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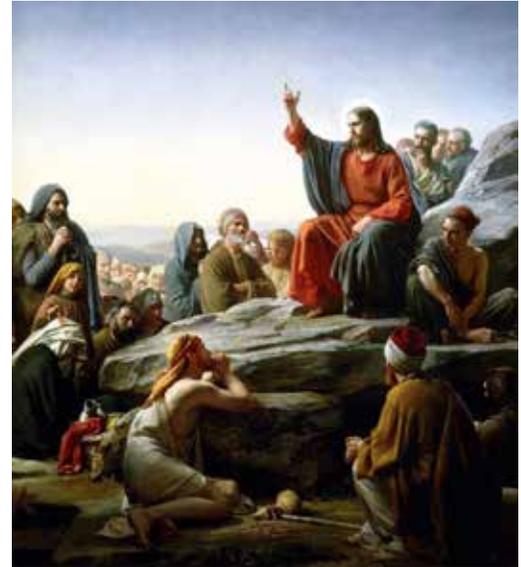
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**Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon**

**THE BEATITUDES:  
JESUS' PORTRAIT OF DIVINE HAPPINESS**

Imagine standing on a hillside with the crowd, listening to Jesus proclaim words that turn the world's idea of blessing upside down: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Let's uncover the profound beauty of the Beatitudes from Matthew's Gospel – not as a list of rules, but as Jesus' self-portrait and our invitation to holiness.



In the Beatitudes, Jesus reveals his own heart, embodying poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, purity, and peacemaking. As Pope Benedict XVI teaches, these virtues mirror Christ's life: He who was truly poor, mourned our sins, hungered for justice, and made peace through His cross. Yet the Beatitudes are more – they describe the way of discipleship, drawing us into the Kingdom where we live under God's loving rule. Like St. Augustine's totus Christus – the whole Christ, head and members—the Beatitudes unite Jesus' identity with ours, conforming us to Him.

Picture a modern family strained by division. The parent who chooses meekness over anger, mercy over revenge, mirrors Jesus' prayerful communion with the Father. Jesus' own prayer, especially the Our Father, pulls us into this filial dialogue of love. He invites us: "Pray then like this..." (Mt 6:9), sharing His intimacy with God so we become true children. In a world chasing power and pleasure, the Beatitudes expose false happiness, pointing to eternal joy in God's family.

Apply this today: When facing loss, be poor in spirit – rely on God alone. In conflicts, choose peacemaking. At work or home, hunger for righteousness amid injustice. These aren't abstract ideals; they're daily training in Jesus' mindset (Phil 2:5; Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus), forming us through prayer and sacraments.

Here's your concrete step: This week, pray one Beatitude daily, asking Jesus to live it in you.

In summary, the Beatitudes aren't burdens but blessings—Jesus' call to share His divine life. Let us pray: Heavenly Father, through your Son's Beatitudes, draw us into your heart. Make us poor in spirit, meek, merciful—true disciples. Amen.

**2025 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS** were sent via bulk mail to each contributor from **both parishes** on January 16, 2026. Bulk mail sometimes takes a little longer than first class, so they should be delivered soon. Please contact the parish office if you were expecting a report but did not receive it. Thank you for your continued support of both parishes!



**CANCELED – MONTHLY MASS FOR VOCATIONS**

Our monthly Mass for Vocation at Our Lady of Hope is canceled for February. We will resume when Fr. Joseph returns. Please continue to pray for many more priestly vocations in our diocese!

**Votive Light by Our Lady – February 1-7, 2026**

St. Gaspar  
Increase in Vocations to Religious Life.

Our Lady of Hope  
Increase in Vocations to Religious Life.

 **LADY of HOPE**  
Catholic Parish

**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

**REVERSE RAFFLE**

Ticket: \$35.00 (includes one dinner)

Extra Meal Ticket (at the door): \$14

Grand Prize – 300th ticket: \$1,000.00

299th ticket – \$500.00

1st, 150th, 296th, 297th, 298th tickets – \$100.00

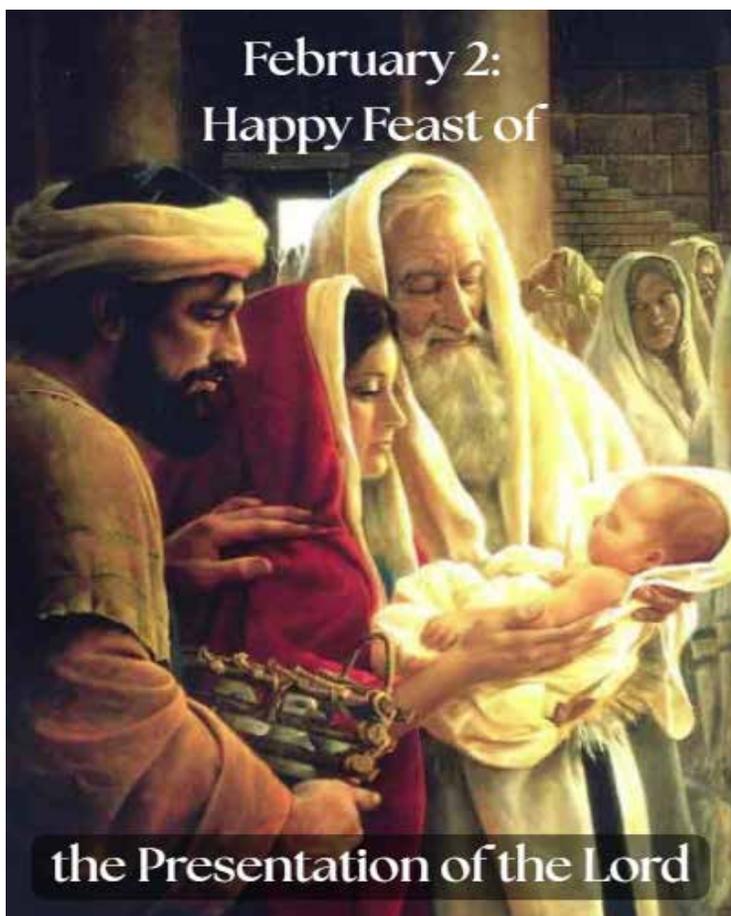
Every 10th ticket – \$35.00

**OLH REVERSE RAFFLE TICKETS:** If you can help sell the remaining 35 tickets or would like to purchase a ticket or two, please stop in the vestibule after Mass or contact the parish office. Please return all sold and unsold tickets.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for kitchen and dining room setup, food prep and cooking, cut and package desserts, serving, clearing tables, kitchen cleanup (dishwashing), floor raffle sales, auction item presenters and end-of-the-night cleanup. Please sign up in the vestibule.

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED – PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE VESTIBULE:** Please bring nonperishable items to the Social Hall by Monday, February 16. Pies and desserts need to be brought in before 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 21.

**OLH REVERSE RAFFLE AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED:** We currently have 12 items for the Auction. Please have items brought to the Social Hall before Ash Wednesday, February 18, so we can list them on the Auction sheet and have the auctioneer card ready. Please mark items with the donor's name (or anonymous) and value. Please contact Pam Wise, Janeen Melroy, or the parish office if you will be donating anything for the raffle.



**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](http://www.tiffinfranciscans.org), or call 419-447-0435. Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, February 6. Over \$5,000.00 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.

**THIS WEEK ON FORMED –  
FEBRUARY 1, 2026**



**The Presentation** The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested and reaches its fulfillment at Calvary.



**The Martyrs | Littlest Saints** When a young Christian girl is arrested and imprisoned in ancient Rome, she hears stories of martyrs like St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Lawrence the Deacon—will she find the strength to make the ultimate sacrifice for her faith?



**Martyrs and Monastics** Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss her Short Course: Martyrs and Monastics. Who are the early Church martyrs? What fueled their witness to the faith? How did monasticism develop? These questions and more are addressed in this show.

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

**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 next EPIC gathering will be Sunday, February 15, in Our Lady of Hope Social Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The Culture Project will be here to talk about Social Media! All high school youth are welcome to attend.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 2	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
Tuesday, February 3	<i>Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop</i>	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday, February 4	<i>Weekday</i>	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday, February 5	<i>Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday, February 6	<i>Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>	Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday, February 7	<i>Weekday</i>	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass – Rev. James Holmer, Sandy Stockmaster (St. G)</b>
Sunday, February 8	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass – Marvin Bumb (St. G)</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass – Frank Miller, Joe Phillips (OLH)</b>
		<i>Children's Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mass</i>

## PSR NEWS

**St. Gaspar:** Wednesday, February 4, 6:15 p.m. – Class  
**Our Lady of Hope:** Wednesday, February 4, 6:15 p.m. – Class

**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.

**PERCH & SHRIMP DINNER**

Friday, February 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**

February 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.

**OUR LADY OF HOPE & ST. GASPAR VALENTINE COOKIE PLATES AND GIFT BAGS**

On Monday, February 9, at 6:00 p.m. in Our Lady of Hope Social Hall, the Rosary Altar Societies and our High School students will join together to assemble goodie plates for those in need of our loving care due to age, illness, sorrow, or loneliness and gift bags for those in the nursing home. Gift bag items (socks, tissues, wipes, lotions, shampoo, powder, toothpaste, toothbrush, body wash, deodorant, puzzle books, etc.) may be left in a tote in the Server's Sacristy. Cookies may be dropped off in Our Lady of Hope Social Hall. **All are welcome** to help package and deliver the plates and/or gift bags. If you have any questions, contact Becky Allgyre at 419-937-6369.

**HEALING FOR A CAREGIVER'S HEART RETREAT**

Saturday, February 21, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Ministry Center Workshop, 204 W. Wayne Street, Maumee, OH 43537. Retreat designed to bring hope and healing to caregivers. Presented by Carol Kurivial & Kristen (Kurivial) Hug of Luminous Ministries. Lunch included. Register: <https://toledodiocese.regfox.com/caretakers-retreat>. Supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal in partnership with the Diocese of Toledo Accessibility Ministries. In case of cancellation due to weather, makeup date is March 28.

**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](mailto:dkidd@toledodiocese.org) or 419-214-4945. To register, visit [toledopriesthood.org](http://toledopriesthood.org) and click "Events."



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 7, 4:00 p.m.

**Greeters:** Dan and Crista Stacklin

**Minister of the Word:** Crista Stacklin

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Mary Swartz,  
Crista Stacklin, Dan Stacklin

**Servers:** Ryly Stacklin, Lynnae Stacklin, Lily Stacklin

**Ushers:** Dan Stacklin, Tammy Daniel,  
Kathi Miller, Steve Dendinger

#### Sunday, February 8, 8:00 a.m.

**Greeters:** Marge Stockmaster, Denise Bell

**Minister of the Word:** Herb Wise

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Gerald C. Miller,  
Denise Bell, Rick Phillips

**Servers:** Owen Wise,  
Grayson Schreiner, Jayden Johnson

**Ushers:** Marge Stockmaster, Denise Bell,  
Ron Alt, Rick Phillips



### Ministry Schedule

#### Monday, February 2, 9:00 a.m.

Carol Martin, Judi Ludban

#### Sunday, February 8, 10:00 a.m.

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

**Minister of the Word:** Megan Rhodes

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Ruth & Patrick Pifher,  
Deb Briggs, Kay Fox

**Servers:** Blair Beagle, Anderson & Alsatia Mennel

**Children's Liturgy:** Allie Smith, Kayleigh Walliser

### Our Lady of Hope Parish Support

**January 25, 2026**

Due to Mass being canceled January 25 because of the extreme cold and snow, no new collection information is available. Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Hope Parish!

### St. Gaspar Parish Support

**January 25, 2026**

Due to Masses being canceled January 24 & 25 because of the extreme cold and snow, no new collection information is available. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gaspar del Bufalo Parish!

**FISH & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY** is requesting donations of Canned Fruit for the month of February. 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.

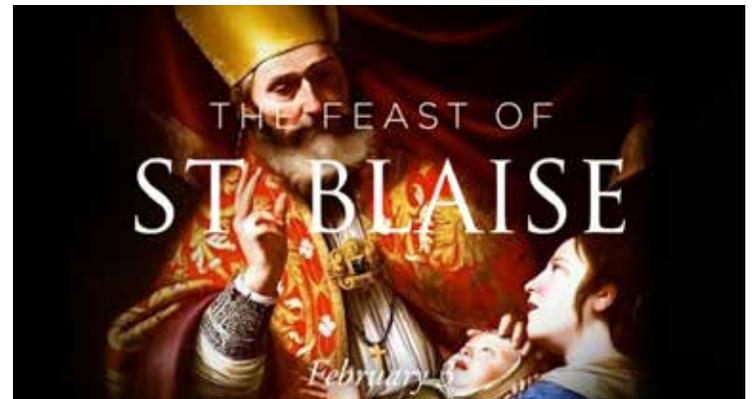
Their wish list for the month of February is **Children's Socks**.

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.

**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, Lanciaio, Loreto, Assisi, Orvieto, etc. \$6,474.00 per person from Cleveland or Detroit Airports. Book Now: [www.206tours.com/frobinwa/italy](http://www.206tours.com/frobinwa/italy) using booking code CO071326. Contact info: [cara@206tours.com](mailto:cara@206tours.com) 800-206-9687.

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*Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.*

**COME AWAY BELOVED** Saturday, February 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, 4106 State Route 269, Bellevue. Retreat Presenter: Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, C.P.P.S. This Lenten retreat, three days after Lent begins, will help us experience the invitation of Jesus to be with Him in the mystical desert of the Lenten season. Call the Shrine office at 419-483-3435, option 4 to register. \$25.00 Registration Fee. Lunch provided.

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT** March 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 6149 Hill Avenue, Toledo, OH 43615. This day of reflection is an opportunity for men, ages 14-35 to learn practical methods of prayer and discernment that will help them better understand God's plan for their life. For more information, contact Fr. David Kidd, [dkidd@toledodiocese.org](mailto:dkidd@toledodiocese.org), or 419-214-4945. Register by March 1 at [toledopriesthood.org](http://toledopriesthood.org) (click Events).



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