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	10:00 a.m.	At Our Lady of Hope

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Or by appointment

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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 DEACON

Hello, brothers and sisters in Christ! This Sunday's scripture readings are very much focused on forgiveness. As Christians we hear and talk a lot about forgiveness, but do we practice what we preach? Believe me, I'm certainly including myself in that question. I know very well how hard it can sometimes be to forgive someone for the hurt, anxiety, stress and anger they may have brought into our lives, whether it was done intentionally or unintentionally.

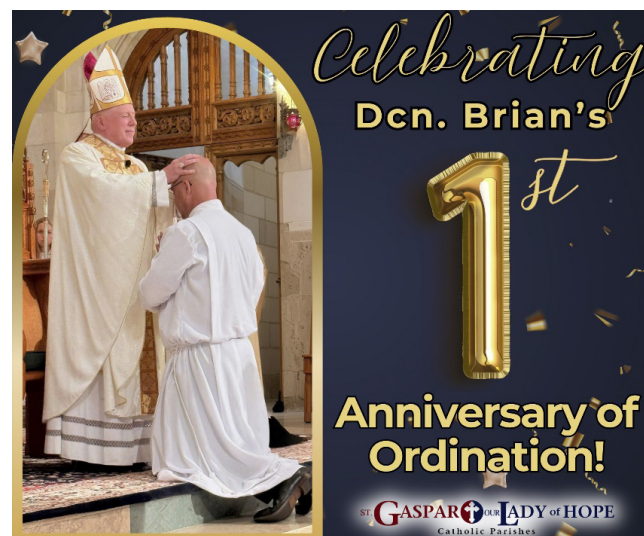
We are God's creation made in His image and likeness; however, we are currently in a broken state due to sin. This often makes it hard for many of us to forgive. It seems to go against everything we feel inside. To make matters worse, it is often the people we are closest to that can be the hardest to forgive. We feel they should have known better. Been more considerate. Not taken advantage of our trust and our love.

But notice I said it goes against everything we "feel". Anger, stress, and anxiety are all things we "feel", and it's okay to have those feelings. In fact, those feelings are completely natural. However, forgiveness has nothing to do with feelings. Forgiveness is a decision. Forgiveness comes after we take those feelings to our Lord in prayer and ask for grace to be able to forgive. That is the only way true forgiveness can really happen.

Something often overlooked until it affects you personally, is being able to forgive yourself. We often create our own negative feelings by not letting go of the hurt we may have caused ourselves or someone else. The negative effects of this on our mental health and outlook on life can unfortunately be overwhelming! But just as forgiveness doesn't come from our feelings, forgiving ourselves doesn't mean pretending nothing happened. Forgiving ourselves means letting go of a self-destructive mindset. And again, this only happens with prayer and the grace that follows.

Today, September 13th marks one year since I was blessed to have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders from Bishop Thomas, then blessed again to be assigned to Our Lady of Hope and Saint Gaspar! You have all been so welcoming and encouraging, I truly cannot thank you enough. We have such warm and faithful people in our parishes! Please continue to pray for me and be assured of my prayers for all of you.

Peace be with you,
Deacon Brian



Votive Light by Our Lady – September 13-19, 2026

St. Gaspar

Dcn. Brian Rhodes and All Deacons.

Our Lady of Hope

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Our Lady of Hope Sunday Social September's Social will be hosted by Pastoral Council and Finance Committee members. Everyone is invited to the Social Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on September 20 for good food and fellowship with friends, family, neighbors, and fellow parishioners.



OUR LADY of HOPE
Catholic Parish

OCTOBER Fest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Come enjoy a day of good food, fun and fellowship with family, friends and neighbors!

IN THE SOCIAL HALL: Roast Pork Dinner or BBQ Chicken Dinner, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Dinners include German Potato Salad or Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut (with pork), Green Beans, Applesauce, Beverage and Homemade Dessert; Silent Auction and Bake Sale, 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Bakery Bingo, 2:30 p.m.

ON THE PARISH GROUNDS: Grilled Bologna, Bratwurst, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Onion Rings, French Fries, Apple Dumplings & Ice Cream, Cookie Monster, Fish Pond, Leap Frog, Plinko, Dartless Balloon Toss, Football Toss, Toilet Paper Toss, Ring Toss, Our Lady of Hope Express, \$500.00 Grand Prize Raffle.

ADVERTISING FLYERS: Please help advertise our Octoberfest by posting the flyer that was included in your informational and raffle ticket envelope in public places. Additional flyers and raffle tickets are available in the vestibule. Please contact the parish if you did not receive an envelope in the mail.

DINNER DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS: Sign-up sheets for food donations and volunteers for activities in the Social Hall, on the parish grounds and for setup are in the vestibule. Many helping hands will be needed. All help is greatly appreciated!

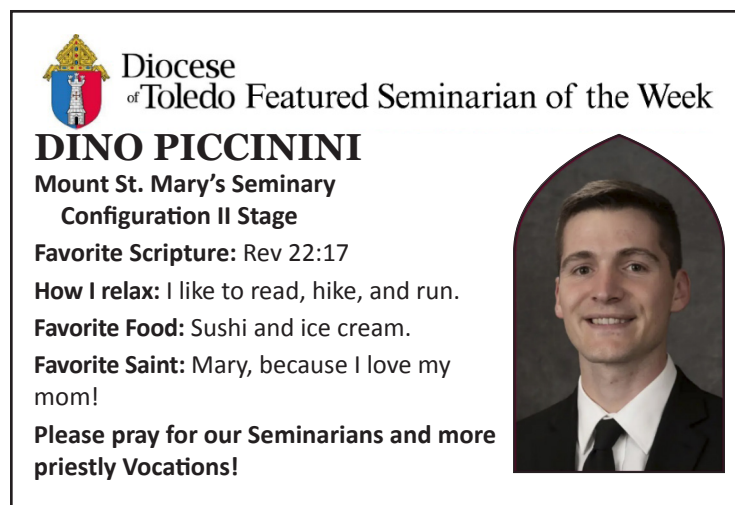
BAKED GOODS: In addition to the pies and cakes for the dinner, many baked goods are needed for the Bake Sale and Bakery Bingo. Breads, rolls, noodles, brownies, cookies and cupcakes are all welcome!

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.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?? Buy or sell your raffle tickets, volunteer your time to help, pray for good weather and invite family and friends to come!

Men's Fellowship continues to 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.

40 Days for Life Kick-Off Prayer Rally Tuesday, September 22, 5:45 p.m. at the Wayne-Allen Building, 212 W. Wayne Street, Maumee, Ohio. We'll kick off the campaign with prayer, music, and inspirational stories from within our community. Food and drinks will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. Fr. Eric Schild will open with prayer, Maggie Viertlbeck will share her story about bringing her beautiful daughter, Annie, into the world. She'll share what it was like being pregnant with a child with Down Syndrome, the pressures she faced, and how God can move in your life when you're given unexpected news. Pat Oedy-Murray, a Pro-Life truth-teller, will share her inspirational insights to get us motivated for the campaign ahead. Deacon Dan Brahier will open and close the event with praise and worship music. For more details about the Prayer Rally, visit the Facebook event page.



Diocese of Toledo Featured Seminarian of the Week

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Configuration II Stage

Favorite Scripture: Rev 22:17

How I relax: I like to read, hike, and run.

Favorite Food: Sushi and ice cream.

Favorite Saint: Mary, because I love my mom!

Please pray for our Seminarians and more priestly vocations!

A Prayer for Seminarians Father, thank You for the generosity of our seminarians. Safeguard them as they prepare for the priesthood. Keep all evil far from them, so they may become strong Christian men who are faithful to prayer, diligent in their studies, open to spiritual direction, and docile to all aspects of seminary formation. Above all, enflame their hearts with love so they will be ardent and gentle shepherds for Your Church. We make this prayer through the great High Priest, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Charles Borromeo, patron of seminarians, pray for us.

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 3-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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, September 14	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday, September 15	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 2:33-35
4:45 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
5:30 p.m.	Mass – Sandy Stockmaster; Fred & Mary Lou Eldred (St. G)	
Wednesday, September 16	<i>Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	1 Cor 12:31–13:13; Lk 7:31-35
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – David Didion; Lucille Schock (OLH)	
Thursday, September 17	<i>Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> <i>Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (OLH)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Irma Ehrman (OLH)	
Friday, September 18	<i>Weekday</i>	1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3
7:15 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (St. G)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Marvin Bumb; Rita Willman, Jennifer (Willman) Siesel (St. G)	
Saturday, September 19	<i>Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr</i> <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15 Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
4:00 p.m.	Mass – Anthony & Lucille Schock (OLH)	
Sunday, September 20	<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
8:00 a.m.	Mass – Allen Missler; Virginia & Herman Missler (St. G)	
10:00 a.m.	Mass – Raymond & Mary Ann Dentinger (OLH) <i>Children's Liturgy for children through 2nd grade during the 10:00 a.m. Mass</i>	

PSR NEWS

St. Gaspar – Wednesday, September 16, 6:15 p.m. Grades PS-7 – Class

Our Lady of Hope – Wednesday, September 16, 6:15 p.m. Grades 1-7 – Class

Both Parishes – Wednesday, September 16, 6:15 p.m. Mandatory 8th Grade Parent/Student/Sponsor Meeting at OLH Social 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.

Bloomville Lions 61st Annual Ox Roast Sunday September 13, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or sold out. The meal features a tender, juicy roast beef sandwich, homemade macaroni salad, applesauce, and ice cream. Additional sandwiches and bulk cooked/seasoned roast beef are also available for purchase. Located in front of the Bloomville Community Center - please follow signs to enter the drive-through line. Proceeds support eyeglasses and other community projects including the Jesus on Wheels Ministry, the Seneca County Park District, Red Cross Bloodmobiles, programming at Bliss Memorial Public Library and support for local families in need.

Perch & Shrimp Dinner Friday, September 18 and Friday, October 2, 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 \$20.00. Butterfly Shrimp Dinners are \$12.00 and include 9 pieces Shrimp. Shrimp only is \$8.00. Dine-in and Drive-thru available.

Drive-Through Food Distribution Thursday, September 24, 1:00 p.m. until food distributed (sign-up/line up starts at noon), 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.

North Auburn Harvest Festival Sunday, October 4, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Mother of Sorrows Chapel, 7212 N. Auburn Road, Tiro. Pork or BBQ chicken dinners with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce, green beans, and dessert – two drive-thru lines, carry-out, or dine in the hall. Farmer's market, baked items, produce, arts & crafts, pumpkins and fall decor. Tickets for the \$1,000.00 Reverse Raffle and Super 50/50 will be available inside or at the drive-thru.

Attica Community Blood Drive Thursday, October 8, 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the Attica Fairgrounds. Sponsored by the Attica Lions Club and Attica Independent Fair Board.



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



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, September 20, 8:00 a.m.

Greeters: Holly, Jon & Mason Weichel

Minister of the Word: Patti Page

Extraordinary Ministers: Dawn Reichert,
Crista & Dan Stacklin

Servers: Ryly, Lynnae & Lily Stacklin

Ushers: Holly, Jon & Mason Weichel, Joe Daniel

St. Gaspar Parish Support

September 6, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	2,620.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,750.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	(130.00)
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	3,555.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	1,680.00
CHILDREN	\$	2.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	425.00

Fish & Loaves Food Pantry is requesting donations of Spaghetti, Noodles & Macaroni for the month of September. Personal items are always needed.

Night of Healing Sunday, September 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. St. Wendelin 323 N Wood Street, Fostoria. Fr. Joseph Poggemeyer & Fr. James Brown. WORSHIP | WITNESS | WORD | HEALING | ADORATION | RECONCILIATION. Be open to Jesus and His Holy Spirit for healing and gifts – come unite with us in prayer!

Upper Room Prayer Gathering Saturday, September 19, 2:00 p.m., St. Joseph Upper Room, 36 Melmore Street, Tiffin. The Upper Room is the hall in the upstairs of parish building, accessible by stairs or elevator. MCCR (Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal) Praise & Worship, Time with the Lord, Explore, Discover, Utilize Our Gifts from the Holy Spirit, Prayer Teams, Afterglow Refreshments.

God Chose You for Me: Couples Who Pray Together, Stay Together

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Retreat – Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at St. John XXIII Parish in Perrysburg. Open to all married couples throughout the Diocese of Toledo. Join for a day filled with prayer, reflection, meaningful conversation, and practical encouragement for couples looking to grow together in their faith and marriage. Because registrations are handled directly through the Worldwide Marriage Encounter ministry, the Diocese of Toledo is unable to register couples or answer questions regarding registration. All interested couples should contact Jeff & Brenda Myers at 260-484-1664 or application@wwme-ni.org. Cost: \$100.00 per couple (includes lunch)

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Tuesday, September 14, 9:00 a.m.

Evelyn Langjahr, Judy Daniel

Saturday, September 19, 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Ann Beaston

Minister of the Word: Dutch Shenefield

Extraordinary Minister: Dutch Shenefield

Servers: If servers are present, please come forward

Sunday, September 20, 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality: Craig & Kris Hahler

Minister of the Word: Megan Diehm

Extraordinary Ministers: Mindy Mennel, Rob Molyett,
Dana Walliser, Denise Bowerman, Jake Bowerman

Servers: Jordyn & Julia Enders, Kelsey Miller

Children's Liturgy: Valerie Bordner, Mia Holmes

Our Lady of Hope Parish Support

September 6, 2026

OFFERTORY	\$	2,313.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	2,750.00
OVER (UNDER)	\$	(437.00)
YEAR-TO-DATE OVER (UNDER)	\$	1,817.00
MAINTENANCE	\$	543.00
CHILDREN	\$	11.00
ONLINE GIVING – ALL FUNDS	\$	807.00

Our Lady of Hope Rosary Altar Meeting

Monday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m.

All ladies are invited to attend.

Thank you!



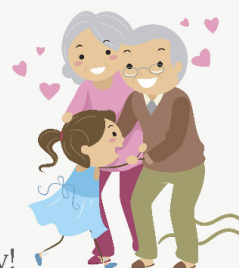
Our Lady of Hope – Thank you for the opportunity to have Mass offered in memory of Chris Willman on August 16, whose birthday was that week. My family fully appreciated this, and our grown children taking up offertory touched me to the core. This is where our family grew up. Thanks for Father's special blessing and Ashley scheduling and taking our family pictures after Mass.

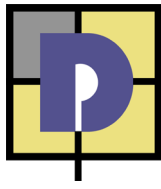
– Dana & Dick, Austin & Bia, Marissa & Tyler, Jaclyn, and Don Miller

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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
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