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Saturday	4:00 p.m.	At Our Lady of Hope (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

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Saturday:	3:00 p.m.	At Our Lady of Hope (May thru October) At St. Gaspar (November thru April)
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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,

There are moments in life when we pray and wonder, “Lord, are You listening?” We pray for a loved one who is sick, for a child who has lost direction, for healing in a marriage, for peace in our family, or for strength in the midst of a difficult situation. Sometimes we pray for days, months, or even years, and nothing seems to change. In those moments, it is easy to become discouraged and wonder whether God has heard us.

This Sunday’s Gospel gives us a beautiful example of a faith that refuses to give up. A Canaanite woman comes to Jesus because her daughter is suffering. She cries out, “Lord, help me.” At first, Jesus does not seem to respond. Yet she does not walk away. She continues to trust and continues to plead. Her faith is stronger than her disappointment.

Finally, Jesus tells her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” I find something very comforting in this Gospel. Jesus does not praise her because everything was easy for her. He praises her because she kept believing even when things were difficult.

Perhaps there is someone reading this who needs to hear that message today: Do not give up. Keep praying. Keep trusting. Keep holding on to Jesus.

Faith does not mean that we will never have questions, fears, tears, or moments of discouragement. Faith means that, even with all these things, we continue to place our lives in God’s hands.

I encourage each of you to nurture your faith every day. Make time for prayer, even when you are busy. Come faithfully to Sunday Mass. Spend a few moments with the Scriptures. Bring your burdens before the Lord. Receive the Sacraments with an open heart. And, above all, teach your children and grandchildren by your own example that God is faithful and can always be trusted.

This week, when you face a difficulty, instead of saying, “I cannot handle this,” try saying, “Jesus, I trust in You. Hold my hand and help me through this.” The Lord may not always remove the storm immediately, but He will never abandon us in the storm.

May the unwavering faith of the Canaanite woman inspire all of us to remain faithful, especially when life becomes difficult. And may we never forget: the hand of Jesus is always reaching out to us. All we need to do is hold on.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph

P.S. As children get ready to begin the school year, next weekend we will have a special blessing for the children and blessing of the backpacks at all weekend Masses.



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

NEXT WEEKEND - SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 & 23

All students are invited to bring their backpacks with them to Mass to have them blessed for the upcoming school year.

PLEASE GATHER IN THE VESTIBULE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF MASS!

Votive Light by Our Lady – August 16-22, 2026

St. Gaspar

Newly Baptized – Ellianna Claire Vasquez

Our Lady of Hope

For all School Staff as they prepare to begin a new school year.

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Sunday, August 16, 6:00 p.m., at the Huron Boat Basin Amphitheatre. GOD IS GOOD! Let us praise Him. A summer praise and worship gathering for all ages. Food Trucks serving at 5:00 p.m. Rain-out location is St. Peter's Gym. Sponsored by the Sandusky and Huron Catholic Communities.



Reverend Nicholas J. Cunningham, Priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Saturday, July 25, 2026. Please remember him in your prayers.

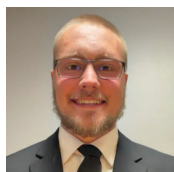


Reverend Monsignor Kenneth G. Morman, Senior Status Priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Tuesday, July 28, 2026. Please remember him in your prayers.



Reverend James E. Auth, Senior Status Priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Thursday, August 6, 2026. Please remember him in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



The Diocese of Toledo is pleased to announce that Bishop Daniel E. Thomas has accepted Aaron Reichert as a seminarian for the diocese. Aaron is a parishioner of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Van Wert and a graduate of Van Wert High School. He recently completed his freshman year

at Trine University, where he studied civil engineering. This fall, Aaron will begin the propaedeutic stage of priestly formation at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus. Please pray for Aaron and all of our seminarians!

MARCH FOR LIFE

March for Life Registration for the 2027 Toledo Diocese March for Life annual pilgrimage is open! You are invited to join the Diocese of Toledo and thousands of other pro-life Americans as we march against abortion and build a culture of life. Cost is \$325.00 per person – covers travel, dinner upon arrival, and two nights at the Hyatt Place on the National Mall in Washington DC. We will be traveling with some of our most well-known priests in the Diocese, religious sisters, and many of your brothers and sisters in Christ. **Basic Itinerary:** Buses leave from St. John XXIII on Thursday, January 21st. We will celebrate Mass at the National Basilica and have plenty of time to see some sights following the March. We will return on Saturday, January 23rd. Visit toledodiocese.org/marchforlife to register.

Walk for Vocations Msgr. Tad Oxley, Fr. David Kidd, and Fr. Joseph Mominee will be walking 70+ miles over five days in prayer and sacrifice for an increase in vocations to the Diocesan priesthood. You are welcome to join for all five days, one day, or even a portion of one day.

Sunday, September 27

- Start: 2:00 p.m. | Rosary Cathedral, Toledo
- End: 7:00 p.m. | St. Joseph, Maumee

Monday, September 28

- Start: 9:00 a.m. | St. Joseph, Maumee
- End: 5:30 p.m. | St. Thomas More, Bowling Green

Mass offered upon arrival

Tuesday, September 29

- Start: 9:00 a.m. | St. Thomas More, Bowling Green, then walking through the St. Aloysius, Bowling Green campus
- End: 6:00 p.m. | Holy Family, North Baltimore

Mass offered upon arrival

Wednesday, September 30

- Start: 8:00 a.m. | Holy Family, North Baltimore
- End: 5:00 p.m. | St. Michael, Findlay

Mass offered upon arrival

Thursday, October 1

- Start: 8:00 a.m. | St. Michael, Findlay
- End: 5:00 p.m. | Our Lady of Consolation, Carey

Closing Mass offered upon arrival

Meet at the departure location for that day. Bring water and a packed lunch. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Plan for transportation back to your vehicle at the end of the day. You do not need to register to join the walk for vocations, but you're welcome to! It gives us a better idea of numbers for planning purposes. Mark your calendar to intentionally pray and fast for an increase in vocations to the Diocese of Toledo during the Walk for Vocations. Do this in addition to your regular Hail Mary per day and Friday fasting for diocesan priestly vocations. To register to walk or view and sign up for volunteer opportunities during the walk, visit toledodiocese.org/walk.



OUR LADY of HOPE

Catholic Parish

OCTOBER Fest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

TICKET & INFORMATIONAL PACKETS
Again, this year, we are utilizing the joint bulk mailing permit. Please watch for your Octoberfest envelope in your mailbox.

ADVERTISING FLYERS
Please help advertise our Octoberfest by posting the flyer that is included in your informational and raffle ticket envelope in public places. Additional flyers are available in the vestibule.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS
We are depending on our parishioners for all Silent Auction donations. Please consider personal donations or asking businesses you patronize for a donation to our Octoberfest Silent Auction. Items may be brought to the Social Hall marked with the donor's name (or anonymous) and value.
Items will be needed by Monday, October 5.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Monday, August 17</u>	<i>Weekday</i>	Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22
<u>Tuesday, August 18</u>	<i>Weekday</i>	Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
4:45 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
5:30 p.m.	Mass – August Stacklin, Fred & Mary Lou Eldred (St. G)	
<u>Wednesday, August 19</u>	<i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i>	Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Tom Holmer, Steve Willman (OLH)	
<u>Thursday, August 20</u>	<i>Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i>	Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Paul Siesel (OLH)	
<u>Friday, August 21</u>	<i>Saint Pius X, Pope</i>	Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Don Scherley, Rita Willman, Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (St. G)	
<u>Saturday, August 22</u>	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12
	<i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
4:00 p.m.	Mass – Lucille Schock (OLH)	
<u>Sunday, August 23</u>	<i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Bill Kolker (St. G)	
10:00 a.m.	Mass – Ralph & Paul Miller, Roger Lease (OLH)	
	<i>Children's Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mass starting August 23</i>	

PSR NEWS

Both Parishes – Catechist Kickoff Potluck Gathering – Wednesday, August 26, 6:00 p.m. at St. Gaspar Parish Hall

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.

Marian Songs & Prayers Sunday, August 16, 3:00 p.m. in the Indoor Chapel at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine – Celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Reception with light refreshments to follow in the Shrine Cafeteria.

Summer Festival at St. Bernard Saturday-Sunday, August 22-23, 2026, St. Bernard Church, New Washington.

Saturday: Corn Hole Tournament 4:00 p.m., food stand, beer, live entertainment – Dave Sullivan & Mark Teglovic from 5:45-7:30 p.m. **Sunday:** BBQ chicken or ham dinners with homemade dressing served 11:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (dine-in, 2 drive-thru lines & carryout). Bingo 1:00-4:00 p.m., Kiddie Tractor Pull 3:00 p.m. (register at 2:00 p.m.); entertainment – Roger and Robin 4:15-5:45 p.m., NW Town Band 6:00-7:00 p.m., raffles, hourly drawings, crafts, games, refreshments, \$1,000.00 Reverse Raffle, 43rd Annual Dutchtown 5K Run starts at 10:30 a.m.

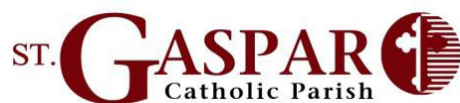
Bismark Senior/Community Center Annual Festival Sunday, August 23, 5582 Bismark Road, Bellevue. Serving 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Menu: chicken noodle soup, shredded chicken or pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, macaroni salad, coleslaw, and choice of desserts which includes Amish pies & cakes. Grilled burgers & brats available outside 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Carryout available. Live music, bounce house, raffle items, car/truck/tractor/motorcycle show, 50/50, Country Store. Raffle drawing at 2:00 p.m. Questions? Call 419-577-0828 or see our Facebook page.

Dine to Donate Fundraiser! Thursday, August 27, 2026 between 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Support the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center and Seeds of Hope Farm by eating at Xcaret Mexican Restaurant. 15% of your dine-in or carry-out order will be donated to the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center (FELC) – just mention FELC to your server when you order, show them the Facebook post or hand them the printed flyer.

Immaculate Conception Parish La Dolce Vita - "Sweet Days of Summer" Festival August 29 & 30, 231 E. Center Street, Bellevue. Saturday, August 29 – Adult Night Out – Polish Kielbasa & Perogies, Live Music, Adult Beverages. Sunday, August 30 – Fun for all ages – Chicken Dinner, Progressive Raffle, Games of Skill & Chance for Adults & Children, Petting Zoo, Bounce House, Pony Rides, Farm Market, Flower Market, DIY Crafts, Ice Cream, Italian Sausage, Fair Foods, Prizes, and More. Contact the parish office with questions at 419-483-3417.



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



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, August 23, 8:00 a.m.

Greeters: Charles Miller, Cory Mull

Minister of the Word: Joanne Bernard

Extraordinary Ministers: Mattie & Steve Miller, Cory Mull

Servers: Caroline, Oliver & Logan Reed

Ushers: Charles Miller, Cory Mull, Patti Page, Scott Schreiner

St. Gaspar Parish Support

August 9, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	3,029.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,750.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	279.00
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	(1,359.00)
MAINTENANCE	\$	410.00
CHILDREN	\$	24.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	200.00

Fish & Loaves Food Pantry is requesting donations of Tuna for the month of August. 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 August is **jeans/pants & back-to school**. The box for both organizations is located in the St. Gaspar Church entrance year-round.

Attica Food Pantry Our Lady of Hope was in charge of the pantry in July. We had a good month and served about 35 families. Someone new is joining our pantry family, Andrea Saylor, a member of our parish. After many years of helping at the pantry, I am stepping back and Andrea is taking my place. I am very grateful to her for volunteering. I did not want to leave the other churches to fill our place. I'm leaving the pantry in very good hands. Thank you, Andrea. We had lots of help from packing boxes, unloading the truck, giving out, and carrying out our patrons' groceries. Sheri Bogner, Tom Daniel, Donna Enders, Don Essinger, Evelyn Langjahr, Andrea Saylor, Cady and Avery Schwab, and Ray Stephenson did a great job. Thank you for helping feed the poor. On the list you see a new name, Don Essinger. He is taking Raymond's spot. I want to thank everyone who was able to help me all these years working or praying for us to continue God's work.

– Kathy Stephenson

Drive-through Food Distribution Thursday, August 27, 1:00 p.m. until food is distributed, First Lutheran Church parking lot, 300 Melmore Street, Tiffin. For Seneca County residents who meet federal poverty guidelines. Valid photo ID and proof of residency requested.

Seven Saints K of C August Youth Drawing Winners: Tom Fullen, Jacob Hahler, Ben Molyett, Kevin Scherley, SAL Squadron #260

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Ministry Schedule

Monday, August 17, 9:00 a.m.

Anne Fry, Geri Bordner

Saturday, August 22, 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Ann Beaton

Minister of the Word: Dutch Shenefield

Extraordinary Minister: Dutch Shenefield

Servers: If servers are present, please come forward

Sunday, August 23, 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Craig & Kris Hahler

Minister of the Word: Clint Lease

Extraordinary Ministers: Janeen Melroy, Anderson Mennel, Rob Molyett, Ann Myers

Servers: Lukas, Oliver & Blaise Mackowiak

Children's Liturgy: Valerie Bordner, Mia Holmes

Our Lady of Hope Parish Support

August 9, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	2,275.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,750.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	(475.00)
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	2,039.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	438.00
CHILDREN	\$	225.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	857.00

Trailer For Sale The former Octoberfest trailer at Our Lady of Hope will soon be empty and ready to be sold and removed from the campus. Please contact the parish office for details if you are interested.

2026-27 Catechist Kickoff Potluck Gathering Wednesday, August 26, 6:00 p.m. at St. Gaspar Parish Hall. We as catechists, echoers of our faith, are looking forward to a wonderful year of sharing our faith with your children and youth!

2026-27 Job Openings at St. Francis Xavier School, Willard

After School Care Staff – Approximately 2:30–5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Position provides a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment for students after the school day ends. The ideal candidate enjoys working with children, demonstrates strong communication skills, and is committed to maintaining a positive and nurturing atmosphere.

One-on-One Educational Aide – Approximately 4.5 hours per day, Monday-Friday during the school day. Position provides individualized support to a student with disabilities, helping them access the curriculum, participate in classroom activities, and achieve success in a safe, faith-filled learning environment. The Educational Aide will work closely with the classroom teacher and school staff to support the student's academic, behavioral, social, and emotional needs while promoting independence and inclusion.

To Apply, submit a resume and a brief letter of interest via email to principal, Brittany Craddolph, brittanycraddolph@sfxwillard.net. Applications accepted until positions are filled.



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Baked Goods Auction**

Wednesday, August 12a - Dialed Action Sports BMX & FMX

Thursday, August 13a - Pig Scramble

Friday, August 14a - A-Bar Rodeo / Bulls & Barrels

**Saturday, August 15a - Attica Jr. Fair Livestock Sale
OSTPA Tractor & Truck Pull
Tri-County Garden Tractor Pull**