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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.
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Office Hours

Monday-Friday

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

Parish Phone Number: 419-337-2322

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Church Website: stcaspar.org

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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.

Epiphany of the Lord



Mass
Intentions
Of The Week

Monday, January 6

Nothing Scheduled

Tuesday, January 7 – St. Raymond of Peñafort

8:30 a.m. Dorothy Harpring

Wednesday, January 8

8:30 a.m. for the Catholic Church & its leaders

Thursday, January 9

8:30 a.m. Paul Grothous

Friday, January 10

8:30 a.m. George Quaka

Saturday, January 11

5 p.m. Paul & Rose Wongroski

Sunday, January 12 – Baptism of the Lord

8 a.m. The Low family

10:30 a.m. Richard Lumbrezzer

1 p.m. for St. Caspar parishioners



Saturday, January 11 – 5 p.m.

Musicians: Chris Bott & Kathy Miller
Videographer: Mike Prior
Proclaimer: Mark Britsch
Servers:
Comm. Ministers: Barb Sekula, Teresa Schultz, Bill Zaremba
Ushers: Jean LaFountain, Paul Murphy, Steve Sekula, Manley Fernandes

Sunday, January 12– 8 a.m.

Greeters: Tom & Cindy Savage
Musicians: Chris Bott & Kathy Augustyniak
Proclaimer: Sally Kovar
Servers: Lane & Noah Schindler
Comm. Ministers: Steve Roth, Bob & Barb Irelan
Ushers: Mel Case, Larry Restivo, Mel Augustyniak, Louis Buckenmeyer, Mike Ott

Sunday, January 12 – 10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Jon & Suzy Osborne
Musicians: Chris Bott & Bert Dieringer
Proclaimer: Suzy Osborne
Servers: Chloe Cole & Morgan Raymo
Comm. Minister: Aaron Barajas, Ann Flory, Jake Grime
Ushers: Rich Flory, Jim Miller, Mike Vasquez, Tracy Elson

Fulton Manor/Ayden Healthcare-Barb Stipp
Church cleaning this week – Kylean Rockey



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, January 5

9 a.m. – 3rd Grade Parent Meeting – Abram Room

4 p.m. – Guadalupe Society – North Wing

5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing

Wednesday, January 8

5:30 p.m. – RCIA – Abram James Room

7 p.m. – Men's Group – Pope John Room

7 p.m. – 6th Grade Parent Meeting – Abram Room

Friday, January 10

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

Sunday, January 12

9 a.m. – 4th Grade Parent Meeting – Abram Room

9 a.m.-12 p.m. – K. of C. Breakfast – PLC

5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing

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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!



<u>Average weekly collection needed</u>	\$6,975.00
<u>Collection for December 22</u>	\$8,354.34
88 Sunday envelopes	\$5,924.00
Loose cash	1,010.34
Electronic giving for wk.	1,420.00

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.

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Who Were The Magi?

The Magi (those mysterious figures from the East, about whom little is known) have long been the subject of stories and legends.

In early tradition, they came to be looked upon as kings, probably because of Psalm 72 (written for the coronation ceremony of one of David's successors): "The kings of Arabia and Sheba shall bring tribute; all kings shall pay him homage."

No one knows how many Magi there were. The three gifts have given rise to the number commonly used, but some medieval Eastern lists have as many as 12 Magi.

The Magi have been given various names. Those most commonly used go back to the sixth century: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. An unknown writer a century or two later even provided a description (a description that has influenced artists ever since): "Caspar, young and beardless and ruddy complexioned...Melchoir, an old man with white hair and a long beard...Balthasar, black-skinned and heavily bearded."

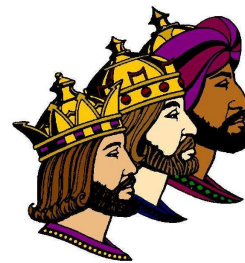


Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus is having a breakfast on Sunday, January 12 from 9 am to 12 pm in the Parish Life Center to begin our 175th Anniversary celebration along with celebrating St. Caspar's Feast Day. They will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage patties and links, hash browns, fruit, juice and coffee. All donations will go to the Support our Seminarians fund.

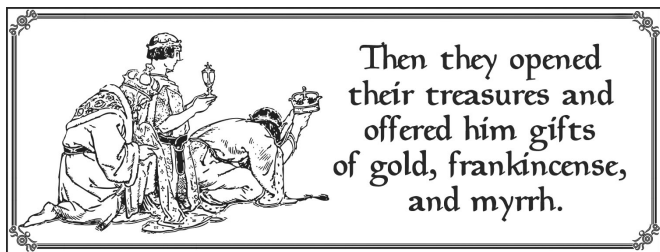
Get Fired Up

Zeal for God's mission was personified, and indeed incarnated, in the person of Jesus the Christ. Jesus' passion to serve others and to share the gospel was one of his enduring gifts to his disciples then and now. It wasn't only about the "doing" of the faith, however, but of fully becoming what one loved and believed. A story from the desert fathers and mothers illustrates that well: "Abba Lot went to see Abba Joseph and said, 'Abba as far as I can I say my little office [prayers], I fast a little, I pray and meditate, I live in peace and as far as I can, I purify my thoughts. What else can I do?' Then the old man stood up and stretched his hands toward heaven. His fingers became like ten lamps of fire and he said to him, 'If you will, you can become all flame.'"



Support Our Seminarians

For the sixth year, the Knights of Columbus are participating in a State K. of C. project to support our seminarians. 100 percent of what is collected here will support seminarians in the Diocese of Toledo. If you would like to make a donation, use the blue envelopes on the tables and drop them in the collection basket or drop them off in the parish office. Envelopes will remain in church at least the end of February. Thank you for your support!





“Those wise men brought gifts.
That’s where Santa Claus
got the idea.”

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Far better it is for you to say: “I am a sinner,” than to say: “I have no need of religion.” The empty can be filled, but the self-intoxicated have no room for God.

Cherishing The Old And The New

The Church, like the wise head of the household, strives to bring together the new as well as the old. I didn’t always appreciate that. Having grown up during the 1960s and seen the many exciting changes brought to the Church by the Second Vatican Council, I used to value religious ideas and activities according to how new – perhaps trendy – they were.

Of course, that was a bit narrow-minded: God did not suddenly become active in mid-twentieth century after being dormant since apostolic times. I didn’t really come to value Church tradition until stormy times in my own spiritual life helped me appreciate the ballast of long-standing practices and beliefs.

Neither antiquity nor novelty interests Jesus. Rather, he is proclaiming the Kingdom of God, where the value of something depends not on how old it is or where it came from, but how well it reflects God and embodies the Spirit. That, thanks be to God, can happen in any age.

A Vocation View Epiphany

More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

Rest in Peace

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May their souls and the souls of all faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Norma Lockman
4/16/1930 – 12/21/24

Food for Thought...

Problems are like washing machines. They twist, they spin and knock us around. But in the end, we come out cleaner, bright and better than before.



Thank you to Barry Disalle (in memory of Louis & Kathleen DiSalle) and Dale and Judy Becker of donating poinsettias.

A Note from Wauseon Schools

“Thank you so much for your support of the Wauseon School Food Pantry! The box of clothes you donated will bless so many people. We appreciate your kindness and generosity!”

A Gift for the Wise Men

A rather liberal priest was teasing one of the women of the parish, asking, “How do we know the Wise Men weren’t Wise Women?” She answered, “If they were, they’d have brought bottles, diapers, and a bassinet, instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

The gifts, of course, are symbols of who Jesus is: a king who is both God and human. And I wonder what our gifts to the Lord say about our faith in him. Remember the song about the little drummer boy, who had no gift to bring but his ability to play the drum? It can remind us that a person who gives all they have, no matter how little it seems, is the most generous.

So what do we bring to the newborn King? I can give my time by coming to church for the feast of Epiphany and actually paying attention. Just making the effort to listen to the words of scripture, to hear what God may be trying to tell me, could be a great gift. Or I could bring someone in our family, or a friend, who doesn’t go to church very much.

Now let’s not forget the meaning of “epiphany.” In ancient times it meant the appearance or manifestation of a divine being. Maybe a way to celebrate the Epiphany is to reflect on how God has been made known to me. Simple things, like a hug from a friend or an answered prayer, or major events like a wedding, the birth of a child, or a funeral, can all be ways to experience the Lord. The Wise Men received the gift of an epiphany by following a star. May the light of Christ lead you to him also.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 5, 2025

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2; 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

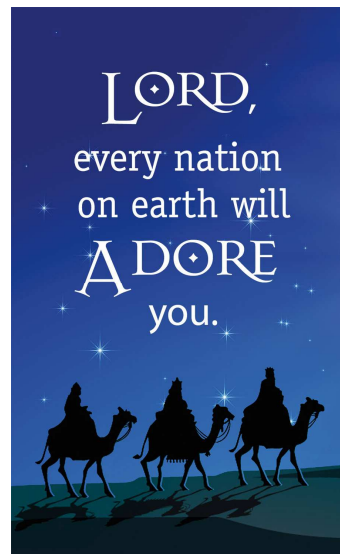
Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Sunday: Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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.



Redemption

“It is not he who begins well who is perfect. It is he who ends well who is approved in God’s sight.”

[St. Basil the Great]

The Epiphany of the Lord

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Magi Newborn Homage Inquire Prophet
Herod Shepherd Overjoyed Treasures Dream

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