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ST. CASPAR  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

175TH ANNIVERSARY

*"Faith Working Through Love"*



Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 5 pm

Sundays: 8 am, 10:30 am, 1 pm  
(Spanish)

Confessions: Saturdays 4-4:45 pm

Wifi Password: WhatPassword?

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Wauseon, OH 43567

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 am-12:30 pm & 1:30-4:30 pm

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Church Website: stcaspar.org

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 10 am

**Diocese of Toledo Prayer**

Heavenly Father, with the redeeming cross of Christ Jesus your Son, and the gifts of your Holy Spirit, renew and strengthen us, so that by our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we may foster Holy Disciples, Holy Families and Holy Vocations, so as to become a more Holy Diocese of Toledo. We turn to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, for her intercession and never failing prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hail Mary**

Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst  
women and blessed is the  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of  
God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of  
our death. Amen.

**St. Caspar's Mission Statement**

St. Caspar Catholic Church is dedicated to the embodiment of a Christ-centered approach in both our sacramental and service endeavors. We are committed to Christian formation for all our parishioners through education, community involvement, cooperation, and wide-ranging charitable outreach.



**Monday, August 11**

*Nothing Scheduled*

**Tuesday, August 12 – St. Jane Frances de Chantal**

8:30 a.m. Melvin Willenbrink & Edwin Aguilera

**Wednesday, August 13– Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus**

8:30 a.m. for favorable weather

**Thursday, August 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe**

7 p.m. for peace

**Friday, August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 a.m. Mueller & Eckel grandparents  
12:05 p.m. for those grieving

**Saturday, August 16**

5 p.m. Mart & Ed Conway, past & present members of the St. Therese Circle

**Sunday, August 17 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 a.m. Cheryl Savage Head  
10:30 a.m. for St. Caspar parishioners  
1 p.m. Angela Simona Galvan & Edwin Aguilera

**Saturday, August 16 – 5 p.m. (At the Shrine)**

Musicians: Spirit Seekers  
Proclaimer: Swedal Pais  
Servers:  
Comm. Ministers: Sherry LaFountain, Barb Stipp, John Wilhelm  
Ushers: Jean LaFountain, Paul Murphy, Steve Sekula, Manley Fernandes

**Sunday, August 17 – 8 a.m.**

Musicians: Spirit Seekers  
Videographer: Gunner White  
Proclaimer: Bob Ireland  
Servers:  
Comm. Ministers: Tim Gillen, Jane Patterson, Mary Fraker  
Ushers: Mel Case, Larry Restivo, Mel Augustyniak, Louis Buckenmeyer, Mike Ott

**Sunday, August 17 – 10:30 a.m.**

Musicians: Spirit Seekers  
Proclaimer: Jake Grime  
Servers: Chloe Cole  
Comm. Minister: Rebecca Berger, Dan Gautz  
Ushers: Rich Flory, Jim Miller, Mike Vasquez, Tracy Elson

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

**Sunday, August 10**

5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing

**Monday, August 11**

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

**Thursday, August 14**

10:30 a.m. – Bible Study – Abram Room

**Friday, August 15**

6 p.m. – Spanish Prayer Group – Pope John Room

**Saturday, August 16**

5 p.m. – Shrine Mass

**Sunday, August 17**

9 a.m. – New Parishioner Registration – North Wing  
5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing

**Fulton County Fair**

St. Caspar Parish along with the other 4 Catholic parishes in Fulton County, will once again be participating in the **Catholic Communities of Fulton County** booth at this year's Fulton County Fair. Volunteers from St. Caspar are needed at the following times:

- Friday, August 29 from 9 am to noon
- Monday, September 8 (Labor Day) from 9 am to 9 pm (2 or 3 hour shifts)
- Tuesday, September 9 (Junior Fair Day) from 7 pm to 9 pm

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule or call Randi Wudi (419-583-9631) to volunteer.



<u>Average weekly collection needed</u>	\$6,975.00
<u>Collection for August 3</u>	\$6,528.37
95 Sunday envelopes	\$3,951.57
Loose cash	1,143.80
Electronic giving for wk.	1,433.00

### St. Vincent de Paul Society Collection

Due to the Shrine Mass next weekend, we will have the second collection for the 5 pm Mass on August 23 instead of August 16. The Sunday Masses next weekend will have the second collection for St. Vincent de Paul.



### Is Your Garden Growing Crazy?

If you have a lot of produce and not sure what to do with it, St. Caspar's can help you with that! We have a table in the vestibule for you to drop off any produce and it can be shared with our fellow parishioners. Plastic bags will be available for easy to carry items.



### Food for Thought...

Life goes on...whether you choose to move on and take a chance in the unknown or stay behind, locked in the past, thinking of what could've been.

### LifeWise Academy Is Growing!

In the upcoming year, LifeWise will be enrolling students in grades 1-5. With this growth comes more needs. They are in need of one more teacher for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

They will also need more volunteers to make the program possible. A LifeWise volunteer is first of all a friend to the students and a welcoming, smiling face. They talk with students, help them to learn Bible verses, encourage them to be attentive and involved. Volunteers also are extra hands for the teacher in passing out supplies and cleaning up the classroom. Volunteers ride the bus or shuttle to accompany students to and from school.

The schedule is very open ended. Each person signs up for as many time periods as they would like. Most time slots are 1 ½ to 2 hours.

If you are interested, you can join the team at [lifewise.org/wauseonoh](http://lifewise.org/wauseonoh). Feel free to contact Lisa Aeschliman (419-277-1990), Dave Burkholder (567-454-0588), or Suzy Osborne (419-270-7391).

### Are You Formally Registered in the Parish?

Anyone who isn't registered at St. Caspar's is invited to go to the North Wing after the 8:00 Mass, on Sunday, August 17. Steve and Lisa Pursel will be there to help you with the brief paper work. Even if you grew up in this parish, you need to register when you have your own household.



### 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!

### Monthly Giveaway!

This month we are giving out Grocery Tote Bags with our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo on them. You can pick up yours on the tables in the back of church.

### The World's Greatest Need

A little more kindness and a little less greed;  
A little more thanksgiving and a little less need;  
A little more smile and a little less frown;  
A little less kicking a man when he is down;  
A little more "we" and a little less "I";  
A little more laughs and little less crying;  
A little more flowers on the pathway of life;  
And fewer on graves at the end of the strife.



### Baptism

Congratulations to Daniel & Maria Martinez of their son, Angel Martinez being baptized this past weekend.

### Mass Intentions

If you have Mass Intentions for 2026, you can stop by at the Parish Office and schedule. Mass Intentions are \$10 per Mass, cash or check.

### The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Who is going to save our Church? Not our bishops, not our priests and religious. It is up to you, the people. You have the minds, the eyes, the ears to save the Church. Your mission is to see that your priests act like priests, your bishops like bishops, and your religious act like religious.



### **Annual Mass at our Shrine**

Celebrating Mass outside in God's creation is unique. Our annual Shrine Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 16 at 5 p.m. and also doing a blessing of the new St. Jude Chapel. There will be a potluck dinner and if you are able, please bring a chair and a side dish or dessert to share (optional). The Knights of Columbus will provide burgers, hot dogs, brats, condiments (pickles, relish, sauerkraut), chips, bottled water, and lemonade.



For safety reasons around the Shrine area, please park in the church parking lot. Those having difficulty walking should park in the cleared grassy area east of the creek. In case of threatening weather or excessive heat, the Mass will be held in the church and the Shrine Mass will be rescheduled the following weekend.

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

Fr. Richard Miller served as pastor 1973-1976. It was during his tenure that St. Caspar's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated. Toledo Diocese Auxiliary Bishop Albert Ottenweller (who began as a priest of the Toledo Diocese and was a friend of future pastor, Fr. Bob Holden) celebrated the anniversary Mass. Former pastors Robert Ruffing, James O'Grady, and Paul Mueller returned to celebrate the Mass and join the festivities.

### **Did You Know??**

St. Caspar has a softball team! It's a Church based Co-Ed Softball League that churches in Wauseon compete on Friday nights during the Summer. This year, St. Caspar's team won 1<sup>st</sup> place. Our trophy is showcased in the vestibule.

### **Items Needed at our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**

\*You can drop the items off at the baskets by the doors or on the carts by the Parish Office\*

- Applesauce
- Crackers
- Jelly
- Detergent
- Shampoo
- Dish soap
- Deodorant
- Tooth paste
- Tooth brushes

### **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule**

Thursday, August 14  
7 pm

Friday, August 15  
8:30 am & 12:05 pm

\*No Collection\*

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### Trusting God

“The best thing for us is not what we consider best, but what the Lord wants for us.”

[St. Josephine Bakhita]

### New Catholic Homeschool Program Looking for Part-time Teachers!

St. Thomas Aquinas HEP, a new Classical Homeschool Enrichment Program, is now hiring for the 2025-26 academic year. As a Catholic liberal arts program, we are seeking professionals in their field of study who appreciate the particular focus and presentation of Catholic intellectual thought in a traditional school setting. A teaching degree is not required for teaching in the HEP. Greater emphasis is placed on the ability to understand and practically apply the Catholic liberal arts in the classroom.

Interested parties should send a resume and references to: [office@staclassical.org](mailto:office@staclassical.org). Pay is commensurate with experience and knowledge of the liberal arts.

St Thomas Aquinas HEP is a Catholic Classical Homeschool Program that assists families in enriching the home education of their children by providing classes two days each week for K - 12th grade students. St. Augustine's students enjoy reading the Classics while studying Latin, History, Literature, Art, Science, Math, Philosophy, St. Thomas Aquinas, Sacred Scripture, Logic and Rhetoric. All subjects are taught from the heart and mind of Holy Mother Church.

For more information, please visit our website at <https://staclassical.org/about-our-classical-hep> or call the HEP office at 567-218-3168.



#### Annual Catholic Appeal 2025

Goal: \$22,200.80

So Far: \$11,362.87

Still Need: \$10,837.93


**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.

**FR. CHRIS MILES**

*Pilgrimage to*  
**FRANCE**

Explore the Catholic heritage of France in the footsteps of St. Therese, St. Joan of Arc, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Catherine Laboure (Miraculous Medal Apparition), Visit Paris, Normandy, Lisieux, Mont San Michel, and more!

**MARCH 2 - 13, 2026**



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### Hall Coordinator for St. Caspar Church

This person is responsible to promote the use of the Parish Life Center, meet with prospective parties, and make sure that the contract is followed. Other duties include arranging for a paid hall monitor to be present for receptions and similar events in the Parish Life Center, the downstairs hall, or Youth Room. It is essential that this person be both friendly and firm and have the skills necessary to fulfill these duties. It is preferred that this person be an active member of St. Caspar Parish so that he/she is familiar with the values and standards of our parish.

For more details about this job and amount of pay, please contact Kasey at the Parish Office.



# Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



**"I will take the chalice of salvation and call on the name of the Lord" (Psalm 116:13)**

These words are taken from the Psalm Response most often chosen for the Ritual Mass with the Ordination of priests. In fact, it was these very words we prayed this year during the ordination of our three new priests! These words express the sentiments of the psalmist who prays in thanksgiving that the Lord has heard his prayers and supplications. He writes: "Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live." In the Ordination Mass, as we pray these words, we thank the Lord for all he has done for us in the gift of new priests, we thank the Lord for all he has done for us in shedding his blood to save us, and we thank the Lord that our priests live to pour themselves out for us as did Jesus himself.

Just two years ago I wrote that the Eucharist and the Priesthood are inseparable and highlighted our great need for diocesan priests in the July 2023 *Leading the Flock* column. At that time, we introduced a new initiative for the Diocese of Toledo which invited everyone in our Diocese to pray one Hail Mary each day for an increase in priestly vocations, and to do some fasting or abstinence for the same intention. There is no doubt that your prayers and intentional fasting and abstinence are bearing fruit. Over a three-year period we've accepted 1, then last year 4, now this year 6 new seminarians! And more are coming!

Two years ago I observed: "While the challenges we face may seem daunting, I ask that you approach your prayer and fasting/penance for priestly vocations with **hope**. Just think, if every parish in our diocese sent just one man to the seminary every ten years, we would have 122 seminarians over a ten-year period. If just half of them were ordained priests, we would be ordaining an average of over 6 men per year! This would be a huge shift from our current 20-year average of less than 2 ordinations per year. Dare we hope?" Now, we find ourselves in this Jubilee Year of Hope, called to

be Pilgrims of Hope, and recognizing signs of hope! Please join with me in renewed prayer and renewed hope for priestly vocations!



As with our Diocesan Prayer, we are committed to praying for all holy vocations, conscious in particular of the need for deacons and consecrated women religious. Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us: "There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood." So in these final days of the month of July, dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, I am renewing my call that every person in our diocese continue or begin to offer a daily Hail Mary, along with some weekly Friday observance of fast or abstinence, for the intention of priestly vocations for our diocese. We need men who are ready and willing to take up the chalice of self-sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord, and to offer the Body and Blood of our Lord at Mass. We need men who are ready and willing to make present the Lord's

Paschal Mystery both at the altar and in their very persons. We need more priests who are happy, holy, humble, healthy, and honest. We need more priests, and with God's grace and your prayers, more priestly vocations will come.

With that in mind, this month we are launching a new initiative in sending out, over time, to all our 122 parishes, two traveling "chalices" provided by our Knights of Columbus, for the purpose of inspiring prayers for vocations, in particular priestly vocations. These are actually replicas of chalices, with an artistic representation of the body and blood. One chalice will travel through the northern counties and the other chalice will travel through the southern counties of our 19 county diocese. My intention with this





effort is to till the soil of our diocese with deep prayer asking, or better, begging the Lord to send more priests to serve in our local Church. Each chalice will spend one month on display in a prominent place in the parish church as a visible reminder for the parishioners intentionally to pray for holy vocations, with a particular emphasis on praying for priestly vocations. It may result that parishes and schools may take the initiative of having their own traveling "chalice," which could go from family to family and classroom to classroom, to pray for an increase in priestly vocations. I know some have started this already. May it continue!

It is so encouraging that we have 6 new seminarians for the Diocese of Toledo this year – the largest number of new seminarians in a decade! That raises our total number of seminarians to 14. We are already seeing the fruit of our intentional prayer, fasting and abstinence!

And where do such young men come from you might ask? They come most often from families and parishes that are striving for holiness; from families and parishes that encourage the young to serve the Church. You will find such young men at daily Mass, praying quietly in the church, attending Eucharistic adoration, stopping in for confession, or selflessly serving their neighbors. A daily habit of listening and talking with the Lord after reading from the Gospel of the day allows them to hear the voice of God, to more closely attend to the Will of God for their lives, and to act with courage and conviction.

In the recent 2025 CARA report on newly ordained priests from around our country, we find the following insightful information:

- 89% said they were encouraged by someone to consider the call to the priesthood
- 78% of them spent time in Eucharistic Adoration before entering seminary
- 73% attended Catholic School, either elementary, high school, or college, before entering seminary
- 72% were servers at Mass growing up
- 72% said they pray the rosary
- 66% of the newly ordained priests said it was a priest specifically who encouraged them to consider the priesthood
- 66% of the new priests were in full time employment before entering seminary
- 50% attended public school, either elementary or high school
- 46% said they served as lectors at Mass
- 15% were homeschooled
- 6% were in the military prior to entering seminary

That report also shares that the loudest voice of discouragement for a man considering the call to the priesthood can be a family member. I want to reassure all our families that it is a source of joy and grace to have a priest in the family because the priest son or brother can be,



removed from the Church, a genuine bridge to God. One of the most significant ways a family can support a young man considering the call to the priesthood is to promote the habit of daily prayer and openness to whatever God has in store for him, even if that may be different than what you might expect or desire for him. Openness of family members to welcome a priestly vocation may well be critical in a young man's discerning his vocation. Because God's plan is always the best plan for all our lives.




To any young man reading this column, I want to encourage you and assure you that being a priest is an amazing and rewarding life! It is a full life, a blessed life, and a life deep with meaning and purpose. Yes, you should have a natural desire for marriage and children, but if God is calling you to the priesthood, He will give you the grace to live out joyfully the life of chaste celibacy, obedience, and prayer. Quite simply, priesthood is a heroic adventure of selfless service in the person of Christ Jesus! I am confident more and more men are coming to see it as such! The same qualities that would make for a great husband and father are the same qualities we are looking for in candidates for the priesthood – loving, selfless and self-possessed, kind, prudent and sensitive, strong, faithful, dedicated to the poor and those in need, prayerful, patient, joyful, and courageous! Above all, we need men who are serious about their spiritual lives and about prayer, which brings interior peace and an abiding sense of God's presence.

Please join me in welcoming the traveling chalices throughout our diocese. May each parish take in the replica of the chalice of salvation, and may parishioners call on the name of the Lord. I am confident that these chalices will prompt us to pray for more young men who are ready and willing to respond to a priestly vocation, to take the chalice of salvation, and to call on the name of the Lord!

*+ Daniel E. Thomas*

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



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