

*For to us a
Child is born,*

*to us a Son
is given.*

- Isaiah 9:6

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Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parish Family,

As we continue to rejoice in the grace and beauty of Christmas, I extend to each of you and your loved ones my heartfelt Christmas wishes. May the newborn Christ fill your homes with His light, peace, and hope, and may this holy season renew your faith and strengthen your trust in God’s loving presence.

Within the joy of Christmas, the Church invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Their home in Nazareth was not extraordinary by worldly standards, yet it was holy because God was at its center. The Holy Family reminds us that holiness is not found in perfection, but in faithfulness, love, sacrifice, and daily trust in God.

This feast calls us to reflect on our own families – traditional families, blended families, single-parent families, and our parish family as a whole. Like Mary and Joseph, families face uncertainty, challenges, and sacrifices. Yet when Christ is welcomed into the heart of the home, even ordinary moments become sacred. Prayer, forgiveness, patience, and mutual respect are the simple but powerful practices that build strong and holy families.

The Holy Family invites us to slow down and be present to one another. In a world often busy and distracted, take time to listen, to share meals, to pray together, and to care for one another, especially the elderly, the young, and those who feel alone. Our homes become schools of love when we choose kindness over anger, understanding over judgment, and unity over division.

As we move forward from Christmas into the New Year, may the Holy Family inspire us to make our homes places where faith is lived, love is shared, and God is honored. Let us also remember that as a parish, we are one family in Christ – called to support, encourage, and walk with one another. May the Holy Family of Nazareth bless your families with peace, joy, and abundant grace throughout the coming year.

Yours in Christ
Fr. Joseph

PS: Please keep me in your prayers for my safe travel, as I will be heading to India next Sunday for my vacation to be with my parents and family. Hoping to have a great time with the family this time. Your prayers are appreciated.



Pray
for Vocations

MONTHLY MASS FOR VOCATIONS

All are reminded of our monthly Mass for Vocations at Our Lady of Hope on Saturday, January 3, at 8:00 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for more priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters to serve the Church. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7:15 a.m. **The Sacrament of Healing will be administered after the Mass.**

Votive Light by Our Lady – December 28, 2025-January 3, 2026

St. Gaspar
For the protection of our homes, families
and loved ones.

Our Lady of Hope
Newly Baptized
Teresa Nicole Phillips.

CEMETERY PLOT PRICE INCREASE

The cost for a burial plot at Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery, St. Sebastian Cemetery, Reed Assumption Cemetery, and St. Michael Cemetery will be increased from \$400.00 (current)-\$500.00 (new price moving forward), effective February 1, 2026. Refer to the inside front cover of each bulletin for the appropriate cemetery contact information to purchase your plots. Thank you!

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 live auction. If you can help sell tickets or would like to purchase a ticket or two, please stop in the vestibule after Mass or contact the parish office for an envelope of five tickets.

ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY MARDI GRAS VIRTUAL REVERSE RAFFLE

Friday, February 13, 2026. Cost: \$50.00 Includes: one Reverse Raffle Number, one Entry for the Chance to Win \$500 and one 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 in Prizes. Last Ticket: \$2,000.00, 2nd to Last: \$1,000.00, 3rd to Last: \$550.00, 4th to Last: \$350.00, 5th to Last: \$150.00. 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.

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.

THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO is in compliance with the articles of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (Charter) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance. Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth. The last three-year audit was conducted in September 2024 and all audited Articles within the Charter were found to be compliant. The next on-site audit will be conducted in 2027. The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 419-214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.



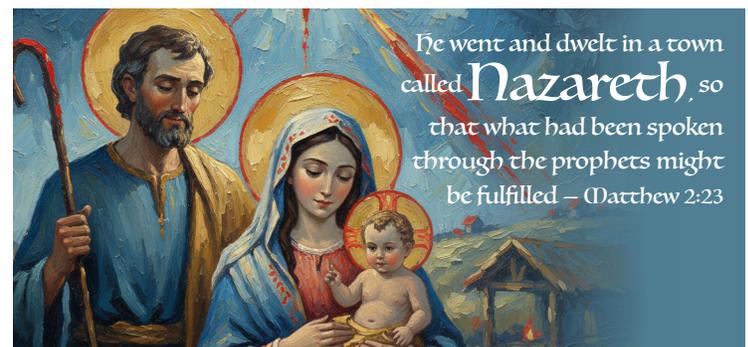
REV. JOSEPH A. WEIGMAN, a retired Priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Saturday, December 6, 2025.

He was born in Fremont to the late Susanne (Haubert) and Albert Weigman on August 14, 1961. He attended St. Ann School, and graduated from Ross High School in 1979. He graduated from Miami University in 1983 with a degree in Marketing. After a couple of years of working in the corporate world, he entered St. Meinrad Seminary in southern Indiana, and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Toledo on June 8, 1991.

As a priest, Fr. Joe served at many parishes: St. John the Baptist, Toledo (1991-93); St. Thomas More University, Bowling Green (1993-98); St. Meinrad Seminary (1998-2004, where he was a Spiritual Director); and St. Michael the Archangel, Findlay (2004). Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in March 1991, he had to take a health leave of absence in 2005. Fr. Joe eventually retired for health reasons, and moved to the Sacred Heart Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Oregon in 2006. In 2021, he moved to St. Clare Commons in Perrysburg.

Though officially retired, Fr. Joe felt called to continue his priestly ministry. While serving as house chaplain in Oregon, he also ministered at Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School (2006-10) and at Mercy St. Charles Hospital (2016-21). In Perrysburg, in addition to house chaplaincy, he ministered at St. John XXIII Parish.

Please remember Joe Weigman in your prayers.



THIS WEEK ON FORMED – DECEMBER 28, 2025



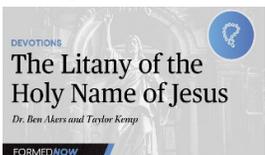
New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the

Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



The Holy Family We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine

Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

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1. Go to www.formed.org.
2. Click on "sign up."
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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Monday, December 29</u>	<i>Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</i>	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
<u>Tuesday, December 30</u>	<i>Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
4:45 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
5:30 p.m.	Mass – Rev. Joseph A. Weigman (St. G)	
<u>Wednesday, December 31</u>	<i>Saint Sylvester I, Pope</i>	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Bob Langjahr, Rev. Joseph A. Weigman (OLH)	
6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
<u>Thursday, January 1</u>	<i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Anthony Schock (OLH)	
6:00 p.m.	Mass – Living & Deceased Members of the Gus & Catherine McConnell Family (St G)	
<u>Friday, January 2</u>	<i>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church</i>	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St G)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Rita Willman, Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (St. G)	
<u>Saturday, January 3</u>	<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	1 Jn 2:29–3:6; Jn 1:29-34
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – L/D Seven Saints K of C, L/D Our Lady of Hope & St. Gaspar Parishes (OLH)	
	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
4:00 p.m.	Mass – Marvin Bumb, Rev. Joseph A. Weigman (St. G)	
<u>Sunday, January 4</u>	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Krista Sturdevant (St. G)	
10:00 a.m.	Mass – Agnes Seasley, Frank Miller (OLH)	
	<i>Children’s Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mass</i>	

PSR NEWS

St. Gaspar: Wednesday, December 31 - No PSR – Happy New Year!
Our Lady of Hope: Wednesday, December 31 - No PSR – Happy New Year!

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.

PERCH & SHRIMP DINNER

Friday, January 9, 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.

SCIENCE DAYS FOR KIDS

January 19, 8am-12pm at Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, 194 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin. Ages 5-10 years old Theme: *T-Rexperiments*. Embark on a prehistoric adventure at our Dinosaur Science Day! Dig into the past by making your own fossils, uncover the secrets of ancient creatures with a hands-on dinosaur DNA activity, and unleash your creativity as you build your very own dinosaur model. Join us for a day of discovery, creation, and colossal fun! Register online at: <https://popsicle.app/parents/FELC/activities>. Cost: \$30.00. Scholarships Available. For more info, contact Hannah Watson at 419-448-7485, hwatson@felctiffin.org.

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.



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



Ministry Schedule

Thursday, January 1, 6:00 p.m.

Greeters: Gary & Kathy Siesel
Minister of the Word: Joanne Bernard
Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Siesel, Gerald C. Miller, Dick Bernard
Servers: Caroline Reed, Logan Reed, Oliver Reed
Ushers: Gary & Kathy Siesel

Saturday, January 3, 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Dan & Crista Stacklin
Minister of the Word: Crista Stacklin
Extraordinary Ministers: Sandra Ruffing, Crista Stacklin, Dan Stacklin
Servers: Rylly Stacklin, Lynnae Stacklin, Lily Stacklin
Ushers: Dan & Crista Stacklin, Kathi Miller, Sandra Ruffing

Sunday, January 4, 8:00 a.m.

Greeters: Marge Stockmaster, Denise Bell
Minister of the Word: Patti Page
Extraordinary Ministers: Denise Bell, Joanne Bernard, Dick Bernard
Servers: Caroline Reed, Logan Reed, Oliver Reed
Ushers: Marge Stockmaster, Denise Bell, Ron Alt, Joe Daniel

St. Gaspar Parish Support

December 21, 2025

OFFERTORY	\$	4,010.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	1,510.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	16,342.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	1,080.00
CHILDREN	\$	14.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	350.00
CHRISTMAS YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	1,445.00

FISH & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY is requesting donations of Mac & Cheese for the month of January. 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 January is gloves, mittens, hats (for all ages).

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.



Welcome to the Newly Baptized
Teresa Nicole Phillips
 daughter of Jordan & Megan Phillips



Ministry Schedule

Monday, December 29, 9:00 a.m.

Ginny Holmer, Kathy Stephenson

Thursday, January 1, 8:00 a.m.

Hospitality: 1 needed
Minister of the Word: Rob Molyett
Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Hahler, Linda Molyett, Craig Hahler
Servers: 1-3 needed

Sunday, January 4, 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Craig & Kris Hahler
Minister of the Word: Mia Holmes
Extraordinary Ministers: Dutch Shenefield, Denise Bowerman, Jake Bowerman, Deb Briggs
Servers: Lukas, Oliver & Blaise Mackowiak
Children’s Liturgy: Jordyn & Julia Enders

Our Lady of Hope Parish Support

December 21, 2025

OFFERTORY	\$	3,036.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	536.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	6,467.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	20.00
CHILDREN	\$	246.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	353.00
CHRISTMAS YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	2,360.00

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.

Adoration

of the
 Blessed Sacrament



FINISH 2025 STRONG!

Join at Our Lady of Hope for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, December 31, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

ATTENTION OUR LADY OF HOPE

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Please remember to help cleanse the vessels in the priest’s sacristy after Mass. If you’re not sure of the process, please ask another minister or contact the office. Thank you for your ministry!



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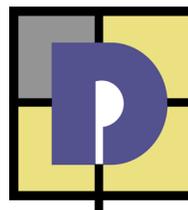
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