

St. Caspar's Calling

Ordinary Time, Part 2 – 2021

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Our Sympathy

May the angels and saints welcome into heaven, Jeff Stiriz, 6/12/21; Richard Lumbrezer, 7/7/21; Leo Gustwiller, 7/12/21; Jeanne LeBarr, 8/5/21. Please remember their families and friends in your thoughts, prayers, and action.



Welcome to these new parishioners: Bill & Shirley Zaremba, Wauseon; Barry DiSalle, Wauseon; Luke & Seneca Miller, Pettisville; Natishia Johnson, Wauseon; John Delles, Wauseon.



Congratulations to these couples that got married at St. Caspar's: Mario Estrada Jr. & Yolanda Perez (June 19, 2021); Faustino Campos & Graciela Jimenez (July 3, 2021); Ronald Schmitz & Diane Hassen (July 27, 2021); Barry DiSalle & Irene Martinez (July 31, 2021).

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The Staff Has New Email Addresses!!

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Congratulations to these children who were baptized: Bannon Reid Snyder, parents Dan & Meachele Snyder, (June 27, 2021); Laiklynn Alicia Cox, parents Sergio Reyna & Camile Cox, (July 25, 2021); Isla Mae Pilbeam, parents Garrett & Denise Pilbeam, (July 25, 2021); Mayte Molina Avalos and Yareli Monina Avalos, daughters of Araceli Avalos, (July 31, 2021); Valeri Galinda Vargas and Aryanna Galindo Avolas, parents Carlos Galindo & Edith Avalos, (July 31, 2021); Charlotte Norman, parents Thomas & Mary Norman (August 22, 2021); Addilyn Johnson, parents Brice & Melanie Johnson (August 22, 2021); Josefina Angel Ramirez, parents Alessandro & Breanna Ramirez (August 22, 2021).



Dear St. Caspar family,

I am happy to report that it was a pretty productive summer for us as a parish family. We have had many celebrations of Catholic life and faith with baptisms, a first communion, weddings, funerals and so much more. Mass attendance is up and we continue to grow. It's exciting to expect even more of you back from summer lake houses as we begin our school year and parish religious education. Educationally, we plan to have something for everyone, the young and the young at heart.

Allow me to share some of the work that has been done over the summertime. Our biggest project has been upgrading our technology. This upgrade includes expanding Wi-Fi coverage throughout our facilities, changing our provider from CenturyLink to RTEC Ridgeville Corner Telephone, increasing bandwidth to support better connectivity, and upgrading our telephone system. Our thanks go to Steve Sekula, Ralph Lee and others for shepherding this project. Their many hours included not only planning the project but also rolling up their sleeves and getting dirty. Thanks to all. Please be aware: With these changes comes new email addresses. For example, my new email is tdominique@stcaspar.org.

Other items: We have removed the large stones which lined the driveways around the church. Taking these away provide for safety on our grounds. We also have removed the bushes at the entrance ways of the church for similar safety concerns. We're still finalizing plans for beautifying and finishing our entrance ways. We have worked on our parish doors entrances into the church. We have also done some work on our windows. We have been slowly finishing our interior lighting project which changes our current light bulbs over to LED light bulbs. This would be a great cost savings. We're finalizing the canopies which cover the entrance ways on the back side of the church. Of course, there are regular maintenance issues that come up which have had to be addressed including water leaks both inside and outside the church.

In August we celebrated our Shrine Mass and rededicated our shrine which was vandalized. Our Lady of Guadalupe and Juan Diego are back in their place ready to greet visitors to our shrine. We've been working for the past year on greater security for our shrine which includes security cameras. We are finalizing this project during the fall.

Some of the highlights ahead include our participation in a major Capital Campaign for the Diocese of Toledo – *Living Christ*. Our parish has been chosen to be a pilot parish for this campaign, leading the way of success for the overall goal for the diocese. You will hear much more about this in the days ahead. We are planning Christmas program on December 12th to begin the celebration of our Lord's birth. On March 13th and 14th we will have a parish mission welcoming Paul Koleske. We expect to continue to have parish breakfasts, especially on our parish feast day January 2nd, the Epiphany of the Lord and the arrival of the wise men in Bethlehem.

Our parish overall focus continues to be three main things: 1) Excellence at the Mass and the weekend experience 2) Religious education for mature discipleship 3) Safety in health.

Fr. Todd Dominique



Religious Education News

PARENT MEETINGS FOR PRESCHOOL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

There will be informational meetings for both students and parents on the first day of classes. At Least one parent needs to attend. Classroom procedures, discipline, dismissal policies as well as any new things for the upcoming year will be discussed.

- Pre-k and kindergarten: Sunday, September 12 at 11:30 a.m. in the basement hall.
- Elementary: Sunday, September 12 at 9 a.m. in the Church
- Junior High and High School: Wednesday, September 15, at 7 p.m. in the Church

***All students should come to the meeting with you, we will introduce their catechist and they will then be dismissed.

Life Teen

We are still looking to build up our Core Team for our Life Teen program. This team works together on the lesson planning and executing of the teachings. This is a great and unique experience because unlike our Elementary and Jr. High teams of catechists, our Life Teen team works together throughout the night. The support system is amazing! When you share your faith with our young people you get back as much as you give! Please consider becoming a part of our program! For more information, contact Barb Bonfert at the office.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- September 22 – 5th and 6th grade bonfire
- September 29 – 7th and 8th grade bonfire
- October 6 – Life Teen Bonfire
- October 17 – First Reconciliation Parent Meeting #1
- October 24 – First Reconciliation Parent meeting #2
- October 27 – 7th grade fun run for food
- November 3 – Confirmation Parent Meeting #1
- November 10 – Confirmation Parent meeting #2
- November 24 & 28 – No Classes/ Thanksgiving break
- December 1 – Advent Penance Service 7 p.m. (Parishioners 6:30 p.m.)
- December 4 – First Reconciliation celebration for 2nd grade students
- December 12 – Christmas Program
- December 19, 22, 26 and 29 – No Class/Christmas Break

RCIA Candidates

Do you or anyone you know want to learn more about the Catholic faith and the possibility or becoming a full member of our Church? If this is something you have thought about and would like more information, please contact Fr. Todd or Barb Bonfert.

Have You Ever Wondered Why We Do Some of the Rituals We Do At Mass?

If yes, we have an amazing opportunity for you to get some answers!

On October 13 and October 20, Fr. Todd will be doing a 2-week Mass Class for all of our students and any parishioners who would like to attend. This will be a great way to learn more about the Mass! Our hope is that Mass will become more meaningful for you and your family!

Adult Education/RCIA

We are trying to build an adult education team to help facilitate more adult education opportunities. This team would work closely with Fr. Todd and Barb Bonfert in leading classes and providing input on future Topics. The Bible Study we did on the “Book of Revelation” confirmed that we have many parishioners who want to learn and grow in their faith. This is a very real need in our Parish family, so please consider being a part of our team. For more information, contact Fr. Todd or Barb Bonfert.



Why do we offer Masses for the dead?

The offering of Masses for the repose of the soul of the faithful departed is linked with our belief in Purgatory. We believe that if a person has died fundamentally believing in God but with venial sins and the hurt caused by sin, then God in His divine love and mercy will first purify the soul. After this purification has been completed, the soul will have the holiness and purity needed to share in the beatific vision in heaven.

While each individual stands in judgment before the Lord upon death and must render an account of his life, the communion of the Church shared on this earth continues, except for those souls damned to hell. The Vatican Council II affirmed, "This sacred council accepts loyally the venerable faith of our ancestors in the living communion which exists between us and our brothers who are in the glory of heaven or who are yet being purified after their death..." (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, #51). Therefore, just as we now pray for each other, share each other's burdens, and help each other on the path of salvation, the faithful on earth can offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls undergoing purification, and no better prayer could be offered than that of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. © 2021 Catholic Straight Answers

Why Do Catholics Light Vigil Candles along with Our Prayers in the Book of Intentions?

In the Catholic church, light has always had a special significance because it represents Christ. We know that Jesus called himself the light of the world

In our churches today, we light candles before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or a saint. The light signifies our prayer, which is offered in faith, entering the light of God. It also shows reverence and our desire to remain present in prayer even as we continue on our day.

Burning votive candles are a common sight in most Catholic churches. These candles are seen as an offering that indicates we are seeking some favor from the Lord or the saint before which the votive is placed. Vigil lights are another type of candles burned, and these are typically accompanied by prayers of attention or waiting.

Lighting a candle for someone is a way to both extend your prayers and show solidarity with the person the prayer is being made on behalf of. The faithful also light candles as a sign of gratitude to God for answered prayers.