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ST. CASPAR  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

175TH ANNIVERSARY

*"Faith Working Through Love"*



Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 5 pm

Sundays: 8 am, 10:30 am, 1 pm  
(Spanish)

Confessions: Saturdays 4-4:45 pm  
Wifi Password: WhatPassword?

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 am-12:30 pm & 1:30-4:30 pm

Parish Phone Number: 419-337-2322  
Father's Phone Number: 419-335-3656

Church Website: [stcaspar.org](http://stcaspar.org)  
Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 10 am

Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of  
grace, the Lord is with  
thee. Blessed art thou  
amongst women and  
blessed is the fruit of  
thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of  
God, pray for us  
sinners, now and at  
the hour of our death.  
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.



## Liturgy Intentions For The Week

### Monday, February 17

*Nothing Scheduled*

### Tuesday, February 18

8:30 a.m. Marie Meiring

### Wednesday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Celeste Geise

### Thursday, February 20

8:30 a.m. for police officers

### Friday, February 21 – St. Peter Damian

8:30 a.m. for victims of abuse

### Saturday, February 22

5 p.m. Mart & Ed Conway

### Sunday, February 23 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. Anthony & Paul Low

10:30 a.m. David Lumbrezzer

1 p.m. for St. Caspar parishioners

The Lord is  
kind and  
merciful.

### Saturday, February 22 – 5 p.m.

Musicians: Chris Bott & Kathy Miller  
Videographer: Mike Prior  
Proclaimer: Allen Huelskamp  
Servers:  
Comm. Ministers: Roger & Cathy Drummer, Barb Bonfert  
Ushers: Jean LaFountain, Paul Murphy, Steve Sekula,  
Manley Fernandes

### Sunday, February 23 – 8 a.m.

Greeter: Mark Bryson  
Musicians: Chris Bott & Kathy Augustyniak  
Proclaimer: Steve Pursel  
Servers: Lane & Noah Schindler  
Comm. Ministers: Jeremy & Sarah Altstaetter, Allison Simon  
Ushers: Mel Case, Larry Restivo, Mel Augustyniak,  
Louis Buckenmeyer, Mike Ott

### Sunday, February 23 – 10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Grace Sanders  
Musicians: Sue & Bert Dieringer  
Proclaimer: Steve Wilburn  
Servers: Brady Wilburn  
Comm. Minister: Grace Sanders, Len & Lou Coleman  
Ushers: Rich Flory, Jim Miller, Mike Vasquez, Tracy  
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Fulton Manor/Ayden Healthcare-Doug Clark  
Church cleaning this week – Cheryl Kohls  
Clean Linens – Cheryl Kohls



## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, February 16

9 a.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – Abram Room  
9 a.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Meeting – PJ Room  
4 p.m. – Galentines Gathering – Pope John Room  
5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing

### Monday, February 17

7 p.m. – Prayer Group – South Wing

### Wednesday, February 19

5:30 p.m. – RCIA – Abram James Room  
7 p.m. – Men's Group – Pope John Room  
7 p.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – Abram Room

### Friday, February 21

4:30-6:45 p.m. – Fish Fry – Parish Life Center  
6 p.m. – Spanish Prayer Group – Poe John Room

### Sunday, February 23

9 a.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – Abram Room  
5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing



**St. Caspar**  
**175 Years**



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| <u>Average weekly collection needed</u> | \$6,975.00 |
| <u>Collection for February 9</u>        | \$7,583.83 |
| 77 Sunday envelopes                     | \$5,180.83 |
| Loose cash                              | 568.00     |
| Electronic giving for wk.               | 1,835.00   |

### From Fr. Todd and His Family.

God's Blessings to all. Bless all who have given consolation and comfort to me and my family after my mother's passing. Your kind words and expressions of sympathy and expressions of hope in eternal life give us a sense of peace. St. Paul reminds us to be a people who mourn with hope, not like those who do not have hope. We are a people of hope and trust in Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the life. Thank you for your kindness. Fr. Todd

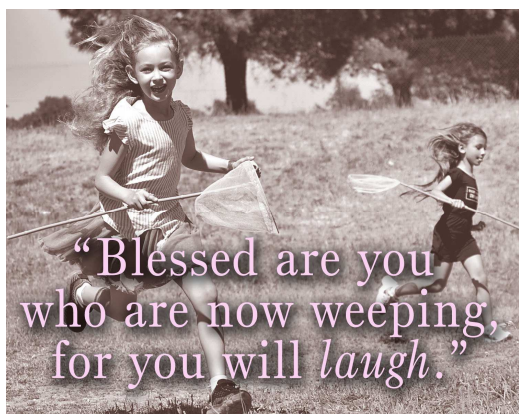


### Download Our New Parish App!

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](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for myparish.



### I Love You!

Don't think me strange for saying this to you. I mean the love He taught we should have for each other – not the phony Hollywood versions of love. The trouble is – we think it odd to express our love. It is truly surprising how much a person begins to grow when we start loving him or her. It is surprising what the same love does to us. Try it. help spread this love. Say "I love you" to someone today. God loves you!



### Fish Fry

Weekly Fish Fries will begin this Friday, February 21. Fish Fries are in the Parish Life Center from 4:30-6:45 p.m.

Dinner includes Alaskan pollock, baked potato, cole slaw, applesauce, mac & cheese, dinner roll and dessert. Dine in or carryout. \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 7-12, ages 6 and under and 90 and over eat free. 1<sup>st</sup> responders and in uniform are free.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed down for them to do the same."

[Ronald Reagan]

### Annual Catholic Appeal 2025

Countless lives are touched by the ministries of the Diocese funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Seminary education and formation, children, the sick, the aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Thank you to all that pledged today to help meet our parish goal and assure the continuation of these efforts.

Our parish goal this year is \$22,200.80. If you would like to donate, please use the white envelopes in the pews and please take a flyer as well.

### A Look In The Past 175 Years In Our Parish

In 1909 St. Caspar was attached to Swanton (instead of Archbold) as a mission under Fr. John Berthelot. Under his administration a new and better location for the parish cemetery was purchased for \$860. Forty-nine bodies were transferred under the direction of George Rittichier and J.G. Socie. Fr. J.B. Kiebel of Swanton served Wauseon from 1912-1915. During this time Toledo became a Diocese, which aided the mission materially and spiritually. In 1913 an old parsonage was purchased, and a pipe organ was installed in the church in 1915.



### Would You Like To Be On Our Prayer Chain List?

Contact Sue Davis at 419-266-6956 or [dsdavis1965@gmail.com](mailto:dsdavis1965@gmail.com). Please give her your name and email address and she will add you on the Prayer Chain!

### St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

“For I was hungry and you fed me” -Matthew 25:35. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is running low on food and they need your help. Here are the food items they need:

- Spaghetti sauce
- Rice
- Bags of noodles
- Hamburger helper
- Canned fruit
- Canned ravioli or SpaghettiOs
- Chicken broth
- Canned chicken or beef
- Boxed stove top or potatoes
- Toothpaste
- Clothes detergent
- Shampoo

You can drop off these items in the baskets at the entrances or on the carts in the North Wing.

### CALLING ALL LADIES!!

St. Therese Circle will be having their 1st meeting of the year with lots of exciting news!! So come join the fun on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Pope John Room. If the weather is inclement, meeting will be postponed 1 week later, stay tuned for updates!!!

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

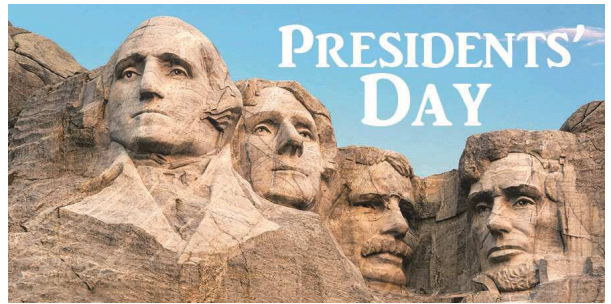
For those whose schedules permit: There will be a Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m., in the Abram Room downstairs in the Basement. No homework, books or papers to fill out. Just bring your bible! (If you don't have one you can use one of the church's). We will be reading and discussing the Holy Scriptures. We pray the Holy Spirit will be the one leading the Bible study.

For more information, please contact Jill Lynch at her number listed in the directory (No texts or emails) or just show up Thursday morning.

### Attention 5 o'clockers!

Due to a decrease of servers at the 5 pm Mass and to help the ushers out, we are looking for volunteers to bring up the gifts to Father. If you are interested, please meet the ushers in the back of church and they can help you out.

**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.



### Is God Nudging You to Use Your Talent/Gift?

Due to parishioners moving away, health issues, etc., our parish is desperately short of vocalists and guitarists for weekend Masses.

Some of our musicians have been serving our parish for over 40 and 25 years. Although they enjoy serving their parish, they'd like to cut back a little.

Please pray about whether God wants you to use the musical gift he's given you for your parish. Your helping at just one Mass a month would be deeply appreciated.

If you'd like to know more, please contact *soon* Sue Dieringer (419-335-1601) or Leon Smith (419-445-2885). Thank you for considering this need.

### Galentines Gathering

Sunday, February 16

4 pm in the Pope John Room

Hosted by St. Bernadette

For all women of our parish

Light refreshments & fellowship

Come join us!

### The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

God has given different gifts for different people. There is no basis for feeling inferior to another who has a different gift. Once it is realized that we shall be judged by the gift we have received, rather than the gift we have not, one is completely delivered from a false sense of inferiority.





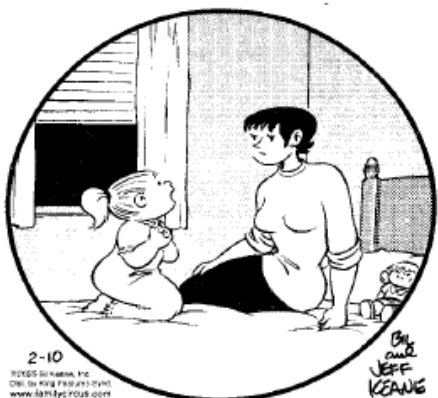
### EXERCISE ANYONE??

Who's ready to get moving?? St. Therese Circle is looking into sponsoring an "Exercise Hour" once a week. It is for both men and women. If interested, please reach out to Judy Becker at: 419-356-9431

### Christians Need a New Self

Many of us experience a turning point in our lives, a time when we reassess old patterns of thought and action and find them wanting. At such times, we may recognize that we cannot move forward without undergoing radical change – a conversion experience resulting in a totally new self. Though this new self is always growing, from this moment on our energies seem to focus on inner realities instead of only on material goals. We discover that the meaning of life has more to do with the experience of peace and joy than with the state of our checking account.

For the Christian, there is another dimension to the creation of the new self. Ideally, what we become mirrors the Christ we profess to follow. The changes we experience reflect those qualities which are hallmarks of the Christian life. The works we accomplish imitate Jesus' own works of healing and teaching. In short, the new self involves nothing less than becoming the Christ-self, so that it is Jesus – and Jesus alone – who is the ground of our being.



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"I know who those who trespass against us are – Billy and Jeffy and PJ ..."

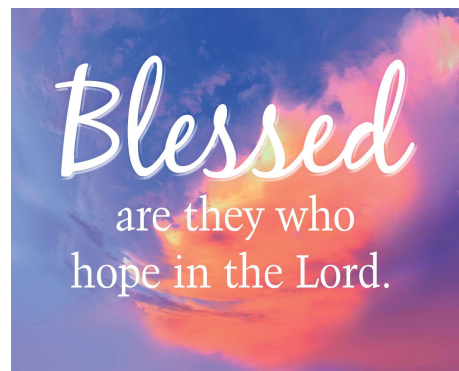
### Snow Emergency

- Level 1: Roads might be icy & use caution
- Level 2: Roads become hazardous, your decision
- Level 3: Church will be closed



### 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!



### Save The Date

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Mass

Hosted by: St. Bernadette

\*St. Bernadette is looking for wrapped candy donations\*

### A Vocation View

It's so easy to shove people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colors. Come forward and tell the Good News that we are all God's People!

### Helping Others

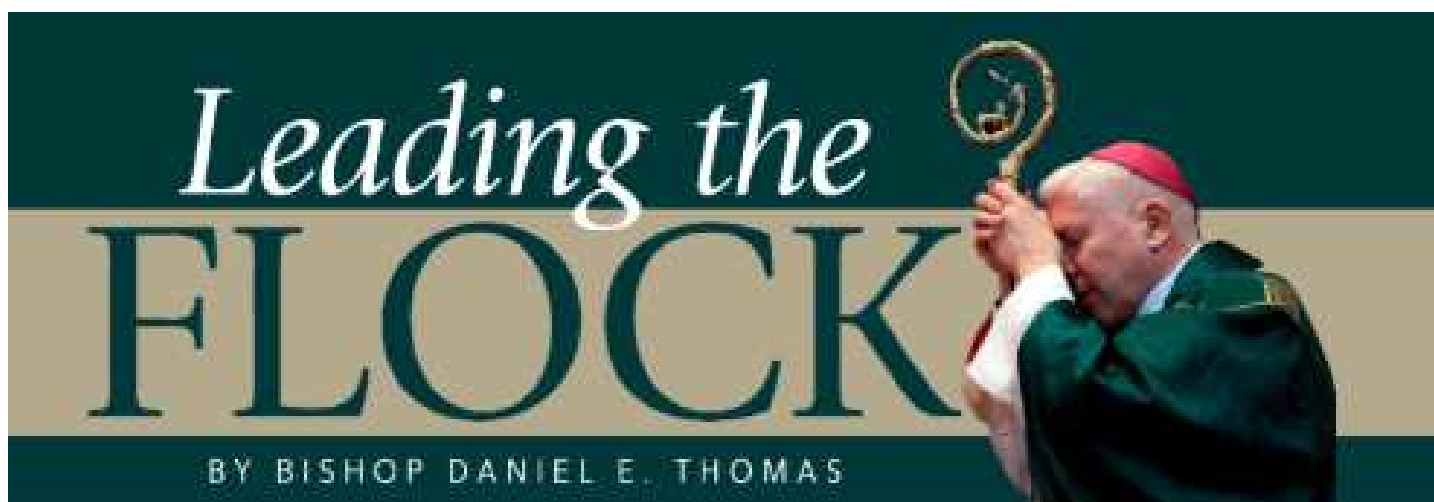
"It can only be disgraceful for some Christians to snore while other Christians are in peril." [St. Thomas More]

### St. Bernadette Meeting

Sunday, March 16 at 2 pm

Location: Red Rambler

All women and moms are welcome!



## **“The Pursuit of the Common Good and Human Dignity: The Catholic Approach to Immigration”**

As Bishop and Shepherd of the faithful in the Diocese of Toledo, I find it necessary to speak with clarity amidst the confusion and polarization that currently surrounds the issue of immigration, which has recently come to the forefront of our national discussion.

As recently reiterated by Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), “The Catholic Church is not aligned with any political party... No matter who occupies the White House or holds the majority on Capitol Hill, the Church’s teachings remain unchanged.” Immigration issues are complex and we must be diligent in offering and advocating for the Church’s teaching, especially concerning the common good and each person’s right to human dignity.

Catholic Social Teaching has as its first principle the affirmation that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and therefore possesses an inviolable dignity. Enforcement of just

immigration laws is the right of every nation and is not in itself an affront to this dignity. Nations in their

prudential judgment must discern how best to regulate their borders while maintaining the common good and respect for each person, both immigrant and native citizen. The Catechism of the Catholic Church lays out two balancing principles (welcoming the

foreigner and the responsibility to regulate national borders) which must be held together in balance. The disregard or overemphasis of either principle will lead to a distortion of the Church’s full teaching on this vital issue.

First:

“The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him” (CCC 2241).



Flowing from this, we cannot affirm any immigration or deportation policy which:

- dehumanizes immigrants, legal or illegal, through hostile rhetoric or implies that they are anything less than children of God, made in His image and likeness.
- Detains immigrants indefinitely or deprives them of basic human necessities while in custody.
- permanently separates families, especially children from their parents, except where children are in danger of abuse.
- deploys excessive violence in enforcement of the law, except where needed to protect lives.

The second principle, which balances the first, states: "Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens" (CCC 2241).

Because of this, we must reject any immigration policy (or lack thereof) which:

- encourages or normalizes illegal immigration.
- leads to de-facto "open borders," which harm the common good of both

immigrant and native citizen by facilitating the grave sins of violent crime, human trafficking and drug trafficking.

- exploits immigrants for cheap labor, which degrades their dignity and depresses the wages of native citizens.
- implies that immigrants, whether legal or illegal, have no responsibility to serve the needs of their host country or obey its laws.

As faithful Catholics and responsible citizens, we are duty-bound to pray for unity and to advocate for just immigration laws that prioritize the common good and protect the human dignity of each person. You are encouraged to contact your elected officials and urge them to uphold our nation's laws without compromising our Catholic principles.

Christ founded the Church, his Mystical Body, to be "the pillar and foundation of truth" (1 Timothy 3:15) amidst a chaotic and sinful world. We stand firmly upon this pillar, trusting our Lord to enlighten our minds, direct our hearts, and lead us to the fullness of truth. Only in this balanced pursuit of truth, enabled by God's grace, can we hope to defend the common good and the human dignity of all peoples, both immigrant and native citizen.



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
February 3, 2025

*Further Reading:*

- Statement of Archbishop Broglio on Executive Orders Signed by the President  
<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/statement-archbishop-broglio-executive-orders-signed-president>
- "Human Dignity is Not Dependent on a Person's Citizenship or Immigration Status"  
<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/human-dignity-not-dependent-persons-citizenship-or-immigration-status>
- USCCB – Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples  
<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/catholic-teaching-on-immigration-and-the-movement-of-peoples>