



# St. Caspar's Calling



Advent – 2021

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*Newly  
Baptized*

Congratulations to these children who were baptized: David & Camila Camacho Mendoza, parents – Diomedes Camacho & Socorro Mendoza, baptized 9/12/21; Christian Rodriguez, mother – Jessica Flores, baptized 10/31/21; Diego Gutierrez Sierra, parents – Daniel Gutierrez Leon & Gloria Sierra Vargas, baptized 10/31/21; Willow Rae Zuchowski, parents – Michael & Alyese Zuchowski, baptized 11/7/21.



Welcome to these new parishioners: Octavio, Yuliana, Juvencia, Austreberto Perez-Anzures, Wauseon; Diomede, Socorro, Cecilia, Diego, Daniel, David, Camila Camach, Wauseon; Nathan, Casemira, Isabella, Julia, Sarah, Christina, Marinna Rawlins, Delta; Heather Dietrich, Sophia Browning, Hannah O'Neal, Wauseon.

## advent penance service

**Wednesday, December 1**  
**Adults: 6:15 p.m.**  
**Religious Education Students: 7  
p.m.**

## Our Sympathy

May the angels and saints welcome into heaven, Carol Merillat, 11/14/21; . Please remember their families and friends in your thoughts, prayers, and action.

## Immaculate Conception Mass

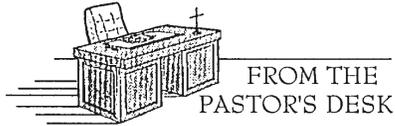
**Wednesday, December 8**  
**7 p.m.**



Congratulations to these couples that got married at St. Caspar's: Dylan McCance & Bernadette Randall (9/18/21); Francisco Rivera & Alma Matias (9/25/21); Ricardo Gutierrez & Marylou Fortuno (11/6/21).

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses (Friday): 4 & 10:30 p.m.  
Christmas Day Masses (Saturday): 9 a.m. (English) & 11 a.m. (Spanish)  
Day After Christmas Masses (Sunday): normal Sunday Mass times



I had to fly to Put-In-Bay and Kelley's Island for Sunday Mass a few weekends ago. I had been at this ministry for the past 8 ½ years to both parishes. To get from one to the other and back to Port Clinton airport I depended on a single-engine 4 seater Cessna. It took about 4 minutes to get from one island to the other.

That's not much time to think much about anything. In fact, there's not enough time to even have a glass of orange juice. Anyway, I began to think about all the people who travel by air. On my plane that Sunday morning it was just me and the pilot. But that morning in the news was a report about how many people were expected to fly to celebrate Thanksgiving with their families and friends. More passengers than in the past two years in the air over the span of a few days due to the recovery from Covid-19. In fact, millions of people flying plus all the tons of cargo transported across the globe so high in the sky. My thought centered on how safely we do this almost every moment of every day – and without much thought on our part.

Flying over Lake Erie I encountered the awe and wonder of that extraordinary feat in that moment. The thought had never occurred to me. Yet, looking out over the vast expanse of sea and landscape of our Great Lake led me to reflect on what I considered miraculous as to how we manage to move so many people and stuff by virtue of our technology and wherewithal.

That was my initial thought. But a second followed immediately. In a sense this thought was divine intervention, a form of grace. The thought prompted within me the recognition that God is present in our human experiences at all times – even when up in a single engine prop. It's God who calls us to cultivate a sense of awe and wonder in our world.

I use this thought as an example of being grateful to the Lord for his presence which I have felt so often in life but perhaps never slowed down to take the time to appreciate it – especially looking out of such a small plane.

In this time of celebrating our national holiday of Thanksgiving we might take the time to embrace within ourselves the feeling of awe and wonder at the marvelous, miraculous world in which we live. And then give thanks to God for such wonders presented to us in life each day.

Happy Thanksgiving and an awesome season of Autumn to all.

~Fr. Jeff Sikorski~

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## Attention!!

**There are no special Masses for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. It will only be the normal weekend Mass schedule (Saturday – 5 p.m., Sunday – 8, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. for Spanish).**

Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year!!

~from St. Caspar's staff~

# Religious Education Notes

## First Reconciliation

Saturday, December 4; 10 a.m.

Our second-grade students and a few older students will be celebrating their First Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers as they heal their relationship with God and others, and experience true forgiveness through this amazing sacrament of healing.

**No Classes** on December 19, 22, 26, and 29. Classes will resume on January 2 and 5. We hope everyone has a blessed Christmas!

## Class Mass Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

Sunday, December 5 at the 10:30 Mass

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Wednesday, January 12 at 7 p.m.

## Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 12 – 6:30 p.m. in the Church**

Students will have to be at the Church by 5:45 p.m. The Spanish group will be doing a special presentation at 6 p.m. on Our Lady of Guadalupe. We want all of our youth seated by 6 p.m. so they can enjoy their presentation. We will begin our program at 6:30 p.m. There will be a reception immediately following the program in the PLC.



Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in their annual Fun Run for Food on October 27. The students were put into groups and each group was given \$50 and a list of items they could choose to purchase. Some items were starred and mandatory that they had to purchase at least one, the rest of the items were what they could choose to spend their money on. The group that got the most items won. This experience helps them understand the struggle of getting the most for your money.

They also get to see how expensive some things are and hopefully they learn to appreciate what they have. All the food and items that they purchase then goes to our St. Vincent De Paul pantry to help people in our community when they need a little extra help.

**First Communion Parent Meetings**

January 23 and January 30 – both at 9 a.m. in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room.

At least one parent must attend these meetings. Please mark your calendars.

**Confirmation Retreat**

Our Confirmation students will be digging deeper into their Catholic faith and spending the day bonding with their sponsors at their retreat on Sunday, February 27. This retreat will start with Mass at 10:30 then go into a day of getting a deeper knowledge of the Holy Spirit and learning how they can grow in the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit they will be sealed with when they celebrate their Confirmation. Please keep our students in your prayers as they go into their final preparation for this amazing sacrament where they put on the full armor of God by committing to their catholic faith!

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