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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

RECONCILIATION:

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,

Life has a way of bringing storms into our lives. Sometimes they come in the form of illness, financial struggles, family conflicts, loneliness, or uncertainty about the future. During such moments, we often feel like the disciples in today's Gospel—tossed about by the waves, frightened, and wondering where God is.

The image of St. Peter walking on the water is both inspiring and deeply human. At Jesus' invitation, Peter courageously steps out of the boat and begins to walk toward the Lord. However, the moment he shifts his attention from Jesus to the strength of the wind and waves, fear takes over, and he begins to sink. How often that happens in our own lives! When

our eyes are fixed on Christ, we find courage and peace. But when we focus only on our problems, doubts, and fears, our faith weakens. Yet even then, Peter teaches us a beautiful prayer: "Lord, save me!" Immediately, Jesus stretches out His hand and catches him. Our Lord never abandons those who cry out to Him.

Today's readings remind us that God often speaks not in dramatic displays of power, but in the gentle whisper. Like Elijah, we must learn to quiet our hearts so that we can recognize God's comforting presence, especially during difficult times. St. Paul reveals his deep love and concern for his own people. His sorrow reminds us that genuine faith always moves us to pray and care for the salvation of others.

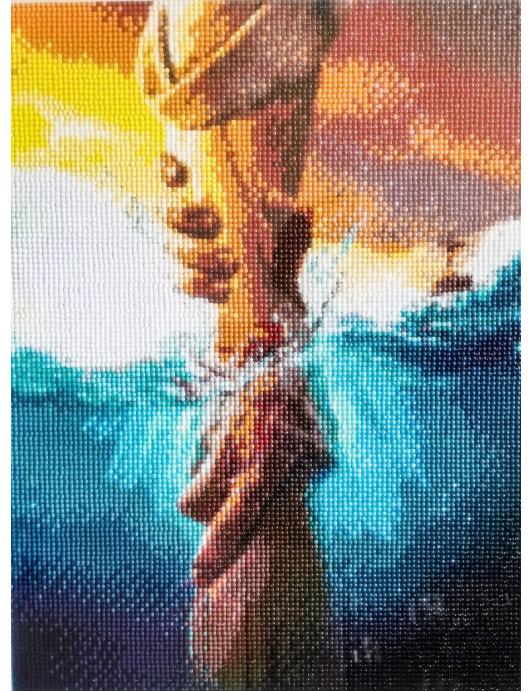
This Sunday, we are invited to ask ourselves: Where is my focus? Am I looking more at the storms around me than at the Savior who walks beside me? Jesus continues to extend His hand to us in every Eucharist, every prayer, and every act of grace. Let us not be afraid to place our trust in Him.

Finally, this week, on August 15, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary trusted God completely throughout her life, even when she did not understand His plan. Because of her faithful "yes," she now shares fully in the glory of her Son. Let us turn to our Blessed Mother and seek her loving intercession. May she teach us to trust Jesus in every storm and hold firmly to His outstretched hand, leading us safely to our heavenly home. May God bless you and your families with the gift of steadfast faith.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph

P.S. Though attending Mass on August 15 is not obligatory this year, due to falling on a Saturday, Mass will be offered at Our Lady of Hope. Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 7:15 a.m., followed by Mass at 8:00 a.m. Please join and honor our Blessed Mother on this Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Votive Light by Our Lady – August 9-15, 2026

St. Gaspar

Newly Baptized – Benedict Xavier Reed

Our Lady of Hope

In honor of our mother, The Blessed Virgin Mary

Attention, PSR Families from BOTH Parishes Your family should have received a letter in the mail with information and forms for the 2026-2027 PSR year. Please contact Janie Miller or the parish office if you did not.

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.

JOIN US for
amplify²⁶

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.



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.



ST. GASPAR Catholic Parish			
2026 SUMMER FESTIVAL FINANCIAL REPORT			
	Income	Expense	Net Profit
Dinner / Donations	\$ 19,056.00	\$ 8,611.78	\$ 10,444.22
Raffle Tickets	\$ 5,675.00	\$ 196.53	\$ 5,478.47
Kids' Games	\$ 155.00	\$	\$ 155.00
50/50	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 205.00
Subtotals	\$ 25,296.00	\$ 9,013.31	\$ 16,282.69
Tent Rental		\$ 1,150.00	\$ (1,150.00)
Totals	\$25,296.00	\$10,163.31	\$15,132.69

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.

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!

Pampered Chef Fundraiser to benefit Food for the Poor, hosted by Vermilion K of C #4539. Up to 30% will be donated. Now through August 29 – orders processed and shipped directly when submitted. Link to order: www.pamperedchef.com/party/foodforthe poor26

Questions? Contact Joyce Burich, Independent Consultant Pampered Chef at 440-320-7518.

This Week on FORMED – August 9, 2026



Triumph of the Heart In the harrowing confines of Auschwitz's starvation cell, Catholic priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner, joining nine others condemned by the Nazis.



The New Eve | LECTIO: MARY | Episode 1 The Book of Genesis begins with the story of Adam and Eve, whose sin of disobedience breaks their relationship with God. God does not abandon his people, but gradually prepares them for the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the promised "seed" of Genesis 3:15 is the "New Adam," and his mother, the promised "woman," is the "New Eve."



Clare and Francis This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as

the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.

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- Click on "I belong to a Parish or Organization"
- In the search box, type "Our Lady of Hope" and then click on it (make sure it is Attica)
- Enter your name and email address

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Monday, August 10</u>	<i>Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr</i>	2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
<u>Tuesday, August 11</u>	<i>Saint Clare, Virgin</i>	Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
4:45 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
5:30 p.m.	Mass – Elaine Young (St. G)	
<u>Wednesday, August 12</u>	<i>Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i>	Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Chick Miller (OLH)	
<u>Thursday, August 13</u>	<i>Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</i>	Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Rita Willman, Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (OLH)	
<u>Friday, August 14</u>	<i>Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</i>	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Rosemary, Walter, Fr. Jim Holmer (St. G)	
<u>Saturday, August 15</u>	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of Hope & St. Gaspar Parishes (OLH)	
	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
4:00 p.m.	Mass – Anthony & Lucille Schock, Living & Deceased Members of the Frank & Mary Frisch Family (OLH)	
<u>Sunday, August 16</u>	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Krista Sturdevant, Leo & Shirley Schreiner, Raymond Schreiner (St. G)	
10:00 a.m.	Mass – Newton Swartzmiller (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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

St. Gaspar del Bufalo:

2026 Goal \$10,190.61
 38 Gifts Given: \$12,072.09
 118.46% of Goal

Our Lady of Hope:

2026 Goal \$9,642.81
 41 Gifts Given / Pledged: \$10,540.46
 109.31% of Goal

Since last published in our bulletin on July 19, Our Lady of Hope has gained one additional contribution toward the Annual Catholic Appeal, putting OLH above goal! St. Gaspar remains with no change, but surpassed goal in April. Many thanks to the 79 households who have donated or pledged to the ACA! Congratulations to ALL for surpassing these 2026 goals. Both parishes will receive rebates for going above and beyond.

If you haven't already done so, there is still time to donate to this fund that supports many worthwhile diocesan ministries, which includes supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. All donations, large or small, are greatly appreciated. For more information, visit acatoledo.org.



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 16, 8:00 a.m.

Greeters: Patti Page, Landry Schreiner

Minister of the Word: Steve Dendinger

Extraordinary Ministers: Kim Scheiner,
Carmen Schreiner, Rick Phillips

Servers: Jayden Johnson, Owen Wise, Grayson Schreiner

Ushers: Patti Page, Scott Schreiner,
Marge Stockmaster, Ron Alt

St. Gaspar Parish Support

August 2, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	2,273.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,750.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	(477.00)
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	(1,638.00)
MAINTENANCE	\$	44.00
CHILDREN	\$	8.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	375.00

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.



Welcome to the Newly Baptized

Connor Knight Fontaine

Son of Christopher & Mercedes Fontaine

Benedict Xavier Reed

Son of Caleb & Ella Reed

Ellianna Claire Vasquez

Daughter of Sean & Julianna Vasquez



We thank our families and friends for your prayers, kindness, assistance, and cards during Eldon's illness and passing. A special thank-you to Fr. Joseph and Janie for bringing Communion and for your visits that he enjoyed. Thank you to Andrew for the Mass preparation, and to the ladies of the parish who prepared and served his delicious funeral meal.

May God bless you.
Family of Eldon Falter

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



Ministry Schedule

Monday, August 10, 9:00 a.m.

Evelyn Langjahr, Ginny Holmer

Saturday, August 15, 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, August 16, 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Drew & Mindy Mennel Family

Minister of the Word: Mia Holmes

Extraordinary Ministers: Kay Fox, Craig Hahler,
Michelle Hoepf, Deb Briggs

Servers: Anderson Mennel, Zane & Thad Martin

Our Lady of Hope Parish Support

August 2, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	2,622.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,750.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	(128.00)
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	2,514.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	10.00
CHILDREN	\$	152.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	333.00

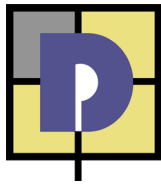
"Buggin Out" STEM Day for kids ages 6-12 years old. Tuesday, August 18, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, 194 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin. Join us for an exciting Science Day learning about all bugs! Special guests include OSU Extension, Seneca Parks and Seneca Conservation District. Explore the importance of bugs in our world and the many different kinds that can be found here in Seneca County. Cost: \$30. Scholarships are available. *RSVP by August 12th. Register at <https://popsicle.app/parents/FELC/activities>. For questions, call Hannah at 419-448-7485.*

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

Saturday: Cornhole 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, two drive-thru lines & carry-out). 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.

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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