

# Prepare the way of *the Lord*







**Monday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception**

8:30 a.m. for teachers  
5 p.m. for souls in purgatory

**Tuesday, December 9 – St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

8:30 a.m. Frank & Mary Weber

**Wednesday, December 10 – Our Lady of Loreto**

8:30 a.m. Dorothy Harpring

**Thursday, December 11 – St. Damasus I**

8:30 a.m. for those addicted

**Friday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30 a.m. Fr. James Risacher

**Saturday, December 13**

5 p.m. Jim Willenbrink

**Sunday, December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent**

8 a.m. for St. Caspar parishioners  
10:30 a.m. The Alfaro family  
1 p.m. Angela Simona Galvan



**Saturday, December 13 – 5 p.m.**

Musicians: Jacob Hartman  
Proclaimer: Allen Huelskamp  
Servers:  
Comm. Ministers: Barb Sekula, Teresa Schultz  
Ushers: Jean LaFountain, Paul Murphy, Steve Sekula

**Sunday, December 14 – 8 a.m.**

Greeter: Tom & Cindy Savage  
Musicians: Chris Bott & Kathy Augustyniak  
Videographer: Steve Pursel  
Proclaimer: Sally Kovar  
Servers: Jack & James Altstaetter  
Comm. Ministers: Steve Roth, Bob Irelan, Al Scheopner  
Ushers: Mel Case, Larry Restivo, Mel Augustyniak, Louis Buckenmeyer, Mike Ott

**Sunday, December 14 – 10:30 a.m.**

Greeters: Jon & Suzy Osborne  
Musicians: Chris Bott & Bert Dieringer  
Proclaimer: Rosetta Reiser  
Servers: Lily Kopit & Hannah O'Neal  
Comm. Minister: Aaron Barajas, Ann Flory, Jake Grime  
Ushers: Rich Flory, Jim Miller, Mike Vasquez, Tracy Elson

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



**Sunday, December 7**

9 a.m. – PREP Parent Class – Pope John Room  
9 & 11:30 a.m. – Open House & St. Nick Visit – BH  
11:30 a.m. – Baptisms – Church  
4 p.m. – Guadalupe Society – North Wing  
5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing  
7 p.m. – Siberian Solstice Concert – PLC

**Monday, December 8**

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

**Tuesday, December 9**

6 p.m. – Fitness & Fellowship – PLC

**Wednesday, December 10**

5:30 p.m. – OCLIA – Abram James Room  
7 p.m. – Men's Group – Pope John Room

**Thursday, December 11**

*Community Meal Prep* – Kitchen  
10:30 a.m. – Bible Study – South Wing  
6:30 p.m. – Revelation Bible Study – PJ Room

**Friday, December 12**

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

**Sunday, December 14**

1 p.m. – Guadalupe Celebration – Church & PLC  
5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing  
6:30 p.m. – Christmas Program – Church



Average weekly collection needed	\$6,975.00
Collection for November 23	\$7,237.22
98 Sunday envelopes	\$3,783.00
Loose cash	984.22
Electronic giving for wk.	2,470.00

Collection for November 30	\$4,048.00
80 Sunday envelopes	\$2,897.00
Loose cash	593.00
Electronic giving for wk.	558.00

### Advent Prayer

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

### Office Information

Church Phone: 419-337-2322  
Fr. Todd's Phone: 419-335-3656  
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,  
1:30-4:30 p.m.  
Church Website: [www.stcaspar.org](http://www.stcaspar.org)



### **It's Concert Time!**

Siberian Solstice will perform tonight (Sunday), at 7 p.m., in our Parish Life Center. Hear "An Angel's Gift," inspired by Trans-Siberian Orchestra, for a freewill offering for the band and a non-perishable item for our St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry. (Did you know our food pantry shares with local schools' food pantries, too?)

### Day of Grace

Thursday, December 18  
9 am to 5 pm  
Confessions heard every hour,  
on the hour

**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.

**Junior High and High School Activities Collection** will be taken up at next weekend's Masses. This collection occurs four times a year.

### **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.



Thank you to this partial list of poinsettia donors:

- Sue Creps
- Roger & Cathy Drummer, in memory of Drummer & Hann families
- Carol Flory, in memory of Paul, Laura & Nancy Krueger, Nancy Hill
- Margie & Rick Prior, in memory of Jerry & Shirley Iorio
- Mary Leslie
- Karen & Lee Riches, in memory of Bill & Theresa Gustwiller
- Pat & Mary Benner, in memory of our grandchildren
- Juana Chavez-Torres, in memory of Nancy Chavez
- Jim & Grace Sanders, in memory of Sanders & Potter families
- Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Gautz

### **Don't Forget to Give!**

December is the last month to donate to the Annual Catholic Appeal and Perpetuate the Gift. Envelopes are on the tables in the back of church.



**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.



#### **Desserts are Needed for the Community Meal**

St. Caspar's turn for the Wauseon Community Meal is this Thursday, December 11. Desserts are needed for approximately 50-60 people. Non-refrigerated desserts are appreciated. You can drop off your desserts in St. Caspar's kitchen, noting they're for the Community Meal. The Community Meal is open for everyone.

#### **Annual Catholic Appeal 2025**

Goal: \$22,200.80

So Far: \$14,684.82

Still Need: \$7,515.98

#### **Prepare Ye The Way!**

The grey mouse perched on the clocktower, the colorfully lit trees on the green, the bows and boughs on the merchants store fronts reveal that we are all busy getting our town and our homes ready for Christmas. Candles are in the windows and wreaths hang on our doors. Everything is so pretty and festive. Let each of us take time this Advent season to also prepare our hearts for Jesus Christ King! May we creatively keep Christ the focus of our Christmas by celebrating the holy season of Advent in a manner which truly reflects the way Christ taught us to live. May we share what is ours, and spend time in the presence of God. In the service of those in need, may we share His love for us by loving and caring for one another.

#### **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.

#### **SHARE YOUR FAITH DAY**

**Diocese of Toledo and the Toledo Walleye**

**Friday, January 9, 2026**

**Gates Open 6:15 PM | Game Starts 7:15 PM**



**Discounted admission tickets are available scan the QR Code. Tickets are limited.**

**Accessible seating is located in Section 109 Row T Seats 1-5 for those who need it.**

**Many of You Probably Have Participated in the Christmas Tradition of Leaving Milk and Cookies for Santa. Just out of curiosity, are you leaving that milk in a baby bottle?**

The K of C has had only 95 baby bottles returned of the 150 distributed. If you find a bottle while decorating your house for Christmas you can turn it in at the church office or leave it at the back of church when you attend Mass. We borrowed the bottles and would like to return as many as possible.

Thank you to all who have supported our project. To date we have collected \$1700 for the Community Pregnancy Center.



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

After six months of fundraising, \$1,093,069 had been pledged toward the initial goal of \$1.4 million.

In late summer 2002 ground was officially broken for the building project. (Indicating the parish leadership's foresight, a basement area beneath the Parish Life Center was included. Although no immediate plans for the area, it was felt the additional cost would be worth it for future use. They remembered spending nearly \$100,000 in the 1980s to excavate under the church for classroom space.) The Parish Life Center and other upgrades were completed in late summer of 2003.



### OCIA Deadline

If anyone is interested becoming Catholic, the deadline has passed. OCIA classes for next year will begin in September.

### Bulletin Deadlines

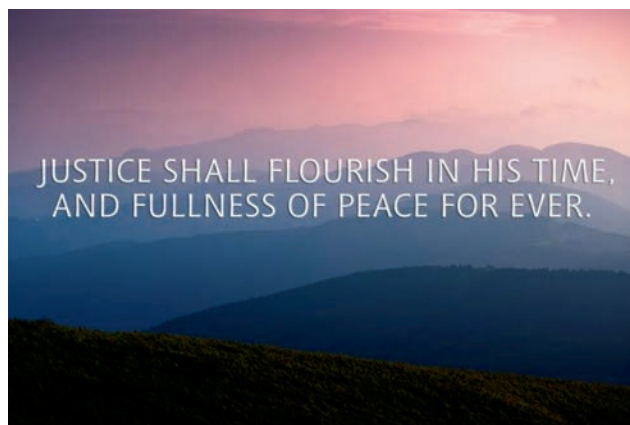
With Christmas and New Year's coming around the corner, any items for the bulletins that are listed below need to be submitted by the following dates:

- 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

### A Message from Bishop Daniel Thomas

Prayerful greetings in the Lord! This comes to express my belated but no less sincere thanks for your warm welcome when I was blessed to be the celebrant and homilist at St. Caspar Parish for the Vigil Mass on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the parish. It was a privilege and a pleasure to join Fr. Todd & our parishioners!

The liturgy was wonderful, the servers so good, and the music was just fine, especially the participation of the elementary students! It was delightful to be with you and all the members of St. Caspar Parish, to pray and offer Holy Mass together and rejoice on such an extraordinary occasion. Please extend my sincere thanks to all those who assisted in the Mass, and in the procession and shrine blessing, and all who arranged for the splendid dinner afterward. Your welcome and their prayerful participation are a source of encouragement.



### Christmas for Kids

The Knights of Columbus will again sponsoring a limited Christmas for Kids program, helping area families that are recommended by area schools. We are looking to assist families who have experienced some sort of hardship – such as an illness or death in the family, house fire, etc.

The Knights will be collecting donations after Masses the weekend of December 6/7. They will be serving cinnamon rolls at the Open House & St. Nick Visit the same weekend in the Basement Hall and those proceeds will go to the Christmas for Kids.

### Fitness & Fellowship Update

Cardio Drumming Class schedule for rest of the year is as follows:

- 12/9
- 12/15 (Monday)

Break for the holidays then resume on 1/6/26.

Judy Becker will contact the people who are already in the class if it is cancelled due to weather. If you are interested in the Cardio Drumming Class, contact Judy Becker at 419-356-9431.

### Retirement Fund for Religious

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to you generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

### 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!

### 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\*

- Laundry detergent
- Noodles
- Juice
- Canned fruit
- Jelly
- Chicken broth
- Canned chicken
- Shampoo
- Kleenex

### Snow Emergency

Level 1: Roads might be icy & use caution

Level 2: Roads become hazardous, your decision

Level 3: Church will be closed



### Rest In Peace

Rev. Robert Joseph Kill, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Sunday afternoon, November 16, 2025, at The Meadows of Delphos. He was 81 years old.

He was born June 12, 1944 at home in Landeck to Eugene F. and Rosalia B. (Gengler) Kill who both preceded him in death. Father Kill was a graduate from Pontifical College, Josephinum, Worthington. He was ordained April 3, 1971 in Columbus, Ohio. He had served as pastor at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Bellevue, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Continental, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Holgate, St. Paul's Catholic Church, Hamler, St. Michael's Ridge Catholic Church, Defiance, St. Isidore Catholic Church, Defiance/Sherwood, and St. Barbara Catholic Church, Cloverdale.

He was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and an avid fisherman and outdoorsman. When asked what some of his fondest memories were, outside of his pastoral duties, he recalled the many camping trips he took with his mother and sisters. He is also preceded in death by two sisters, Sister Mary Thomas OSF (Beatrice Kill) and Sister Marietta OSF (Marilyn Kill). Father Kill is survived by a close friend and housekeeper for close to 50 years, Anita Bertsch of Delphos.

Please remember Fr. Kill in your prayers.



**St. Caspar Catholic Parish**

	<b>Balance 7/1/2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/2025</b>
Unrestricted Funds:				
Operating Fund	\$58,296.26	\$557,340.81	\$561,089.37	\$54,547.70
Restricted Funds:				
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$20,873.22	\$6,031.00	\$16,813.32	\$10,090.90
South Wing Reno.	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Youth Ministry/Music	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,619.49	\$44,380.51
Stipends	\$2,320.00	\$6,096.95	\$6,096.95	\$2,320.00
Cemetery	\$37,686.17	\$14,191	\$45,784.15	\$7,693.27
Cemetery Maint.	\$7,929.00	\$1,600.25		\$8,381.00
Cemetery Savings Acct.	\$0.00			\$41,500.00
Jr. High School	\$4,623.48	\$2,190.33	\$2,388.33	\$4,425.48
High School:				
Life Teen	\$4,178.20	\$1,292.17	\$1,860.87	\$3,609.50
Youth				
Minister	\$5,397.00			\$5,397.00
Mission Fund	\$9,555.00	\$856.42	\$9,000.00	\$1,411.42
Total All Funds	\$204,858.33	\$589,598.93	\$648,652.48	\$187,756.78

Breakdown of items: FYE 06/2025

Offertory	\$ 361,792.72
Holiday/Holy Days	\$ 34,637.75
Salaries and Fringes	\$(217,415.00)
Administrative Expenses	\$ (97,357.63)
Rectory	\$ (7,200.00)
Utilities	\$ (43,368.71)
Repairs and Maint.	\$ (36,750.86)
Property Ins./Taxes	\$ (22,874.71)
Diocesan Assessments	\$ (53,106.15)

**From Fr. Todd: A note about the St. Caspar Parish Year End Report:**

**May God bless you for your continued generosity and dedicated giving to our Lord through your weekly sacrificial offerings.**

**Please note: Most of our cash reserves are dedicated for restricted, specific purposes. They should not be touched for ordinary operation expenses. While we usually have the funds to pay the weekly bills for our ministries and facilities, we do not have the funds for unexpected necessary expenses. Thank you for the times you have contributed to help pay for these unexpected expenses.**

**In truth, as families live from pay check to pay check, our parish family lives from weekly collection to weekly collection. Finance Council has made growing our savings a priority.**



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