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St. Caspar Catholic Church

1205 N. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, OH 43567



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
1 p.m. (Spanish)

Confessions: Saturday 4-4:45 p.m.
Wifi Password: WhatPassword?

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-4:30 p.m.

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Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

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.

St. Caspar's Mission Statement

St. Caspar Catholic Church is dedicated to the embodiment of a Christ-centered approach in both our sacramental and service endeavors. We are committed to Christian formation for all our parishioners through education, community involvement, cooperation, and wide-ranging charitable outreach.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE MASS



Monday, September 30

Nothing scheduled

Tuesday, October 1 – St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:30 a.m. Josie Lopez (1 year)

Wednesday, October 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 a.m. Fred & Muriel Willenbrink

Thursday, October 3

8:30 a.m. Leona Loveland

Friday, October 4 – St. Francis of Assisi

8:30 a.m. The Cady family

Saturday, October 5

5 p.m. Paul Yoder

Sunday, October 6 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8 a.m. for St. Caspar parishioners
 10:30 a.m. Leroy & Florence Wyse
 1 p.m. Angela Simona Galvan

Saturday, October 5 – 5 p.m.

Greeters: Sue Davis, Deb Redlawski
Musicians: Spirit Seekers
Proclaimer: Deb Spieles
Servers: Brady Morr
Comm. Ministers: Sue Davis, Horst Wudi, Kevin O'Neil
Ushers: Jean LaFountain, Don Davis, Paul Murphy, Steve Sekula, Manley Pais

Sunday, October 6 – 8 a.m.

Greeters: Steve & Lisa Pursel
Musicians: Spirit Seekers
Proclaimer: Sue Restivo
Servers: Jack & James Altstaetter
Comm. Ministers: Sue Creps, Annette Flores, Allison Simon
Ushers: Mel Case, Larry Restivo, Mel Augustyniak, Louis Buckenmeyer, Mike Ott

Sunday, October 6 – 10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Rose DeLeon
Musicians: Spirit Seekers
Videographer: Eric Waldron
Proclaimer: Rosetta Reiser
Servers: Chloe Cole & Cruz Avina
Comm. Minister: Leah Cole, Mike Vasquez
Ushers: Rich Flory, Jim Miller, Mike Vasquez, Tracy Elson

Fulton Manor/Ayden Healthcare-Grace Sanders
 Church cleaning this week – Cheryl Kohls

Sunday, September 29

9 a.m. – 3rd Grade Parent Meeting – Abram James
 5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing

Wednesday, October 2

5:30 p.m. – RCIA – Abram James Room
 7 p.m. – Men's Group – North Wing
 7 p.m. – Bonfire (7th & 8th Graders) – Shrine
 7 p.m. – 6th Grade Parent Meeting – Abram James

Friday, October 4

9 a.m.-7 p.m. – Eucharist Adoration – Church
 6 p.m. – Spanish Prayer Group – Pope John Room

Sunday, October 6

9 a.m. – 4th Grade Parent Meeting – Abram James
 1 p.m. – Baptism – Church
 4 p.m. – Guadalupe Society – North Wing
 5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing



Download Our New Parish App!

Our new St. Caspar app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Caspar and better engage the New Evangelization.

Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish.



<u>Average weekly collection needed</u>	\$6,975.00
<u>Collection for September 22</u>	\$5,797.18
86 Sunday envelopes	\$3,113.00
Loose cash	759.18
Electronic giving for wk.	1,925.00



Observe First Friday, on October 4 by stopping in for Exposition and Eucharistic Adoration from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you would like to do an hour of prayer, the sign-up sheet is on the table in the vestibule.

Solid Blocks for Sale

With putting a new sidewalk at the Shrine, we have 340 blocks looking for a home. If you are interested of purchasing, for all of them will be \$200 or 50 cents each. They are located by the garage at the Shrine.



Baby Bottles

St. Caspar Knights of Columbus will be distributing baby bottles after Mass on the weekend of September 28/29. Parishioners are asked to take a bottle home and fill it with loose change. The bottles will be collected at Mass on the weekend of October 26/27. Bottles may also be returned to the church office. The money collected will be donated to the COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CENTER in Wauseon. Thank you for your continued support of St. Caspar K of C!

1990's: A Family Perspective

Jesus promised us: "where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am!" whenever a husband and wife, or a parent and child get together, we are not alone! The same Jesus whom we worship on Sunday at Church is with us! No matter where you live your vocation as spouse or parent, be it bedroom, kitchen, backyard, in the car – "the Lord is with you".

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated October 19-20. The theme for this year's Mission Sunday is "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" (cf. Mt 22:9). World Mission Sunday is a global effort for the entire Church. All Catholics of the world join into one community of faith to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half of the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

October "Word Among Us" Have Arrived!

You can pick them up on the tables in the back of the Church.

Mass Intentions

If you have Mass Intentions for 2025, you can stop by at the Parish Office and schedule. Mass Intentions are \$10 per Mass.



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 22-December 31, 2024, 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!

Take Time

Take some time this week to enjoy the beauty of the changing leaves. Fall is God's most colorful season. Take the time to enjoy it!



May Jose Sandoval find eternal peace in heaven. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his family and friends. Please remember him in your prayers and actions.

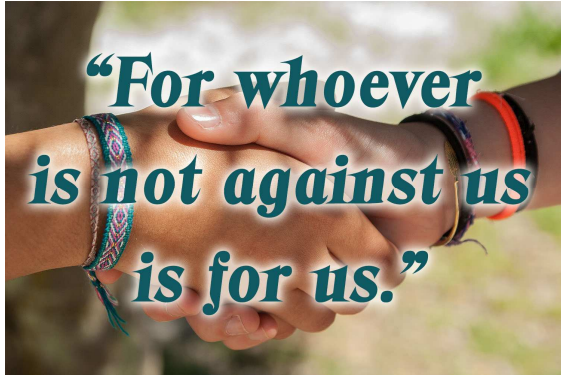
Is Your Garden Growing Crazy?

If you have a lot of produce and not sure what to do with it, St. Caspar's can help you with that! We have a table in the vestibule for you to drop off any produce and it can be shared with our fellow parishioners. Plastic bags will be available for easy to carry items.



Attention Ladies!

St. Therese Circle invites you to their annual social Thursday, October 17 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. Bring an item for St. Vincent de Paul. Food, fellowship, laughs and bunco. RSVP by calling the Parish Office by October 14th.



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.

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: \$21,413.33

So Far: \$10,833.00

Still Need: \$10,580.33

Many People Thank You!

The blood drive our parish hosted on September 17 met its goal for donations (twice as many as our last blood drive!) and had five first-time donors. Thank you to all who took the time to give the gift of life. Our next blood drive here will be in May.

Compassion

"We should love and feel compassion for those who oppose us, since they harm themselves and do us good, and adorn us with crowns of everlasting glory." [St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria]



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!

Land of Peace Wood Carvings

On the weekend of October 12-13, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission – a nonprofit organization will be visiting our Parish speaking about the Christians and the ongoing situation in the Holy Land. They will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries – all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem, to raise funds to help support our fellow brothers and sisters. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. They will be located in the North Wing. It is a for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion, please visit their website, landofpeace.org.

Football – Long Season

Voice from the kitchen: "Bernie, come in here quick. The sink is running over. The drain must be plugged." Voice from the TV room: "Aw, Mabel. Can't it wait? I'm watching football." Voice from the kitchen: "When will it be over?" Voice from the TV room: "Mid-January."

Food for Thought...

Good judgment comes from experience, and experience – well, that comes from poor judgment.



Need a New Purse?

We will be selling tickets for 2 Michael Kohrs purses as a fundraiser for the Spanish ministry group to help defray some of the cost for the upcoming Diocesan Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on December 14. Bishop Thomas has chosen St. Caspar to be this year's host parish for this amazing celebration. Tickets for these 2 purses will be available after Masses and you can also get them through the Religious Education office on Wednesday nights, or during the week when the church is open. The purses will be on site so you can see them. We will also post pictures on the Facebook pages. Tickets for the purses will be \$10 for 1 ticket or \$25 for 3 tickets. The drawing will be Sunday, October 13 at 2:30 p.m. You do not need to be present to win!

Can You Operate a Videocamera?

The church is looking for a person to videotape one of the weekend Masses. Currently each person is scheduled every four weeks. You can videotape the 5, 8 or 10:30 Mass, whichever fits your schedule that weekend.

If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Kasey in the Parish Office.

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

He has mercy on those who fear Him, from generation to generation. Fear is here understood as filial, that is, a shrinking from hurting one who is loved. Such is the fear a son has for a devoted father and the fear a Christian has of Christ. Fear is here related to love.

thank you

- To the Meals on Wheels volunteers for their willingness to deliver meals to those who are shut-in: Connie Alfaro, Raquel Garcia, Kylean Rockey, Penny Rogers, Bill & Shirley Zaremba, Mel & Kathy Augustyniak, Larry & Sue Restivo.
- To everyone who donated to the St. Jude Chapel in the Shrine this past weekend for Cinnamon Rolls and Coffee. The grand total that was collected was \$342.00.
- To Mary Ann Borck for trimming the bushes around the PLC entrance; Lenny & Judy Thourot for power washing the stone entrance sign and putting a new American flag up; Dave Nash, Terry Riggs and Mike Vasquez building the new St. Jude Chapel in the Shrine; Jeff Witt putting the concrete down for the St. Jude Chapel; the Liturgy Committee for decorating the church for fall.

A grudge is one thing that does not get better when it is nursed.



Come Honor Mary by praying the Rosary 25 minutes before weekend Masses during October.



Trunk or Treat

St. Bernadette is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27. It will begin after the 10:30 Mass. If you are interested in doing a Trunk, please contact Alyese Zuchowski at alyese24erin@gmail.com. A sign up sheet is available on the table in the vestibule.

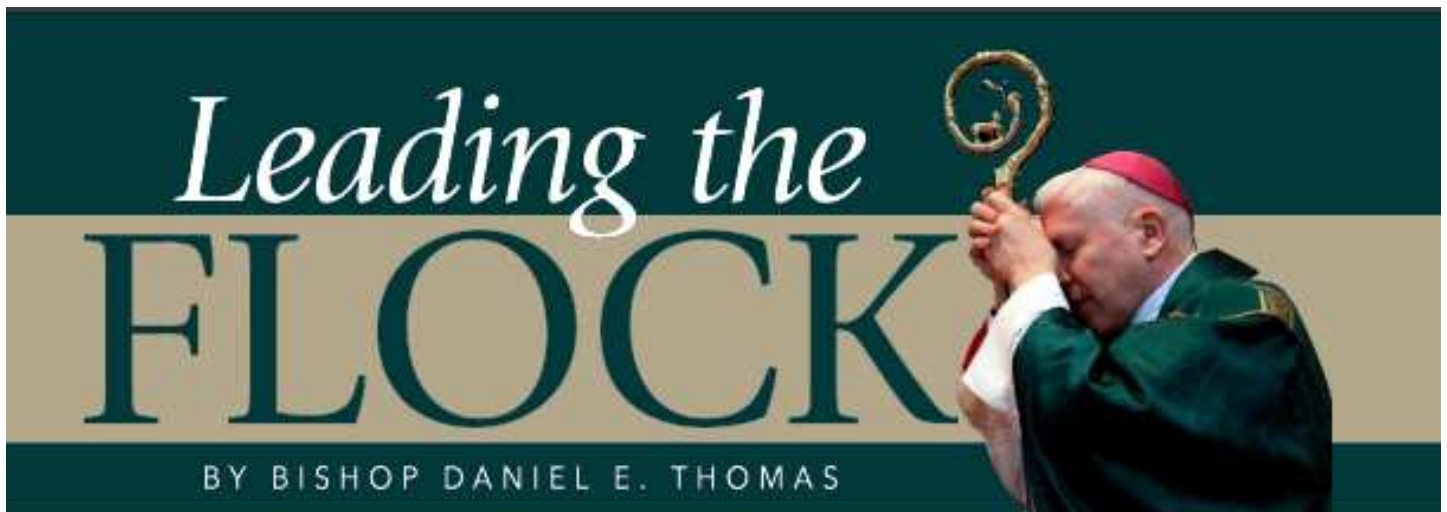
St. Therese Rosary Altar Circle is sponsoring a fundraiser through RADA cutlery. It offers a variety of high-quality kitchen items; including knives, utensils, baking pans etc. They also have prepared soups and dips. Catalogues will be available in the north wing outside of the church office. Orders can be turned into the office at any time. But must be turned in by November 10 with a check made out to St Therese Rosary Circle or cash.

Orders can also be placed online at Radafundraising.com Search St Therese Circle or zip code 43567. St. Therese receives 40% off every order and that money will be used for the shrine and/or church. Like Rada on Facebook and receive their weekly specials. Online orders are ongoing throughout the year.



Can You Sing or Play Guitar?

Music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our various parish liturgies. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of committed members. We currently have a serious need for more song leaders and guitarists. Please contact Sue Dieringer at 419-335-1601 or bsndier@gmail.com or Leon Smith at 419-445-2885 to find out more about this important ministry.



"A Revival. A Congress. What's Next?"

Already for over two years' time we have been engaged in our *National Eucharistic Revival!* The focus began on the diocesan level, then moved to the parish level, and recently culminated on the national level with the National Eucharistic Congress held this summer in Indianapolis July 17-21 at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium. Now some people are asking "So what's next?" But before answering that question, allow me a moment to share with you my experience of the National Eucharistic Congress!

Over three hundred pilgrims from the Diocese of Toledo traveled to Indianapolis to participate in the Congress, 150 of us together on three buses, and 150 more on their own! We truly represented the richness of our diocese with laity younger and older, students, senior citizens, married couples, single persons, seminarians, consecrated religious, deacons, priests and this bishop! What a deep joy it was to pray with them, share meals with them, participate in the Congress events with them, kneel next to them in silent Eucharistic adoration, laugh and cry with them during the evening revival sessions, and witness with them the outpouring of Eucharistic faith in such an extraordinary event which will, please God, have a lasting impact on all who attended and indeed on our nation.

And as we "blended into" the over 65 thousand persons gathered, we recognized ourselves as a part of the whole, a representation of Catholics from across the nation, from so many races, languages and ethnic heritages. So many

bishops, priests, seminarians and religious sisters, and even more religious sisters! Most impressively, this was not primarily a group of white-haired folks like me! Thousands upon thousands of young people, young parents and families with babies and young children in arms and in strollers helped us all to recognize and celebrate the vibrancy of the Church in our nation, a Church alive in Christ, our Eucharistic Lord.



Throughout the days of the Congress, we were immersed in the power of Jesus' love flowing from the Holy Eucharist and evident in each day's theme: The Greatest Love Story, Into Gethsemane, This is My Body, and To the Ends of the Earth. There was a palpable sense of the presence of the Lord everywhere you went and everywhere you turned. There was a great exhibit hall where I couldn't walk ten steps without joyfully encountering folks I knew from our own diocese and beyond! One of our pilgrims described the Congress as a massive family reunion! Another remarked that the Congress was the Second Vatican Council realized! It was nothing short of edifying to see endless lines of folks waiting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or to enter the exhibits on the Shroud of Turin or Eucharistic Miracles, to visit the Relic Chapel or the Adoration Chapel, to participate in the several service opportunities for the poor, or to wait to enter the nearby local Church designated for 24/7 Adoration! And amid the waiting there was joy, not grumbling, where it was evident people were encountering each other with patience, respect and charity!

As a bishop, it was especially edifying to be in the company of so many brother bishops and priests in love with Christ and His people, to concelebrate Mass with them, and to walk with them in the Saturday afternoon Eucharistic

procession through the streets of downtown Indy with the thousands of other pilgrims. Walking side by side with Bishop Robert Barron during the procession, how moved I was when I heard a man cry out

from the sidewalk: "Bishop Barron, I'm Catholic because of you!" That public witness of faith had one focus, our Eucharistic Lord Jesus, and one purpose, to proclaim the Jesus who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, in His Church and in His people.

The keynote and countless other speakers who inspired us throughout the Congress were a veritable who's who of Catholics from across our nation, whose talks not only moved those present but are even now moving hearts and minds! (If you haven't seen it yet, don't miss Jonathan who plays Jesus on *The Chosen*, and don't miss the t-shirt he wore!). I know of several families and even parishes who have been hosting "watch parties" to be enriched by the presentations offered at the Congress, and invite you to do the same, as those talks are now available on several social media platforms.

Four encounters particularly struck me. Walking to the opening evening event we were stopped by a cordial evangelical Christian who asked us if we were in town for an event. We shared about the Eucharistic Congress, spent a few minutes in conversation, after which he offered his prayers and support for our time, and I offered our appreciation and prayers, inviting him to "come and see"!! Toward the end of the Congress, on the elevator of the hotel where we stayed, I found myself alone in an encounter with one of the staff who asked if I was at the Congress, and then commented that she had worked in the city for years but had never experienced such a positive, uplifting, enthusiastic, kind group of persons! Our pilgrims related that one of our seminarians was modelling how the Eucharistic Jesus moves us to love, by his stopping to encounter the homeless along the route to the stadium with warmth, humility and genuine concern. And at the last Revival Evening with some 65 thousand others in the Stadium, I experienced the grace of an intimate personal encounter with the Eucharistic Jesus who pierced my heart and called me to deeper love for him



and for those whom I am called to serve.

So "What's next?" The Eucharist Revival is not over (truth be told, it should never be over)! We're already into the third year: *The Year of Going out on Mission*. The Eucharistic Congress introduced what's next with the "Walk with One" initiative. Just as Jesus invited people one by one to follow him, each one of us is invited to follow him more closely, and to

"walk with one" person to a new or renewed experience of God's love. Walking with one is a simple four stage process of accompaniment: 1. Identify someone in a spirit of humility, 2. Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit, 3. Connect in Eucharistic Friendship and 4. Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her. It's that simple! (You can find information on this nationwide initiative here: eucharisticrevival.org/wlk-with-one; and on our diocesan engagement here: toledodiocese.org/revival).

So what's next? We are! After the Congress, one of our pilgrim couples wrote to me: "The Congress (Revival) far exceeded our expectations. Our hearts were set on fire for the living Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and our call to share this good news with others. We find that we have this burning desire to share what we have received with others as we seek to walk with one." There is no doubt that each of us knows someone whom we could accompany: back to Catholic faith and practice, to first time attendance at Sunday Mass, into the Catholic faith, into deeper Catholic faith, into belief in themselves and in Christ who saves, accompanying someone thru doubts, questions, or old wounds to embracing Christ and His Church.

Please join me in prayer and in action that, for the spiritual and pastoral health of our diocese, we may each go out as Eucharistic missionaries, embracing the Vision of this *National Eucharistic Revival*: "A movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist – and sent out on mission 'for the life of the world'."

+ Daniel E. Thomas

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
August 30, 2024