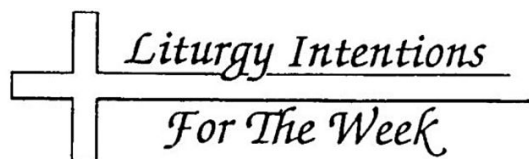


PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S

PASSION



**Monday, April 14**

*Nothing Scheduled*

**Tuesday, April 15**

*Nothing Scheduled*

**Wednesday, April 16**

*Nothing Scheduled*

**Thursday, April 17 – Holy Thursday**

7 p.m. Jim Spieles

**Friday, April 18 – Good Friday**

12 p.m. for safe travels

**Saturday, April 19**

8 p.m. Rich Davis

**Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday**

8 a.m. for St. Caspar parishioners  
10:30 a.m. Joseph E. Sevenich  
1 p.m. Angela Simona Galvan



**Saturday, April 19 – 8 p.m.**

Musicians: Chris Bott & Jeremiah Hartman  
Proclaimer: Sally Kovar & Sue Creps  
Servers: *Sign up in Sacristy*  
Comm. Ministers: Mary Denn, Ann Flory, Barb Bonfert  
Ushers: Jean LaFountain, Paul Murphy, Steve Sekula, Manley Fernandes

**Sunday, April 20 – 8 a.m.**

Musicians: Sue & Bert Dieringer  
Proclaimer:  
Servers: *Sign up in Sacristy*  
Comm. Ministers: Kevin O'Neil, Jeremy & Sarah Altstaetter, Mary Fraker  
Ushers: Mel Case, Larry Restivo, Mel Augustyniak, Louis Buckenmeyer, Mike Ott

**Sunday, April 20 – 10:30 a.m.**

Musicians: Chris Bott & Len Coleman  
Proclaimer: Susan Clark  
Servers: *Sign up in Sacristy*  
Comm. Minister: Judy Mielke, Lou Coleman, Rebecca Berger, Tony Bauman, Barb Sekula  
Ushers: Rich Flory, Jim Miller, Mike Vasquez, Tracy Elson

Fulton Manor/Ayden Healthcare-Doug Clark  
Church cleaning this week – Cheryl Kohls  
Clean Linens – Ruthann Fry

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**Sunday, April 13**

9 a.m. – *4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting* – Abram Room  
9 a.m. – *1<sup>st</sup> Communion Practice* – Church  
9 a.m.-12 p.m. – *K. of C. Breakfast* – PLC  
9 a.m.-12 p.m. – *St. Therse Spring Fundraiser* – PLC  
11:30 a.m. – *Easter Egg Hunt* – Back Parking Lot  
5 p.m. – *Spanish Rosary* – South Wing

**Monday, April 14**

7:30 p.m. – *Knights of Columbus Meeting* – PLC

**Wednesday, April 16**

5:30 p.m. – *RCLIA* – Abram James Room  
7 p.m. – *Stations of the Cross* – Church  
7 p.m. – *Men's Group* – Pope John Room  
7 p.m. – *7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting* – Abram Room

**Thursday, April 17**

10:30 a.m. – *Bible Study* – Abram Room  
7 p.m. – *Holy Thursday Mass* – Church

**Friday, April 18**

*Parish Office will be Closed*

12 p.m. – *Passion of the Lord Service* – Church  
4:30-6:45 p.m. – *Fish Fry* – Parish Life Center  
6 p.m. – *Spanish Prayer Group* – Poe John Room

**Saturday, April 19**

8 p.m. – *Easter Vigil* – Church

**Sunday, April 20**

5 p.m. – *Spanish Rosary* – South Wing

**Videographer**, if you're willing to record any Easter Masses, please contact the Parish Office.



<u>Average weekly collection needed</u>	\$6,975.00
<u>Collection for April 6</u>	\$7,149.00
95 Sunday envelopes	\$4,563.00
Loose cash	941.00
Electronic giving for wk.	1,645.00

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Church Website: [www.stcaspar.org](http://www.stcaspar.org)



**Fish Fry**

Weekly Fish Fries are every Friday. Fish Fries are in the Parish Life Center from 4:30-6:45 p.m. Dinner includes Alaskan pollock, baked potato, cole slaw, applesauce, mac & cheese, dinner roll and dessert. Dine in or carryout. \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 7-12, ages 6 and under and 90 and over eat free. 1<sup>st</sup> responders and in uniform are free.

Friday, April 18 will be the last Fish Fry of the year. Thank you for everyone that came out!

**The Easter “Word Among Us” and Little White Books have arrived!** They are available on the tables in the back of church.



**HOLY WEEK**

Wednesday, April 16  
Stations of the Cross – 7 pm  
Along with the 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

Thursday, April 17  
Holy Thursday Mass – 7 pm

Friday, April 18  
Passion of the Lord Service – 12 pm

Saturday, April 19  
Easter Vigil – 8 pm

Sunday, April 20  
Normal Sunday Masses

**Gluten Free Hosts** are available here at St. Caspar's. Before Mass, please let Father know you are Gluten Free and have a pix ready with your name on it.

**The Parish Office will be Closed** on Friday, April 18 due to Good Friday.



**Would You Like To Be On Our Prayer Chain List?**

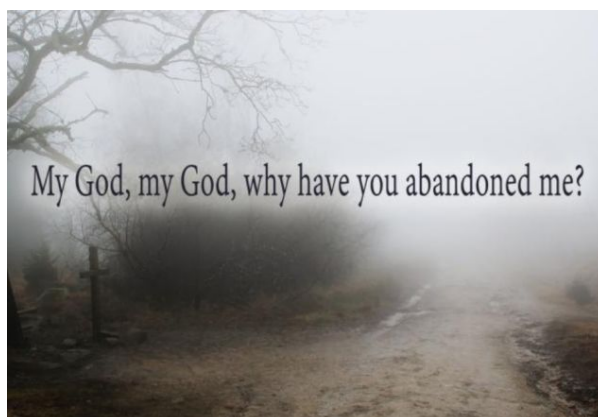
Contact Sue Davis at 419-266-6956 or [dsdavis1965@gmail.com](mailto:dsdavis1965@gmail.com). Please give her your name and email address and she will add you on the Prayer Chain!

**Rest in Peace**

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



Donald Davis  
12/18/1942 – 3/31/2025



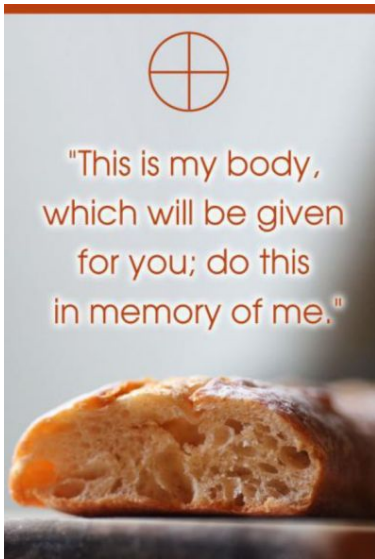
**The Church**

“The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.” [St. Boniface of Mainz]



**Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus is having a breakfast on Sunday, April 13 from 9 am to 12 pm in the Parish Life Center. They will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage patties and links, hash browns, fruit, juice and coffee. All donations will go to St. Caspar's Parish.



**Chrism Mass at the Cathedral**

As we continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, kindly join us for the celebration of the annual Chrism Mass during which the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens are blessed; the Sacred Chrism is consecrated; and our diocesan and religious priests renew their priestly promises.

We invite all the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo to "pray for your Priests, that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them, and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ, the High Priest, so that they may lead you to him, who is the source of salvation" (Roman Missal, Chrism Mass, Renewal of Priestly Promises).

Parish representatives from around the diocese will be present and will take the blessed/consecrated oils back to their communities to be used in the celebration of the sacraments during the next year.

**YOU ARE MOST CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE Chrism Mass WHICH will be celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo.**

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**

For those whose schedules permit: We have a Bible study that meets at 10:30 am on Thursday each week, downstairs in the Abram James Room.

We pray the Holy Spirit leads and guides us, as we read and discuss the Scriptures. No homework, books, or papers to fill out. Just bring your Bible! (If you don't have your Bible with you, you can use one of the church's.) For more information, contact Jill Lynch.

<p align="center"><b><u>Annual Catholic Appeal 2025</u></b></p> <p align="center">Goal: \$22,200.80</p> <p align="center">So Far: \$6,239.23</p> <p align="center">Still Need: \$15,961.57</p>
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**A Reminder**

The Lenten Collections for Women's Health Resource, JJ Safehouse, and Cherry Street Missions will continue through Palm Sunday weekend. Collection boxes are located in the vestibule or by the Parish Office.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Any items for the April 20<sup>th</sup> bulletin need to be turned in by Monday, April 14 by 12 noon.

Thank You to everyone who donated of purchasing new chalices for the church!



**Baptism**

Congratulations to Jose Ramirez and Joanna Renteria of their son, Agustin Ramirez-Renteria being baptized this past weekend.

Spring time is here! It is a great time to make a visit to our Parish Shrine & Prayer Garden. You will notice a new kneeler in front of the grotto. You can also enjoy sitting on new benches. Thank you to Dan & Sally Kovar for making, installing, and donating them! If you are interested in volunteering to help out at the shrine, contact the Parish Office. Otherwise, make a visit, you won't be disappointed.



### We Need Your Help!

For our church's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we have some events we will be doing throughout the year and we need some helpers. Some of the tasks are getting the event set up, preparing food, etc.

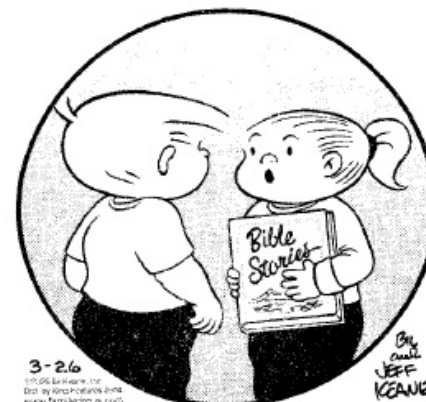
We also need help with our dinner we will be having to celebrate the anniversary in the Fall with Bishop Thomas.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Kasey at the Parish Office.



### The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

So when God pulls down the curtain on the drama of the world's redemption, He will not ask what part we played, but only how well we played the role assigned to us.

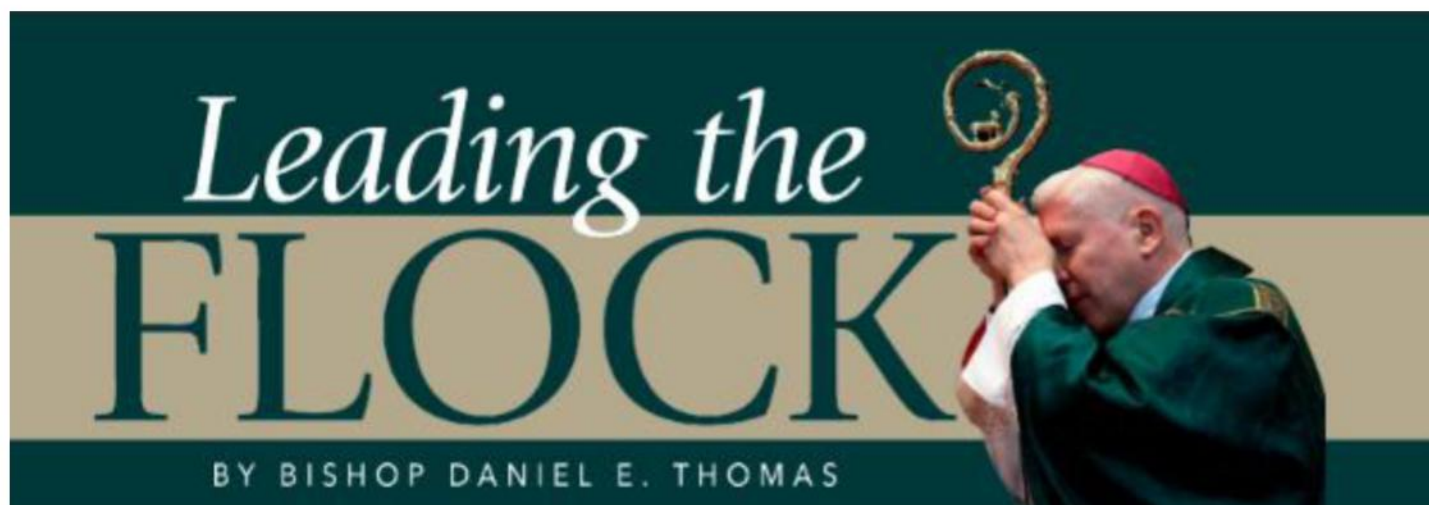


"Know who Noah's wife was?  
Joan of ark."

### A Look In The Past 175 Years In Our Parish

Previous pastors had taken care of all religious instruction themselves; but now with the additional space, Fr. Walter hired two or three Notre Dame Sisters from Napoleon St. Augustine to help teach the elementary children once a week. St. Caspar's was designated an "educational mission" of Napoleon until 1973. Until then the Sisters were assisted by one or two lay persons, but usually it was they and the priest who taught religious education.

**St. Therese Circle**  
*Spring Fundraiser*  
Saturday, April 12 & Sunday, April 13  
Saturday: After 5 pm Mass  
Sunday: 9 am to 12 noon  
Location: Parish Life Center  
Baked Goods, Craft Sale, Bid & Buy  
Auction, Plant Sale



## AI: A Catholic Perspective

*"Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and so make a name for ourselves..." (Genesis 11:4)* The fact that people used bricks and mortar to build the Tower of Babel was not the problem. The problem, rather, was the intention behind the construction of a tower. In a similar way, we have a new tool at our fingertips – artificial intelligence technologies – that we must engage. Artificial intelligence is impacting us all – teachers and students in schools, parents in homes, working professionals in their careers, and more. It is vital for us to learn about this new technology and carefully discern our approach to implementing it, ensuring that our intentions remain focused on building the Kingdom of God.



Pope Francis has called artificial intelligence "an exciting and fearsome tool."<sup>1</sup> On the one hand, these tools can allow users more efficiently to complete tasks in minimal time, advance human understanding in vital areas like medical research, and enhance access to publicly available sources. On the other hand, there are significant concerns about this technology, including

what safeguards are necessary to protect sensitive data, what a hyper-focus on efficiency might do to the human person, and how excessive use of these tools might impact human development. As a result, our approach to this technology must be intentional and respectful of human dignity.

### What is artificial intelligence?

Artificial intelligence refers to the field of study related to machine replication of aspects of human behavior, including simulating problem-solving capacities or generating content. One of the most commonly available types of artificial intelligence technologies is generative artificial intelligence. Broadly speaking, generative artificial intelligence tools produce responses to human inputs based on predictive algorithms – sets of rules that machines use to interpret data and produce results – equipped with and trained on large datasets. These tools are often highly interactive and responsive. The capabilities of these technologies are truly breathtaking, and development – both in the technology itself and how we interface with it – continues at a rapid pace.

Our approach to this technology should be informed by our worldview as Catholics. In addition to the Holy Father's comments, the Church has issued formal teaching in *Antiqua et nova*<sup>2</sup> and has been involved in dialogue, seeking to guide builders of these technologies through summits like the "Rome Call for AI Ethics"<sup>3</sup> and inform policy and best practice development about artificial intelligence through forums like the recently-held meeting on "Risks and Opportunities of AI for Children."<sup>4</sup>

Our approach must also be informed by history. For our entire history, we have interacted with our surroundings using various forms of "technologies," ranging from simple tools like knives to much more complex tools like cell phones. Our Holy Father has even described us as living in a

<sup>1</sup> [AI: An Exciting and Fearsome Tool](#)  
<sup>2</sup> [Antiqua et nova](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Rome Call for AI Ethics](#)  
<sup>4</sup> [Risks and Opportunities of AI for Children](#)



“techno-human condition,” suggesting that we “have always maintained a relationship with the environment mediated by the tools [we] gradually produced.”<sup>5</sup> Under this view, it is mostly incumbent on the user of the tool to use the tool to bring about good. As Pope Francis notes, though, there are features that make artificial intelligence technologies even more complex and potentially unique, so we must carefully consider a principled approach.

#### **How should Catholics approach artificial intelligence?**

Simply put, we should use artificial intelligence technologies only as tools to support human flourishing and should avoid using them to replace those activities and capacities that are distinctly human in nature.

This basic principle suggests that any conversation about artificial intelligence ultimately will return to this question: What does it mean to be human?

We are in an age in which anthropological questions abound, and this new technology again brings this question to the forefront. Our discernment as a Church must be rooted in Christ’s witness because ultimately, it is Christ in His humanity who teaches us what it means to be human. Allow me to highlight three God-given capacities that are foundationally human.

1. *Free Will*

One of the foundational characteristics of humankind is free will. If we find that we are relying on forms of artificial intelligence, which are nonhuman, to make moral or ethical decisions for us instead of forming our own consciences to then make the decision ourselves, we have significantly erred. It is quite possible that the use of external tools may be part of a decision-making process, but we must be clear not to cede our use of free will to an algorithm.

2. *Intellect*

God has blessed each human person with the gift of intellect. It can seem that our intellectual capacities are minimal compared to these machines, which can immediately produce results with high levels of accuracy. The purpose of our intellect, though, is not merely production. It is imperative to remember that artificial intelligence technologies have features that give them “sophisticated abilities to perform tasks, but not the ability to think.”<sup>6</sup> God gave us an intellectual capacity that we might pursue a relationship with Him and build the Kingdom here on earth. While actions like reasoning, judging, and discerning may be aided by using artificial intelligence technologies, we must ensure that any use of technology supports these capacities and their ultimate purpose.

3. *Love*

The capacity for love of each other and of God lies at the core of our being. The supplementing of human-to-human

relationships with human-to-machine relationships is a dangerous step, often with disastrous outcomes. A “relationship” with an artificial intelligence “companion” (a personalized tool designed for either professional or personal use) is merely a mimicry of the reality and richness of human relationship. We must even be cautious about excessively relying on external technologies to mediate our relationships with God. Digital technologies may help us to discover prayers, find ancient texts, or set reminders to pray, but we ought to be wary of any attempts to replace something truly human in nature – the longing for God – with any technology.

Thus, we should begin by evaluating the impact of a technology on each of these three capacities, ensuring that it does not impede our ability 1) to use free will, 2) to develop and apply our intellect, or 3) to love. Beyond that, we must use any technology strictly as a tool to support human flourishing and consider the impact that our use may have on ourselves, each other, and our society more broadly.

#### **Conclusion**

Because of the anthropological issues at the core of our discernment, the Church must continue to be active in the broader, public conversation about the proper role of artificial intelligence in our lives. As Pope Francis has said, “[it] is now safe to assume that its use will increasingly influence the way we live, our social relationships and even the way we conceive of our identity as human beings.”<sup>7</sup>

This calls for us to be active in respectful dialogue and careful discernment. In the Diocese of Toledo, the Pastoral Center staff has begun to explore artificial intelligence, and particular departments are working with their colleagues throughout the diocese thoughtfully to engage the topic. For example, the Department of Catholic Education has worked with Catholic school leaders throughout this year to consider the impact of artificial intelligence on teachers, students, and families and to design policies and learning experiences accordingly. This dialogue and discernment must continue throughout the Diocese of Toledo.

As we navigate together the evolving digital landscape, we commit ourselves not to use this new technology to build a tower to advance our own names but to advance the Kingdom of God.



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
March 25, 2025

<sup>5</sup> [AI: An Exciting and Fearsome Tool](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Antiqua et nova](#)

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*Miss you both.*

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