings can be transformed by the cross and the Eucharist. This will be followed by a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

Votive Light by Our Lady – February 22-28, 2026

St. Gaspar
Rest in Peace, Wayne Gerber.

Our Lady of Hope
For all our 2nd Graders preparing for First Holy Communion.

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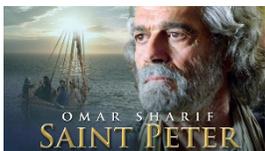
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 Please contact Andrew Morfier if you would like to purchase a ticket. Donations are currently being sought from businesses and parishioners to be used as prizes at the event. Monetary donations or gifts are accepted, but must be in new condition. Please contact Kathy Morfier for more information, or if you are interested in donating.

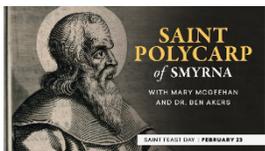
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Foretold From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch *Foretold* to rediscover God’s providential love for you.



Saint Peter Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



St. Polycarp | Catholic Saints Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of St. Polycarp, a second century bishop and martyr. St. Polycarp was a student of St. John

the Apostle, defended the faith against early heresies, and offered his life like Christ as a martyr.

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5. Enter your name and email address.

GRANDPARENTS’ PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

You have given us the privilege as well as the responsibility of being loving grandparents. In the name of Jesus, we ask You to guide us as we invite our grandchildren to hear Your call to service and leadership in our Church. May our grandchildren respond with deep faith and generosity to the needs of God’s people. Help us to be a source of encouragement to our grandchildren by our own desire to be committed people who serve with love and enthusiasm. Amen.

The Beatitudes
 the foundation of Discipleship
 for the Kingdom of God
**Mt. 5:5 - Blessed are the meek,
 for they shall inherit the earth**

O, the bliss of the man who is always angry at the right time and never angry at the wrong time, who has every instinct and impulse and passion under control because he himself is God-controlled, who has the humility to realize his own ignorance and his weakness, for such a man is a King among men!



HEARTBEAT HOPE SUPPLY DRIVE

The Confirmation class at Our Lady of Hope is sponsoring a drive for Heartbeat Hope Medical Pregnancy Center. The items they are in need of are: stamps, copy paper, toilet paper, garbage bags, newborn diapers, Size 6 diapers and up, Pull-Ups 4T, 5T, Enfamil NeuroPro formula (yellow can), clothing up to size 4T. Other sizes and items will be accepted, as well as monetary donations. A collection tote will be in the Vestibule until March 18 and monetary donations can be put in the collection marked “Heartbeat.” Being pro-life is much more than opposing legalized abortion; it’s about promoting a culture of life! Please consider donating today!

NOW ENROLLING AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL IN MONROEVILLE!

St. Joseph Catholic School & Preschool is now enrolling students for **Preschool through 8th Grade**. Grounded in Catholic values and academic excellence, we partner with families to educate the whole child, heart, mind, and spirit. Families are invited to our **Preschool Information Night on Tuesday, February 24** and our **PreK–8 Open House on Sunday, March 1** to learn more about our programs, meet our staff, and explore our community. **Join our St. Joseph family and give your child the gift of a Catholic education.** For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact 419-465-2625 or visit www.msjs.org.



The next EPIC gathering will be Sunday, March 8, at Our Lady of Hope! Join in the Social Hall at 5:00 p.m. for a meal with friends; then we’ll make our way to the church to pray the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. All high school youth are welcome to attend.



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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Monday, February 23</u>	<i>Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr</i>	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
<u>Tuesday, February 24</u>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (St. G)	
5:30 p.m.	Mass – Marvin Bumb (St. G)	
<u>Wednesday, February 25</u>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Raymond & Mary Ann Dentinger (OLH)	
<u>Thursday, February 26</u>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Agnes Seasley (OLH)	
<u>Friday, February 27</u>	<i>Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i>	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Rita Willman, Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (St. G)	
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (OLH)	
<u>Saturday, February 28</u>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
4:00 p.m.	Mass – Bob & Jo Dendinger (St. G)	
<u>Sunday, March 1</u>	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Mike Vollmar (St. G)	
10:00 a.m.	Mass – Living & Deceased of the Frank & Connie Miller Family (OLH)	
6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
	<i>Children’s Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mass</i>	

PSR NEWS

St. Gaspar: Wednesday, February 25, 6:15 p.m. – Class
Our Lady of Hope: Wednesday, February 25, 6:15 p.m. – Class / Lenten Reconciliation

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.

DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION Thursday, February 26, 1 p.m. until food distributed, First Lutheran Church parking lot. For Seneca County residents who meet federal poverty guidelines. Valid photo ID and proof of residency requested.

PERCH & SHRIMP DINNER Friday, March 6, 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.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST March 8, 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.

MASS FOR MISCARRIED BABIES Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Tiffin. Share a special Mass with families who have suffered miscarriage or stillborn births.

“THE CASE FOR LIFE” Sunday, March 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Activity Center, 36 Melmore St., Tiffin. Tiffin Right to Life invites you to a FREE educational program. This three-module video series will provide facts, dialogue and skills you need to discuss the abortion issue and the necessity of returning to a culture of life. Recommended for adults and high school students. Refreshments will be served. For more info, visit www.thecaseforlife.us.



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



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 28, 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Crista & Dan Stacklin

Minister of the Word: Chris Dick

Extraordinary Ministers: Crista Stacklin, Dan Stacklin, Amy Ferres

Servers: Rylly Stacklin, Lynnae Stacklin, Lily Stacklin

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

Sunday, March 1, 8:00 a.m.

Greeters: Marge Stockmaster, Charles Miller

Minister of the Word: Morgan Beat

Extraordinary Ministers: Dawn Reichert, Kim Schreiner, Rick Phillips

Servers: Jayden Johnson, Thomas Smith, Karlee Smith

Ushers: Marge Stockmaster, Rick Phillips, Joe Daniel, Charles Miller



Ministry Schedule

Monday, February 23, 9:00 a.m.

Carol Martin, Kathy Stephenson

Sunday, March 1, 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Dcn. Brian & Valerie Rhodes

Minister of the Word: Kay Fox

Extraordinary Ministers: Missy Hines, Dutch Shenefield, Jon Mackowiak, Jake Bowerman

Servers: Anderson Mennel, Mark Fry, Tyler Rhodes

Children's Liturgy: Jordyn & Julia Enders

Our Lady of Hope Parish Support

February 15, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	4,675.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	2,175.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	8,477.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	0.00
CHILDREN	\$	117.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	233.00

St. Gaspar Parish Support

February 15, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	2,293.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	(207.00)
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	21,977.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	360.00
CHILDREN	\$	44.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	200.00

THANK YOU! St. Gaspar Parishioners, We have had a brutal winter so far and thanks to you our Attica Food patrons have been able to stay warm. Your donations of coats and hats, etc. really made a difference.

Janie Miller and this year's confirmands were in charge of this project. You answered their request for warm items. Janie brought three huge totes to the pantry. I sorted everything according to kids and adult sizes. Four tables were full of new and gently used things.

There were extra items leftover when everyone took what they needed. Now I had to decide what to do with all the remaining items. I had no way of storing it.

Since you donate to the Pass It On Clothing Closet monthly, I decided to give to that worthwhile group. My husband and I delivered the remaining things there. They have a nice impressive setup.

The Beatitudes tell us to feed and clothe the poor. Your parish clothed and we fed the hungry. Thank you, Janie, Confirmands, and members of St. Gaspar. Working together we can make this a better world.

– Kathy Stephenson

THANK YOU! Thank you to all who baked and packaged the delicious cookie plate for Valentine's Day! Thanks also to Marge for delivering the goodies! That was very thoughtful.

– Eldon Falter

Thank you! Dear Ladies of the Altar Rosary Society, We sincerely thank you for seeing to every detail of the lovely funeral dinner you provided for our beloved dad, Russ Magers. From the chicken sandwiches to the mac & cheese to the wide variety of desserts, we heard so many compliments. Not to mention how sweet and kind each of you were to all dad's family & friends! Much appreciation!

– The Family of Russ Magers

thank you Dear members, Thanks for your recent donation of pasta sauce & personal items. Our clients love the variety. Everyone loves the drive-thru system and it is very efficient. God bless you for your continuous support.

Sincerely – Carol A. Guire, Bellevue Fish & Loaves

thank you so much Thank you to everyone who made our Valentine's Day so special. We are very thankful for all of you – the cookies were delicious!

– Marilyn & Denny Heiser

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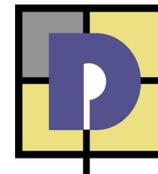
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