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WEEKEND MASSES:

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**“STAY AWAKE...HE IS NEAR!”**

Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace to you as we begin a new liturgical year and enter the beautiful, hope-filled season of Advent. These four weeks are a sacred invitation – an invitation to slow down, to breathe, and to make room in our hearts for the God who comes to us in quiet, surprising, and grace-filled ways. Advent is not simply a countdown to Christmas. It is a season of longing. The Church invites us to look honestly at our lives and ask: Where do I need Christ's light? Where is the Lord inviting me to deeper faith, stronger hope, and renewed love?

This Sunday's message, "Stay Awake," is not about fear but attentiveness. God is always drawing close, but we can miss Him when we are distracted, overwhelmed, or spiritually asleep. Advent gently taps us on the shoulder and says, "Wake up – God is near!"

As we light the first purple candle, the Candle of Hope, we remember that the world is often shadowed by uncertainty, struggle, or discouragement. Yet our faith proclaims that God enters every darkness with His light. Let this candle remind us that hope is not wishful thinking—it is confidence in God's faithfulness.

I warmly encourage you to embrace one small spiritual practice this Advent: Spend ten quiet minutes a day in prayer, attend a weekday Mass or an evening of Adoration, offer forgiveness to someone, perform a simple act of kindness for a neighbor, Pray as a family around your Advent wreath. These small steps prepare a beautiful manger in our hearts for Christ.

As a parish family, we will journey together through these weeks of expectant waiting. May this Advent renew our joy, strengthen our faith, and help us recognize Christ's presence in our daily lives. Dear friends, let us stay awake, stay hopeful, and stay close to the Lord, for He is indeed coming—into our world and into our hearts. Wishing you a blessed and grace-filled Advent season.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph

PS Join Dcn. Brian Rhodes and Sister Maggie Slowick at Our Lady of Hope this evening, Sunday, November 30, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for prayer and reflection to help you prepare your heart for Jesus. We hope you'll join us!



Pray
for Vocations

MONTHLY MASS FOR VOCATIONS: All are reminded of our monthly Mass for Vocation at Our Lady of Hope on Saturday, December 6, 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.**



The next EPIC gathering will be Sunday, December 7! Meet in Our Lady of Hope Rectory Basement at 5:00 p.m. for food for your belly, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (food for your soul). All high school youth are welcome to attend.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS: Kindly remember in prayer all our Priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on Monday, December 1 for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through our prayers, and the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may the Lord grant them spiritual grace, renewed fidelity, consolation and joy in ministry.

Votive Light by Our Lady – November 30-December 6

St. Gaspar

For a Safe and Successful Hunting Season.

Our Lady of Hope

Rest in Peace

Frank Thomas Miller.

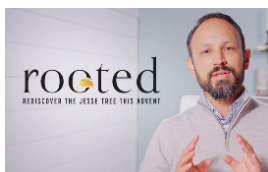
SHARING WITH THOSE IN NEED: In preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, the 8th grade students of St. Gaspar have two projects in motion. They work on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy throughout the year and they would like to make a difference by giving to others as we approach the winter and Christmas season.

The first project is collecting coats, hats, mittens, scarves, boots, etc. to help people in our area. Please make sure items are either new or in good condition – wash and clean all items if they are gently used. Collection totes are in the vestibule of the church and in the PSR building. Donations accepted through Sunday, December 14. All items will be taken to the Attica Community Food Pantry and will be handed out on Tuesday, December 16th.

The second project of service is making Christmas Care Packages for those who reside at local nursing and assisted living homes and for our sick and homebound parishioners from both parishes. We purchase all the supplies that the Confirmation youth will be using to make these care packages. If you would like to help the youth in this project, you can provide a monetary donation. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Care Package Donation," for it to be used for this outreach.

Thank you to everyone who helps the Confrimandi with these two beautiful outreach ministries!

THIS WEEK ON FORMED – NOVEMBER 30, 2025



Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent | Trailer Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.



Week One | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns Join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for week one: watchfulness.



Week One | Encountering Emmanuel with Heather Khym In week one, Heather speaks about the first reason for the Incarnation – Jesus saves us. Heather helps us to give our sorrows to Jesus, and open our hearts to the saving power of Christ.

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

ST. GASPAR
Catholic Parish

Breakfast with Santa

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
9 – 11 A.M.
St. Gaspar Parish Hall

Join us as we celebrate our 30th Year
of Breakfast with Santa!
public is invited

ADULTS: \$10
CHILDREN 10 & UNDER: \$5
CHILDREN UNDER 3: FREE

*Menu: Sausage, Ham, French Toast, Quiche,
Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Cup, Donuts, Juice, Milk, Coffee*

Bake Sale Table | Raffles for Children & Adults | SANTA



LADIES...LADIES...LADIES

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Sip-n-Paint Party

hosted by: Our Lady of Hope Rosary Altar Society

Sunday, December 7

Our Lady of Hope Social Hall

1:30 p.m. light lunch | 2:00 p.m. Sip-n-Paint

Cost: \$20.00

Please register by November 30th
on the sign up sheet in the vestibule
or by contacting Mary Bisignano at 419-618-2805

ST. GASPAR
Catholic Parish
ROSARY ALTAR

Christmas Party

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 6:00 P.M.
16209 County Road 46 | Bellevue, OH 44811

Come and enjoy a catered dinner hour
with Christmas music for entertainment.

Optional \$15 Gift Exchange

We will be collecting food items or Monetary
Donations for Fish and Loaves.

SIGN UP SHEET IN VESTIBULE

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 1	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday, December 2	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
4:45 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
5:30 p.m.	Mass – Marvin Bumb (St. G)	
Wednesday, December 3	<i>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15-29-37
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Mary Beth Magers (OLH)	
2:00 p.m.	Mass – Rev. James E. Risacher, Rev. Robert J. Kill (Tiffin Willows)	
Thursday, December 4	<i>Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Living & Deceased Members of the Schueler & Gabel Families (OLH)	
Friday, December 5	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – John & Lucy Meyer, Rita Willman, Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (St G)	
Saturday, December 6	<i>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</i>	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Living & Deceased Seven Saints K of C, Living & Deceased Our Lady of Hope & St. Gaspar Parishes (OLH)	
	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
4:00 p.m.	Mass – Arthur W. & Marie Miller (St. G)	
Sunday, December 7	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Marvin Stockmaster (St. G)	
10:00 a.m.	Mass – Susie Shade, Heath Mahl (OLH)	
	<i>Children's Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mass</i>	

PSR NEWS

St. Gaspar: Wednesday, December 3 – Class / Advent Reconciliation Service, 6:15 p.m.

Our Lady of Hope: Wednesday, December 3 – Class, 6:15 p.m.

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 reoccurring donation.

PERCH & SHRIMP DINNER: Friday, December 5, 4:00-6:30 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.

ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY: Sunday, December 7 – on the St. Francis Campus, 200 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin. Drive-Thru: 4:00-5:15 p.m., Walk-Thru 6:30-8:00 p.m. Journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and rediscover the wonder of Christmas! Donations of NEW hats, scarves, gloves and socks will be collected and distributed to those in need throughout the area. Wear comfortable shoes and warm clothes. Please park behind St. Francis Home to meet your guide.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: December 14, 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. Santa will be there from 9:30 'til 10:30! There will also be a 50/50 drawing and donations are being accepted for the local food bank.



ANNUAL FUDGE & BUCKEYE SALE: Papa's Pistols are sponsoring their fudge and buckeye sale in memory of Louis Fritz and all those who have lost their battle with ALS. Cost is \$7.00 per lb for fudge; \$7.00 per dozen for buckeyes. All proceeds benefit the ALS Association. Orders can be placed by calling Rita Schank 419-426-2305 or Becky Allgyre 419-937-6369 or by signing up on the sign-in sheet in the vestibule of Our Lady of Hope by December 14. Delivery will be after Mass on December 21. Early delivery upon request. Don't miss out on a wonderful holiday treat or perfect gift!



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



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 6, 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Holly, Jon & Mason Weichel

Minister of the Word: Dawn Reichert

Extraordinary Ministers: Sandra Ruffing,
Tammy Daniel, Marvin Daniel

Servers: Caroline Reed, Oliver Reed, Logan Reed

Ushers: Holly, Jon & Mason Weichel, Marvin Daniel

Sunday, December 7, 8:00 a.m.

Greeters: Kathy & Gary Siesel

Minister of the Word: Morgan Beat

Extraordinary Ministers: Kim Schreiner,
Kathy Siesel, Gerald C. Miller

Servers: Olivia Schoen,
Jackson Schoen, Jayden Johnson

Ushers: Kathy & Gary Siesel, Joe Daniel, Rick Phillips



Ministry Schedule

Monday, December 1, 9:00 a.m.

Anne Fry, Evelyn Langjahr

Sunday, December 7, 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Drew & Mindy Mennel Family

Minister of the Word: Janeen Melroy

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

Servers: Lukas Mackowiak, Thad & Zane Martin

Children's Liturgy: Jordyn & Julia Enders

Our Lady of Hope Parish Support

November 23, 2025

OFFERTORY	\$	1,667.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	(833.00)
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	5,765.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	0.00
CHILDREN	\$	9.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	358.00

St. Gaspar Parish Support

November 23, 2025

OFFERTORY	\$	2,369.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,500.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	(131.00)
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	11,263.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	425.00
CHILDREN	\$	31.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	350.00



JUBILEE PRAYER: Father in heaven, may the faith You have gifted us in Your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom. May Your grace transform us

into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seed that make humanity and the cosmos rise unto the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth, when with the powers of Evil overcome, Your glory shall be manifested eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer. To You God blessed in eternity, be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen.



We extend our heartfelt prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of Frank Thomas Miller. May the gentle and merciful heart of Jesus grant him eternal rest.

FISH & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY is requesting donations of spaghetti sauce for the month of December. Personal items are always needed.

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 December is **Adult 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.

THANKS!

Thanks (a million) to everyone that gave their time to help during the photography for the church directory! Your kindness is so very appreciated.



Thank you so much for your generous and continued support of the Attica Community Fund. As we continue to help those in need, we really appreciate your donations. God Bless & Happy Thanksgiving, Steve Albright

ATTICA'S WINTER WONDERLAND: Sunday, December 7, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Attica Fair Grounds. Free event, open to the community. Visit with Santa and receive a photo together to take home with you. Enjoy cookies & milk, children's crafts, a scavenger hunt for prizes, Christmas movies, photo ops, and story hour with the Seneca East Public Library. Chloe's Pit Stop – Mobile Coffee Trailer will be present. Come and enjoy an afternoon making Christmas memories!

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