

The Epiphany of the Lord

Come, let us adore Him.





Mass Intentions Of The Week

Monday, January 5

Nothing Scheduled

Tuesday, January 6

Nothing Scheduled

Wednesday, January 7

Nothing Scheduled

Thursday, January 8

Nothing Scheduled

Friday, January 9

Nothing Scheduled

Saturday, January 10

5 p.m. Jeffrey Alig

Sunday, January 11 – The Baptism of the Lord

8 a.m. for St. Caspar parishioners
10:30 a.m. Judy Thourot (1 month)
1 p.m. Edwin Aguilera



Saturday, January 10 – 5 p.m.

Musicians:
Proclaimer: Mark Britsch
Servers:
Comm. Ministers: Barb Sekula, Teresa Schultz
Ushers: Jean LaFountain, Paul Murphy, Steve Sekula

Sunday, January 11 – 8 a.m.

Greeter: Tom & Cindy Savage
Musicians:
Videographer: Gunner White
Proclaimer: Sally Kovar
Servers: Carter & Vicente Delgado
Comm. Ministers: Steve Roth, Bob Irelan, Al Scheopner
Ushers: Mel Case, Larry Restivo, Mel Augustyniak, Louis Buckenmeyer, Mike Ott

Sunday, January 11 – 10:30 a.m.

Greeters: Jon & Suzy Osborne
Musicians:
Proclaimer: Suzy Osborne
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 – Marge Prior

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Sunday, January 4

9 a.m. -12 p.m. – K. of C. Breakfast – PLC
9 a.m. – PREP Parent Class – Abram Room
4 p.m. – Guadalupe Society – North Wing
5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing

Tuesday, January 6

6 p.m. – Fitness & Fellowship – PLC

Wednesday, January 7

5:30 p.m. – OCIA – Abram Room
7 p.m. – Men's Group – Pope John Room
7 p.m. – PREP Parent Class – Abram Room

Thursday, January 8

10:30 a.m. – Bible Study – South Wing

Friday, January 9

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

Sunday, January 11

9 a.m. – 1st Communion Parent Meeting – PJ Room
5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing

Office Information

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,
1:30-4:30 p.m.

Church Website: www.stcaspar.org

Offering\$

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| <u>Average weekly collection needed</u> | \$6,975.00 |
| <u>Collection for December 21</u> | \$9,683.00 |
| 100 Sunday envelopes | \$6,390.00 |
| Loose cash | 782.00 |
| Electronic giving for wk. | 2,511.00 |

Prayer for the Holy Name of Jesus

Jesus, Your most holy Name means "Savior". Be my Savior, dearest Jesus. Mercifully grant me through Your adorable Name—which is the joy of heaven, the terror of hell, the consolation of the afflicted, and the solid ground of my unlimited confidence—all the petitions I make in this prayer. 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.

Dear St. Caspar Family,

Please know that I will be away on vacation a few weeks in January, from January 7 to January 27. You will be having visiting priests while I am away. Please welcome Fr. Herb Weber the weekend of January 10/11; Fr. Charlie Ritter the weekend of January 17/18, and Fr. Steve Blum from *Food for the Poor* the weekend of January 24/25. Spanish Masses will have the regular priests scheduled. All priests will be available for Confessions on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. There will be no weekday Masses while I am away. Our neighborhood priests will be taking care of any emergencies when possible. Please call the Parish Office if you have need of a priest. Blessings for a Happy New Year. Fr. Todd



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus is having a breakfast on Sunday, January 4 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 Support our Seminarians.

Cardio Drumming

Cardio Drumming will start back up this year on Tuesday, January 6 at 6 pm in the Parish Life Center. Just a reminder, all you need to bring is a water bottle. Men and women are welcome!

Our Last 175th Anniversary Giveaway!

To end our anniversary and begin the new year, the last giveaway will be a candle with the anniversary logo. Let the light of St. Caspar shine through the community.

Three Simple Rules In Life:

1. If you do not go after what you want, you'll never have it.
2. If you do not ask, the answer will always be no.
3. If you do not step forward, you will always be in the same place.



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!

Epiphany is a Season of Light

Epiphany is a season of worship because it deals with the Glory of God manifested in Jesus. The season begins with the Wise Men coming to worship the newborn King. The season ends with the worship experience on the mount of Transfiguration. When people see Jesus as God's Son, they instinctively fall down to worship him as Lord.

The name "Epiphany" mean "Manifestation". The light manifests itself in the darkness, God reveals himself in Jesus, and the glory of God is seen in Jesus. The Epiphany season extends from six to nine Sundays. The number of weeks observed depends upon the date of Easter and the beginning date of Lent.

Epiphany is a season of light, the light that shines and reveals. The symbol is the Epiphany Star. The light burns so that all may see truth and the way to God.

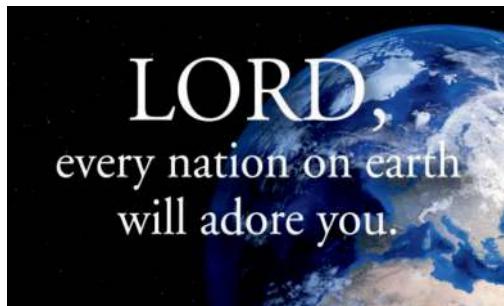
Epiphany is a time for emphasis upon evangelism, the telling of the Good News, the spreading of the light of the Christ in a dark world. Christ is the light and Christians need to reflect that light in the world. We are light-bearers.

And The Winner Is.....

Judy Mielke

Thank you for everyone who donated to the 175th Anniversary.

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.



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.

All Is Not Lost

Saint Rita, who died in 1457, could be considered a "survivor saint," one of a group of saintly women who endured early, sometimes forced marriages, difficult and often violent husbands, widowhood, the deaths of children, and other hardships, yet who were and remained holy people of prayer and service. They joined religious orders, became mystics, established hospitals, and built churches and monasteries. Though they were mistreated, they loved others with great kindness. Though they may have been abandoned, they never abandoned their faith in God. Those paths are available to everyone when they face trying circumstances.

Food for Thought...

Work is not man's punishment. It is his reward and strength, his glory and his pleasure.



Free Throw Contest

St. Caspar Knights of Columbus will be hosting a free throw contest on Sunday, January 18th. The contest is a local competition for the OHIO STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST which includes local, district, regional and state competitions.

All area boys and girls ages 9-14 (age as of 1/1/26) are eligible to participate provided they have not participated in any other local K. of C. contests in 2026.

The contest will be held at St. Caspar Parish Life Center on Shoop Avenue in Wauseon.

Participants may register the day of the event beginning at 12:30 pm. The competition will begin at 1 pm. There is no cost to participate. Questions can be emailed to kofc8829@gmail.com

A Thank You to Rick & April Stidham for donating a poinsettia in a memory of Rachael Sadler.



Women's Health Resource in Wauseon is in need of items for their clinic. These are the items:

- Diapers (Newborn, 3-6)
- Wipes
- Nursing cover ups
- Sippy cups
- Bottle brushes
- Comb brush set
- Nail care
- Socks (girls 0-12 mos.)
- Bibs & burp cloths
- Pacifiers
- Diaper rash

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.

Epiphany of the Lord

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Land Ruler Shepherd Child Treasure

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Support Our Seminarians

For the seventh year the K of C will be collecting for Support Our Seminarians. All funds collected will support seminarians in the Diocese of Toledo. This year's campaign will begin the weekend of Jan. 3-4 and continue into March. Envelopes will be available on the back tables for anyone wishing to contribute. Last year St. Caspar's raised \$3,100.

Snow Emergency

Level 1: Roads might be icy & use caution

Level 2: Roads become hazardous, your decision

Level 3: Church will be closed



Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Broken things are precious. We eat broken bread because we share in the depth of our Lord and His broken life. Broken flowers give perfume. Broken incense is used in adoration. A broken ship saved Paul and many other passengers on their way to Rome. Sometimes the only way the good Lord can get into some hearts is to break them.



Joke of the Day

What did the wise men say after they gave Jesus the gold and frankincense?
"Wait! There's myrrh."

Life

"Live simply so that others may simply live."
[St. Elizabeth Ann Seton]

January 4, 2026

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
Parish Feast Day of St. Caspar

Dear St. Caspar Family,

I want to provide you some updated information about our Sanctuary Beautification project. I have written Bishop Thomas requesting his formal permission to proceed with our plans. The parish started considering beautification of our sanctuary after his encouragement over 6 years ago. St. Caspar Parish leadership named ‘sanctuary beautification’ as one of our *Living Christ Capital Campaign* priorities when we started the campaign in 2022. Thank you for staying faithful to your campaign pledge. Fulfillment of your pledge will help us achieve our beautification plans.

Just a reminder, the Beautification Committee members are: Mrs. Sue Davis, Mrs. Sue Creps, Mrs. Deb Spieles, Mrs. Suzy Osborne, Mr. Burt Derringer, Mr. Steve Sekula, and myself. The committee worked with the worship space design consultants Groth Design Group out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Paul Berribeau, our lead liturgical consultant from Groth Design Group, produced the sanctuary concept design which was presented at our “Show & Tell” meetings.

The Beautification Committee held four open parish “Show & Tell” meetings presenting and explaining the work of the committee and the concept design. Two adult meetings were held, one meeting for the religious education students grades 5-12, and one meeting for the Spanish language group rounded out the presentations. Finally, on December 16, 2025 we held an all-Parish Leadership meeting including 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, Guadalupe Society and Parish Staff. There was nearly unanimous agreement from parish leadership to move forward with the Groth Design Group’s sanctuary design as it was presented at our “Show & Tell” meetings. Thank you to our Parish Leadership groups for your ministry and guidance.

After reviewing options for construction, we have agreed to work with Boyers Construction Company of Pettisville, Ohio here in Fulton County. A few generations ago, Boyers Construction Company built our present St. Caspar Church. While Boyers are busy with many building projects, they are willing to take on our beautification project. Finance Council has approved expending \$17,000 from the *Living Christ Capital Campaign* to engage Boyers Construction Company at our November 11, 2025 regular meeting in anticipation of the project moving forward.

The approval process from Bishop Thomas and the Diocese of Toledo will include the review and approval of the contract agreement between St. Caspar Parish and Boyers Construction Company. This review and approval will be done by diocesan attorney, Mr. Tom Antonini. Once we hear from Bishop Thomas and Mr. Antonini, then our official relationship with Boyers Construction Company can begin. Boyers Construction Company will take the sanctuary designs from Groth Design Group and put them into working construction documents. As you know, Reggie Buehrer of Window Creations of Ottoville, Ohio has been involved in creating the art glass features of the sanctuary design. Groth, Boyers, and Window Creations will be working together to create Permit Drawings and specifications for the sanctuary design. These will be presented to the Diocesan Building Commission in the regular process.

Please know, parish leadership has also recommended that additional projects should be completed along with the sanctuary beautification. These projects include painting the entire interior of



the church's worship space; relocating the baptismal font and baptism liturgy space to the inside main entrance of the church (within the worship space); creating an enshrinement for a new St. Caspar statue (the statue is a gift to the parish family funded by the St. Caspar Rosary Altar Society-St. Bernadette Circle); and, finally, enhancing our current Stations of the Cross. These projects were outside the original scope of the Beautification Committee's work, but the committee is willing to study and make plans for all these add-on projects including cost estimates. St. Caspar Parish Finance Council will be working to help secure the additional funding needed once the full scope of the additional projects is identified and estimates are made.

Funding for the sanctuary beautification project will come in part from the *Living Christ Capital Campaign*. Additional funds will be needed to complete the whole project. St. Caspar Parish Leadership expects that a 'soft, in-house capital campaign' will be needed pay the cost of all the desired projects we have identified, including the recent add-on projects. Below is a brief summary of our *Living Christ Capital Campaign*:

Living Christ Capital Campaign for St. Caspar began September 2022 to be finished 2027

Parish goal = \$395,000

St. Caspar Pledged \$570,360 – 44% over Parish goal

Parish portion expected if all pledges are honored = \$224,000

St. Caspar Parish has spent \$55,166.82 of our *Living Christ Capital Campaign* funds for the first priorities of our case statement:

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| Security project complete & final cost = | \$26,333.92 |
| Beautification cost to date = | \$20,844.90 |
| Outdoor painting complete & final cost = | \$ 7,988.00 |

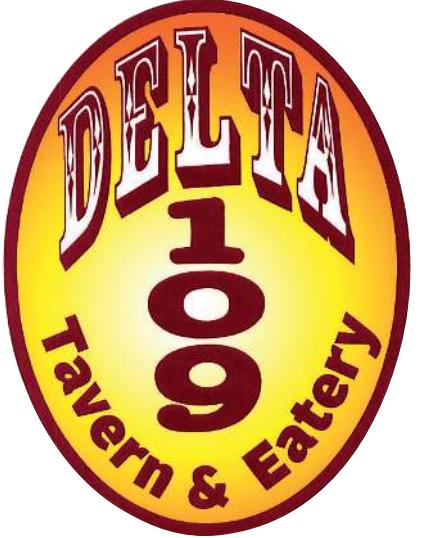
St. Caspar Parish has already received a \$5,000 gift from one family specifically for the beautification project. The family has indicated there will be another \$5,000 after the sale of an estate. The St. Caspar Knights of Columbus Council will also have a donation for the beautification project. These gifts will be a good start for the soft, in-house capital campaign.

Now we will wait for Bishop Thomas' formal written permission to move ahead with our project. Once we get his written approval, then we will contact Boyers Construction Company to produce a contract agreement for the initial phase of the work. We will have Mr. Antonini review and approve it. Then Boyers will work to create Permit Drawings and specifications for the sanctuary design that will be presented to the Diocesan Building Commission in the regular process.

We are reminded from Psalm 127:1 "*Unless the LORD builds the house, they who build it labor in vain...*" We rely on the help of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph, the Worker to help us on our way.

May our New Year be blessed and happy,



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