

*Celebrating*  
*Liturgy* 

**Monday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**  
*Nothing scheduled*

**Tuesday, January 2 – Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**  
8:30 a.m. for peace

**Wednesday, January 3 – Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
8:30 a.m. for all leaders

**Thursday, January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious**  
8:30 a.m. for religious sisters & brothers

**Friday, January 5 – St. John Neumann, bishop**  
8:30 a.m. Fr. Bill Parker

**Saturday, January 6**  
5 p.m. Gilbert Kirsch

**Sunday, January 7 – Epiphany of the Lord**  
8 a.m. Bob, Louise & Phyllis Smith  
10:30 a.m. Nancy Mack  
1 p.m. for St. Caspar parishioners



**Saturday, January 6 – 5 p.m.**  
Greeters: Nancy Hill & Deb Oswald  
Musicians: Nikki Gearhart & Michelle Hoffman  
Proclaimer: Carl Hill  
Servers: Anthony & Nicholas Cheezan  
Comm. Ministers: Lou Ann Blohm, Dolores & Jim Spieles  
Ushers: Team #1 (Paul Murphy, Jean LaFountain, Don Davis, Dick Alig)

**Sunday, January 7 – 8 a.m.**  
Greeters: Lisa & Steve Pursel  
Musicians: Sue & Bert Dieringer  
Proclaimer: Marie Hale  
Servers: Nick Barone, Olivia Gigax, Madie Hasapes  
Comm. Ministers: Sue Creps, Rhoda & Tom May  
Ushers: Team #3 (Louis Buckenmeyer & Mel Augustyniak)

**Sunday, January 7 – 10:30 a.m.**  
Greeters: Rose & Matea DeLeon  
Musicians: Nikki Gearhart & Michelle Hoffman  
Videographer: Eric Waldron  
Children's leader: Toni Schindler  
Proclaimer: Ann Flory  
Servers: Mallorie & Madison Strauss, Nick Weigand  
Comm. Ministers: Grace Potter & Pam Weigand  
Ushers: Team #5 (Mike Vasquez, Jim Miller, Nick Grabowski, Tracy Elson)

Communion for shut-ins: At home: Wauseon – Rhoda & Tom May;  
Delta – Carol Keil; Fulton Manor & Heartland – Grace & Mike Potter  
Church cleaning this week – Sharon Miller



**Monday, January 1**  
*Church & office are closed*

**Wednesday, January 3**  
6-6:50 p.m. – *Games, open gym, supper* – BH/PLC  
7 p.m. – *Grade 8* – Pope John XXIII Room

**Friday, January 5**  
5:30 p.m. – *Spanish Bible study* – North Wing

**Saturday, January 6**  
After Mass -- *Rosary*

**Sunday, January 7**  
9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – *Feast day breakfast* – PLC/K  
10:15 a.m. – *R.C.I.A.* – Youth Room  
4 p.m. – *Guadalupe Society* – North Wing  
5 p.m. – *Spanish Rosary* – South Wing

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**Office hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
and 1:30-4:30 p.m.  
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**Church email:** [stcaspar@centurylink.net](mailto:stcaspar@centurylink.net)  
**Hall rentals:** Ann Flory at 419.583.0516  
Check out the parish Facebook page.

**Found:** A ring at our cemetery, a cell phone, earring.  
Check in the parish office if these might be yours.

**All Contributions Received after Today (December 31)** will be recorded in 2018, regardless of the date on the check.

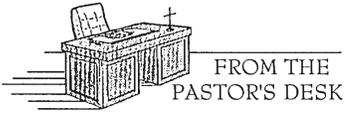
**To Be Sure You Receive Your 2017 Giving Statement,** be sure to notify the office of any address change in the past year.

We'd also appreciate having your current phone number since many land numbers we have are no longer correct.



The collection report for last weekend was unavailable because of the early publication deadline.

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Although Christmas, which fell on a Monday this year, was still celebrated as a holyday of obligation, New Year's Day is not a holyday of obligation this year. We will have our normal weekend schedule. For those who wish to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1, St. Peter's in Archbold will have a Mass that Monday at 9 a.m.

Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the patronal feast of our parish. The Pastoral Council will host (with the assistance of our Knights of Columbus) a breakfast that Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We hope you will come and celebrate with us.

As we begin a new year, we should reflect on Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for Peace, which is January 1. He released the message on November 13, the Feast of St. Frances Cabrini. It is entitled *Migrants and Refugees: Men and Women in search of Peace*. Frances Cabrini emigrated from Italy to the United States and made a great contribution to education and care of immigrants, especially in the Chicago area.

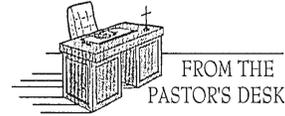
In this message the Pope invites people of good will to embrace those fleeing war, hunger and persecution. We should welcome them "within the limits allowed by a correct understanding of the common good." As the Pope says, "Those who, for what may be political reasons, foment fear of migrants instead of building peace are sowing violence, racial discrimination and xenophobia, which are matters of great concern..." Instead we should make sure to protect those fleeing danger, promote their well-being and seek to integrate them into our societies. We should appreciate the talents and gifts they bring to us, as immigrants have done (especially in our own country) for two centuries.

Fr. Dave

**Just a Thought:** A person who feels appreciated will always do more than what is expected.

### Recycling Ink and Toner Cartridges, Cell Phones, and Rechargeable Batteries Helps Fight Cancer

Just drop these items in the box by the parish office in the North Wing for the Fulton County Health Center's Relay for Life team.



Aunque la Navidad, que cayó en un Lunes de este año, todavía se celebraba como un día festivo de obligación, el Día de Año Nuevo no es una fiesta de obligación este año. Tendremos nuestro horario normal de fin de semana. Para aquellos que desean celebrar la solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios el 1 de Enero, San Pedro en Archbold tendrá una misa ese Lunes a las 9:00 a.m.

El próximo fin de semana celebramos la Fiesta de la Epifanía, la fiesta patronal de nuestra parroquia. El Consejo Pastoral recibirá (con la asistencia de nuestros Caballeros de Colón) un desayuno ese domingo de 8:30 a.m. a 12:30 p.m. Esperamos que vengas a celebrar con nosotros.

Al comenzar un nuevo año, debemos reflexionar sobre el mensaje del Papa Francisco para la Jornada Mundial de Oración por la Paz, que es el 1 de Enero. Él lanzó el mensaje el 13 de Noviembre, la Fiesta de Santa Francisca Cabrini. Se titula Migrantes y refugiados: hombres y mujeres en busca de la paz. Frances Cabrini emigró de Italia a los Estados Unidos e hizo una gran contribución a la educación y el cuidado de los inmigrantes, especialmente en el área de Chicago.

En este mensaje, el Papa invita a las personas de buena voluntad a abrazar a aquellos que huyen de la guerra, el hambre y la persecución. Deberíamos darles la bienvenida "dentro de los límites permitidos por una correcta comprensión del bien común". Como dice el Papa: "Aquellos que, por razones políticas pueden ser, fomentan el miedo a los inmigrantes en lugar de construir la paz están sembrando violencia, discriminación racial y la xenofobia, que son asuntos de gran preocupación ... ". En cambio, debemos asegurarnos de proteger a aquellos que huyen del peligro, promover su bienestar y tratar de integrarlos en nuestras sociedades. Deberíamos apreciar los talentos y los dones que nos brindan, como lo han hecho los inmigrantes (especialmente en nuestro propio país) durante dos siglos.

Padre Dave

**Remember:** The nice guy doesn't finish last; the nice guy finishes blessed.

**Parish Organizations,** call the parish office to schedule your 2018 and 2019 meetings and events on the calendar.



Thank you to this partial list of donors of the new hymnals:

\*Steph & Rick Rooney in honor of Anna Marie Rudolph

\*Fred & Alice Allen in memory of Richard & Jean Hasselschwert

\*Leon & Vicki Smith commemorating deceased family members

### Did Noah Fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, “Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?”

“No,” replied Johnny. “How could he with just two worms?”

**Wauseon Community Pregnancy Center Needs** baby wash and lotion, baby wipes, diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6), infant toys, onesies (6-9 months), outlet safety plugs, sippy cups, sleepers (6-9 months), socks, toddler dishes, winter clothes (0-3 months boys and 12 months girls), mulch, new mop, and volunteers to clean the office. The office is located just east of Rite Aid on State Route 2.

### You May Be the Only Person They See that Day



Our parish’s turn to deliver Meals on Wheels in Wauseon is January 16-19. If you’re willing to give 1½ hours to drive or take the meals into the homes, please sign up in the vestibule by next weekend. Volunteers get a free meal. Questions? Call Jim Spieles (419.335.4104).

**Grief Can Be Less Lonely** if you attend our Life beyond Today bereavement group on Monday, January 8, at 7 p.m. Come to the Pope John XXIII Room to just listen or to participate in this non-denominational group. Questions? Call the parish office or Karen Dierkens (419.460.1860).

### We May Need to Remove All the Candles in the Back of Church

Some people continue to remove the clear glass containers that hold the red plastic candle holders. The red plastic can melt and cause a fire. Please leave the glass holders in the rack at all times, or we may no longer be able to have candles to light for special intentions.

### Guideposts Spirit-Lifter

“How’s your brother Dexter doing?” my friend Carol asked on the telephone one morning.

“Fine...” I answered, wondering what made her think of my brother whom she hardly knew.

“I prayed for him this morning when I cleaned the lint out of my dryer filter. I’ve done that ever since his house burned down,” she explained. “How many years ago was that?”

“At least five,” I stammered, deeply touched by this faithful gesture, which started after my brother’s family of five was left temporarily homeless by a tragic fire, caused by a buildup of lint in a dryer vent.

“I like to connect my prayers for other people with a tangible object that reminds me of them,” she said. “For your brother, it’s dryer lint.”

We both laughed, but her example became a challenge for me. Now, when I hear geese honking overhead, I pray for Curt’s family, still grieving over his accidental death while hunting several years ago. When I put on a favorite necklace, I pray for my sister who gave it to me. When I spot my friend Anne’s handmade angel perched on my bookshelf, I pray God is affirming her many gifts during a time of transition in her life.

I call these visual reminders my “Prayer Points,” and I keep looking for new ones all the time.

“I pray for them...” [John 17:9]

[Carol Kuykendall, Daily Guideposts 1992, p. 13]

### Does Your Marriage Need a Tune-up? Or Even a Major Overhaul?



Sometimes a marriage can run along fine, and then things change. Sometimes lines of communication break down, and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, “How can I make my marriage better?”

If so, Retrouvaille (“retro-vi”) can help. Retrouvaille is a Christian program for couples whose marriage has gone off course. It begins with a week-end program that can help get your relationship back on track. It’s an effective program that’s worked for thousands of couples, and it can work for you.

For more information about the January 26-28 Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples in our diocese, contact Joe and Arlene at 419.841.1116 or visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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\*To Jodie Pershing, Joan Kling, and Mary Fraker for pulling the old missalettes and hymnals and putting out the new hymnals.

\*To Wauseon Machine for fabricating the tabernacle security collar.

\*To those who supported Annunciation Radio's Fall Sharathon. Listeners can hear Mass every morning at 8, Catholic Answers weekday evenings, Bishop's Corner with Bishop Daniel Thomas, Understanding Scripture with Fr. Dave Nuss, and many other national and local programs on FM 87.9.

### **“Entering Canaan” Day of Prayer and Healing Retreats for Women and Men**

Suffering from a past abortion? You're not alone. Connect with local support and resources and explore other women's and men's experiences. Begin your healing journey and experience God's mercy.

“Entering Canaan” Day of Prayer and Healing Retreats for Women will be held Saturday, January 27 and April 21. An “Entering Canaan” Day of Prayer and Healing Retreat for Men will be held Saturday, February 10.

The day is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Toledo. For more information and confidential reservations, call 1.888.456.HOPE or email [projectrachel@toledodiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@toledodiocese.org). Visit [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com) for more information on Project Rachel.

**Something to Consider:** “I always thought in a marriage the wife gives 50% and the husband gives 50%. Doesn't work that way. I give 100%; she gives 100%.” [basketball player Ronnie McAdoo on what he learned when he and his wife battled back from the brink of divorce and saved their marriage]

### **Citizenship Class in Archbold**

Project Hope is holding a series of classes for Legal Permanent Residents who wish to apply for citizenship. Project Hope also is looking for community members who want to mentor Legal Permanent Residents. Ten two-hour classes will be held March-May 2018 with the specific dates to be determined. The classes will be held at Archbold Community Library.

To learn more about the citizenship classes or mentoring, call Project Hope at 419.445.0728.

### **Some New Year's Resolutions Worth Keeping**

I resolve to put Christ before my church and my church before my club.

I resolve to put the spiritual before the material and the eternal before the temporal.

I resolve to put God's Word before the opinions of others.

I resolve to put prayer before pleasure.

I resolve to walk more by faith and trust and less by sight and reason.

I resolve to live in order to give rather than to get.

I resolve to strive to be good rather than great.

I resolve to put more of God and less of myself into my work.

### **World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland**

Join others from the Toledo Diocese in attending the next World Meeting of Families. Dublin has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting Aug. 21-26, 2018, guided by the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World.” Hosted every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray, reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, society, and the Church.

If you're interested in going with our diocesan group, contact [maggie@CatholicFaithJourneys.com](mailto:maggie@CatholicFaithJourneys.com) or 419.290.8782.



**Free Meal with Fellowship** is served each Thursday at Christ United Methodist Church. Stop by between 5-6:30 p.m.

### **Area Happening:**

\*Survivors after Suicide support group – Thursday, January 4, 7-8:30 p.m.; Four County ADAMhs Board (across from Four County Career Center south of Archbold on State Route 66)

### **Parish Religious Education**

Classes resume January 3 and 7.

Come for games, open gym, and supper Wednesdays. This week pizza is on the menu.

Parents of seventh grade students should have received a letter about the upcoming morality classes.

