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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?

Address: 1205 N. Shoop Ave.
Wauseon, OH 43567

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

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

Parish Phone Number: 419-337-2322
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Church Website: stcaspar.org
Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 10 am

Prayer for Unity of
Christians

Lord God, whose blessings reach to the ends of the earth, you show us your love in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, whom we call Savior and Lord. Confirm us in our common faith that we may walk together with you and one another. Send your blessings upon your Church that what we have begun in the Spirit may be brought to completion by your power. To you be glory and honor, now and forever.
Amen.

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.



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 17

Nothing Scheduled

Tuesday, November 18 – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:30 a.m. for favorable weather

Wednesday, November 19

8:30 a.m. Marilyn Willenbrink

Thursday, November 20

8:30 a.m. for peace

Friday, November 21 – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Paul Noe

Saturday, November 22

5 p.m. Lillian Thourot

Sunday, November 23 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8 a.m. for St. Caspar parishioners
10:30 a.m. Richard & David Lumbrezer
1 p.m. Angela Simona Galvan

Saturday, November 22 – 5 p.m.

Musicians: Spirit Seekers
Proclaimer: Allen Huelskamp
Servers:
Comm. Ministers: Roger & Cathy Drummer, Barb Bonfert
Ushers: Jean LaFountain, Paul Murphy, Steve Sekula

Sunday, November 23 – 8 a.m.

Greeter: Mark Bryson
Musicians: Chris Bott & Jeremiah Hartman
Videographer: Steve Pursel
Proclaimer: Sue Creps
Servers: Jack & James Altstaetter
Comm. Ministers: Jeremy & Sarah Altstaetter, Allison Simon
Ushers: Mel Case, Larry Restivo, Mel Augustyniak, Louis Buckenmeyer, Mike Ott

Sunday, November 23 – 10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Grace Sanders
Musicians: Chris Bott & Sue Clark
Proclaimer: Ryan O'Dell
Servers: Marcos Valderrama & Cruz Avina
Comm. Minister: Grace Sanders, Len & Lou Coleman
Ushers: Rich Flory, Jim Miller, Mike Vasquez, Tracy Elson

Fulton Manor/Ayden Healthcare-Doug Clark
Church cleaning this week – Terry Riggs
Clean Linens – Stephanie Rooney



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, November 16

9 a.m. – Baptism Class – Pope John Room
9:15 a.m. – 3rd Grade Penance – Confession Room
11:30 a.m. – New Parishioner Registration – NW
5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing

Monday, November 17

2 p.m. – Prayer Group – North Wing

Tuesday, November 18

6 p.m. – Fitness & Fellowship – PLC

Wednesday, November 19

5:30 p.m. – O CIA – Abram James Room
7 p.m. – Men's Group – Pope John Room
7 p.m. – Confirmation Parent Meeting – Abram Rm.

Thursday, November 20

10:30 a.m. – Bible Study – South Wing
6:30 p.m. – Revelation Bible Study – PJ Room

Friday, November 21

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

Sunday, November 23

9:15 a.m. – 4th Grade Penance – Confession Room
2 p.m. – Baptism – Church
5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing

Annual Catholic Appeal 2025

Goal: \$22,200.80

So Far: \$14,046.07

Still Need: \$8,154.73



Parish Support

<u>Average weekly collection needed</u>	\$6,975.00
<u>Collection for November 9</u>	\$6,420.08
80 Sunday envelopes	\$3,111.75
Loose cash	838.33
Electronic giving for wk.	2,470.00

Beautification Update from Fr. Todd following “Show and Tell” Open Parish Meetings

*“Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain
who build.” PS 127:1*

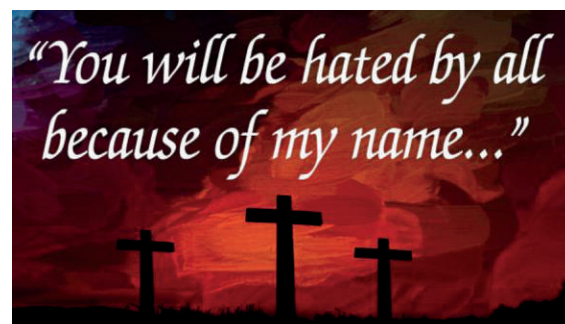
Thank you for attending our recent “Show and Tell” open parish meetings regarding the proposed plans for the beautification of our sanctuary. We have conducted three meetings so far. We plan to have a Spanish language “Show and Tell” meeting for our Spanish language parishioners on Sunday, November 23, 2025. The two meetings which were held on Sunday and Tuesday had mostly adults of the parish in attendance. Thank you. We added one more meeting for Religious Education ministry students, grades 5-12, the next day on Wednesday evening. Just a side note... We were very surprised how engaged the young people were in the beautification presentation! They really do care about the beauty of our sanctuary! Overall, almost everyone who attended the meetings seemed excited for the potential design and urged the committee to continue the process.

The Beautification Committee held a meeting on November 5, 2025 to discuss all the input that had been offered at the “Show and Tell” meetings. We reviewed our process and agreed that we have been faithful to the guidance and recommendations which were given to us about how to do the process. Additionally, we have not received any more input, suggestions, or ideas after the “Show and Tell” meetings. The committee agreed that, overall, those who attended the “Show and Tell” meetings seemed excited for the potential design that was presented and urged the committee to continue the process. The committee has been actively seeking answers to the questions which were asked. We have also reviewed suggestions which were made for further consideration. For example, it was asked, “Do we have to have a crucifix or can it be the risen Christ?” The committee has researched and affirmed that the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, which governs and regulates all matters of liturgy and worship, establishes in article number 308 the fact that a crucifix must be visible in the sanctuary for all to see.

What’s next? We expect to have a Parish Leadership meeting soon to discuss how to move forward. The leadership of the parish includes Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Maintenance Committee, Liturgy Committee, Cemetery Board

members, Knights of Columbus officers, St. Therese Circle officers, St. Bernadette Circle officers, Spanish Ministry Leadership and Parish Staff. Again, at this meeting we will discuss how to move forward. We will present to the leadership group the necessary requirements of the Diocese of Toledo that will allow us to move forward. We will discuss parish input. We will also discuss potential additional projects which are beyond the original scope of the Sanctuary Beautification focus. These may include: possibly moving the baptismal font to the inside main entrance of the church; possibly re-purposing the current baptismal font area for a shrine to St. Caspar; possibly re-painting the entire interior of the church; and possibly enhancing the Stations of the Cross. We will also have a conversation about the need for additional funding beyond the Living Christ capital campaign funds.

Thank you for your continued prayerful support for our parish beautification project.



Baptism

Congratulations to Joseph & Morgan Schneider on their son, Henry Marcel Schneider being baptized this past weekend.



A Look In The Past 175 Years In Our Parish

Along with the festivities for the 150th anniversary of St. Caspar Parish in 2000, a near catastrophe occurred in September. Someone entered the church and started a fire in the Reconciliation Room. Coordinators of Religious Education Cheryl Head and Barb Bonfert smelled the smoke after ending a catechists meeting. Thankfully, the arsonist closed the door to the room, which contained the fire. Damage totaled about \$10,000. The entire church could have been lost if the door had been left open.



The Mitten Tree is set up in the vestibule until Sunday, December 21. Baby items will be donated to the Women's Health Resource in Wauseon. The items that Women's

Health Resource needs are diapers, bottles, t-shirts, hat and gloves of any kid size. Also, area schools are in need of underwear for primary and elementary age children, socks, knit hats, and mittens/gloves.

Food for Thought...

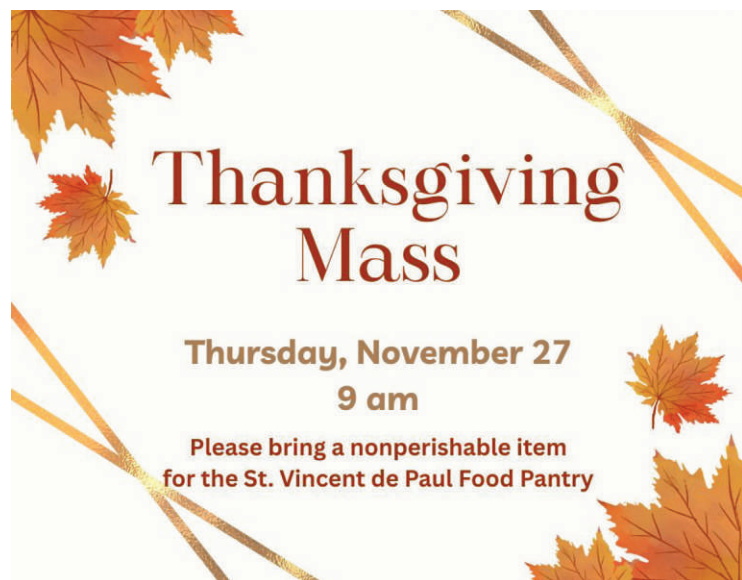
God provides resting places as well as working places. So rest and be thankful when He brings you, tired and weary, to streams along the way.



Poinsettias

Thank you to this partial list of poinsettia donors:

- Pastoral Council, in memory of Mary Ann Dominique
- Chris & Renee Barton, in memory of Jennifer Nagel & Troy Barton
- Mr. & Mrs. Mark Britsch
- JoAnn & Paul Ulrich, in memory of Mary Ann Clemens
- Barbara Teal, in memory of Calvin Teal & Harold Barden
- Luisa Massey
- Helen Tefft, in memory of Robt Tefft



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.

Save the Date!

Christmas Open House &
St. Nicholas Visit
Sunday, December 7
9 am in the Basement Hall

****Parishioners are welcome to enjoy coffee, hot chocolate and cinnamon rolls and to come see the updates in the basement and for some fellowship****

Let Faith Lead You to Understanding

Faith is not the same thing as unquestioned belief. In fact, having faith often compels us to ask questions to better understand the God in whom we have faith. In talking about the Creed, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms the words of Saint Anselm: "Faith seeks understanding." Our desire to know God better can lead to "a more penetrating knowledge" that "will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set afire by love". This desire not only to believe but also to understand and love is present in us throughout our lives. We are invited time and again to a deeper sense of scripture, to understand how to apply the wisdom of our faith to our daily lives, and to articulate our faith to others. What are some ways that your faith seeks understanding?

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.

Bulletin Deadlines

With Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's coming around the corner, any items for the bulletins that are listed below need to be submitted by the following dates:

- November 23 – due Tuesday, November 18 by 10 am
- November 30 – due Friday, November 21 by 10 am
- December 7 – due Tuesday, December 2 by 10 am
- December 14 – due Tuesday, December 9 by 10 am
- December 21 – due Tuesday, December 16 by 10 am
- December 28 – due Thursday, December 18 by 4 pm
- January 4 – due Monday, December 22 by 4 pm

Hurricane Melissa Disaster Relief Collection

Our prayers go out to those who perished, their families, and untold numbers of people who are displaced and suffering from Hurricane Melissa, one of the strongest Atlantic hurricanes on record leaving widespread destruction across the Caribbean in Jamaica, Haiti and the Bahamas.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is reaching out to help the destitute, distributing emergency supplies, clearing rubble, and preparing medical and mental health teams for dispatch. Growing numbers of families need food, safe shelter, hygiene, water and cooking fuel to live.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for this international humanitarian relief effort. You may donate on our secure website:

www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org noting **Hurricane Melissa** as your donation designation. Or make checks out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, designating **Hurricane Melissa**. Please mail checks to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you for generously supporting those in need.

Looking For a Sacristan

St. Caspar is in need of a sacristan. Being a sacristan is a grace-filled ministry serving our Lord, priest and the parish each week by filling the candles with oil, cleaning and filling the holy water bowls at the entrances and preparing for the week's upcoming Masses. The sacristan changes the colored banners in the sanctuary to correspond to the church seasons, and sets up for weddings, funerals and church holy days. A sacristan has the blessing of working in close proximity to the tabernacle and the Blessed Sacrament within. Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to consider being St. Caspar's sacristan? If interested or have questions, please contact the Parish Office.



Do You Have Pieces of Jewelry You No Longer Wear?

Consider donating them to the St. Therese Circle Spring Fling fundraiser. We are looking for items that are not tarnished or missing stones. We will take items that need minor repairs. We will also accept rosaries. No watches. There will be a box to drop things off near the Parish Office. Any questions can be directed to Vicky Raker, Sue Davis or Margie Noirot.



Lighting the Advent Wreath

As we begin to think about the Christmas season coming soon, please consider being a part of this Holy season. We are looking for individuals, couples, families and friends to join us in lighting the Advent Wreath. What a great way to be included in the Mass in a small but spiritual way. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the vestibule. Thank you for celebrating with us!

Evangelization

“If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.” [St. Vincent Ferrer]

A graphic for the Living Christ Pledge. It features a circular stained-glass style image of Jesus Christ on the left, holding a staff and a cross. To the right of the image, the text reads: "Making Your Living Christ Pledge Payment Is Now Easier Than Ever!". Below this, it says: "TO MAKE YOUR SECURE PAYMENT: livingchristcampaign.org/pledgefulfillment OR SCAN THIS CODE TO GET STARTED:". At the bottom left is the "Living Christ" logo with "Diocese of Toledo" underneath. At the bottom right is a QR code.

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Help Support Our Diocesan Priests' Retirement!

Your gift to the Perpetuate the Gift appeal supports our retired diocesan priests, enabling them to pay for their living expenses, such as medical, housing, car, clothing, and food. Our priests have given their lives in service to us and our parish, and we are most grateful! Please offer your gratitude for those who faithfully served the Diocese of Toledo today!

All funds contributed between September 21-December 31, 2025, assist our parish in fulfilling its assessed contribution to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697, or use the envelope that is available and can be placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made online at toledodiocese.org under the GIVE tab. Our parish and our retired priests are so very grateful for your support!



Would You Like To Be On Our Prayer Chain List?

Contact Sue Davis at 419-266-6956 or dsdavis1965@gmail.com. Please give her your name and email address and she

will add you on the Prayer Chain!

A Vocation View

Jesus' life was the best "Job Description": sympathy, mercy, service, compassion, total giving. Life is so rewarding when one really lives for others, rather than just trying to make all people serve the self. Do you want to serve or be served?

Joke of the Day

What does Walmart have in common with church?
~They are both places that save~

The Secret to Happiness

Wheel off in your mind a long list of the ways to be happy that the world offers you each day. One hour of watching television will loft into your lap dozens of commercial suggestions for happiness. And we constantly dream up things that we tell ourselves would finally make us happy. If I had a higher paying job...If my spouse didn't do so many irritating things...If "the church" or my parish would be the way I think it should be...If I could live someplace else...

We are endlessly creative about what would make us happy. Sometimes, it's true, change is in order. Most of the time, however, we're victims of the "grass is greener on the other side of the fence" syndrome. The happy people are those who "know the Lord," who "walk in the radiance" of his face. Imagine that. Whatever can it mean to "know" the Lord? What does it mean to "walk in the radiance" of God's face? Perhaps it means to live each and everyday "in God," knowing that you can never be separated from his love. No way. No how.

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Humility is the pathway to knowledge. No scientist would ever learn the secrets of the atom if, in his conceit, he told the atom what he thought it ought to do. Knowledge comes only with humility before the object which can bring us truth.



Siberian Solstice 2025

A Trans-Siberian Orchestra Tribute Since 2006

Twelve Performers, Exciting Light Show, Video, Narrated Story
Show at 7:00 PM, No Tickets Needed, and Free-will Donation



Siberian Solstice

St. Caspar Catholic Church

Wauseon, OH

Sunday 12/7, 2025

7:00 PM

"This is a do not miss!"

"I would love to see it again!"

ADDRESSES & DIRECTIONS

siberiansolstice.com/showdates.htm

Siberian Solstice Concert Helps our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

In addition to the freewill offering for the band, a non-perishable item for our St. Vincent de Paul Society's food pantry would be appreciated at the concert. (Please don't bring anything expired.) This food pantry also helps local school food pantries.

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