

# St. Caspar's Calling Fall 2024

## St. Therese Events

**9-19-24:** Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Pope John Room

\*All are welcome to attend and you can join anytime throughout the year\*

**10-17-24:** Bunco Social at 6 pm in the PLC

\*For all ladies of the parish, please call the office to RSVP no later than 10/14 by 4:00 pm\*

## Our Sympathy

May the angels and saints welcome into heaven:

Jacob Manz – 2/2/24

Dorothy Harpring – 2/14/24

Mary Lou Steward – 4/26/24

Richard (Dick) Alig – 5/9/24

Elmer Miller – 6/3/24

Pat Bechtel – 7/26/24

Leona Loveland – 8/9/24

Please remember their family and friends in your thoughts, prayers, and action.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Penance

Sunday, November 3 at 9 am in the Confession Room

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Penance

Sunday, November 17 at 9 am in the Confession Room

## Class Masses

### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

Wednesday, October 9 at 7 pm

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Wednesday, November 6 at 7 pm



## Congratulations on their Baptisms

Rafael Josiah Perez-Ruiz

Baptized: March 3, 2024

Parents: Luis Perez and Lydia Ruiz

Katelin Tayla Franklin

Baptized: April 6, 2024

Parents: Richard & Francisca Franklin

Cade Clifford McCullough

Baptized: April 14, 2024

Parents: Deven & McKayla McCullough

Genesis Fortuno-Gutierrez

Baptized: May 26, 2024

Parents: Ricardo Gutierrez & Marylou Fortuno

Marcos Lopez Velasquez

Baptized: May 26, 2024

Parents: Eliseo Lopez & Sara Velasquez

Diego Antonion Facundo

Baptized: June 9, 2024

Parents: Sirildo Facundo & Brenda Ramirez

Noah William Miranda-Cortes

Baptized: July 7, 2024

Parents: Marco Miranda & Amayrani Cortes

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Run for Food

Wednesday, October 30

## Parent Meetings

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

Sundays, October 13 & 20  
9 am in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room

### Confirmation

Wednesdays, November 13 & 20  
7 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room

## September

- 1 Spanish Baptism Class – 11:30 am in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room  
Guadalupe Society – 4 pm in the North Wing  
Spanish Rosary – 5 pm in the South Wing
- 2 Parish Office is Closed – Labor Day
- 6 Eucharistic Adoration – 9 am-7 pm in the Church  
Spanish Prayer Group – 6 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 8 Baptism – 10:30 am in the Church  
Spanish Rosary – 5 pm in the South Wing  
Men's Group Core Meeting – 7 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 9 Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:30 pm in the PLC
- 12 Parish Office is Closed  
Strength in Numbers – 7 pm in the Basement Hall
- 13 Spanish Prayer Group – 6 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 15 Baptism Class – 9 am in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room (call office to reserve)  
New Parishioner Registration – 11:30 am in the North Wing  
Spanish Rosary – 5 pm in the South Wing
- 16 Prayer Group – 7 pm in the South Wing
- 17 Blood Drive – 12 to 6 pm in the PLC
- 19 St. Therese Circle Meeting – 6:30 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 20 Spanish Prayer Group – 6 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 22 Spanish Rosary – 5 pm in the South Wing
- 26 Strength in Numbers – 7 pm in the Basement Hall
- 27 Spanish Prayer Group – 6 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 29 Spanish Rosary – 5 pm in the South Wing

## October

- 4 Eucharistic Adoration – 9 am to 7 pm in the Church  
Spanish Prayer Group – 6 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 6 Baptism – 1 pm in the Church  
Guadalupe Society – 4 pm in the North Wing  
Spanish Rosary – 5 pm in the South Wing
- 10 Strength in Numbers – 7 pm in the Basement Hall
- 11 Spanish Prayer Group – 6 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 12 Land of Peace Wood Carving – after 5 pm Mass in the North Wing
- 13 Land of Peace Wood Carving – after Masses in the North Wing  
Spanish Rosary – 5 pm in the South Wing  
Men's Group Core Meeting – 7 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 14 Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:30 pm in the PLC
- 17 St. Therese Circle Bunco Social – 6 pm in the PLC
- 18 Spanish Prayer Group – 6 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 19 Quincerena – 2 pm in the Church
- 20 New Parishioner Registration – 9 am in the North Wing  
Spanish Rosary – 5 pm in the South Wing
- 21 Prayer Group – 7 pm in the South Wing
- 24 Strength in Numbers – 7 pm in the Basement Hall
- 25 Spanish Prayer Group – 6 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 26 Wedding – 1:30 pm in the Church
- 27 Trunk or Treat  
Spanish Rosary – 5 pm in the South Wing

## November

- 1 Eucharistic Adoration – 9 am to 7 pm in the Church  
Spanish Prayer Group – 6 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 3 Spanish Baptism Class – 11:30 am in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room  
Guadalupe Society – 4 pm in the North Wing  
Spanish Rosary – 5 pm in the South Wing
- 8 Spanish Prayer Group – 6 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 10 Spanish Rosary – 5 pm in the South Wing  
Men's Group Core Meeting – 7 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 11 Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:30 pm in the PLC
- 14 Strength in Numbers – 7 pm in the Basement Hall
- 15 Spanish Prayer Group – 6 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 17 Baptism Class – 9 am in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room (call office to reserve)  
New Parishioner Registration – 11:30 am in the North Wing  
Spanish Rosary – 5 pm in the Rosary
- 18 Prayer Group – 7 pm in the South Wing
- 22 Spanish Prayer Group – 6 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room
- 24 Spanish Rosary – 5 pm in the South Wing
- 28 Parish Office is Closed  
Strength in Numbers – 7 pm in the Basement Hall
- 29 Parish Office is Closed  
Spanish Prayer Group – 6 pm in the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Room

**No Class**  
**Wednesday, November 27**



### **Walk with Jesus**

On Wednesday, September 18 our Jr. High and High School students will be participating in a Walk with Jesus. They will meet in the church at 7 and Fr. Todd will say a few prayers and place Jesus in the monstrance. The students will then walk with Jesus down to the Shrine, where we will pray and honor Jesus at the altar and then head back to the church for the closing. We hope this experience will be a great time for our students to be reminded that God is always there with them and that each day they "Walk with Jesus".



**Religious Education Classes Are Starting Soon!**  
Pre-K – Kindergarten: Sunday, September 8 at 10:30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sunday, September 8 at 9 am  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade – High School: Wednesday, September 11 at 7 pm



## From the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB):

As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.

Pope Francis has asked that the year 2024 be dedicated to a "great symphony of prayer" as the Church prepares for the Jubilee of 2025.



### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our  
brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds  
of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from  
within both humanity and the  
whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil  
vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of  
heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen





## **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for St. Caspar Parish**

In the coming year, 2025, St. Caspar Parish will celebrate 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our founding in 1850. Today, we are the beneficiaries of this legacy of faith and service. We are commissioned through our baptism to continue to deepen our own faith, share and witness that faith to others, and serve one another in our Lord Jesus. We are called to continue and pass on our heritage of faith and service to future generations.

St. Caspar Parish began in 1850 as a small missionary station church, visited by priests on horseback as they made their way through swamp land and forest. St. Caspar Parish can name 39 priests who have served the ministry needs of the people since 1850. The original Church on the corner of Jefferson and Clinton Streets burned down in 1895, but dedicated parishioners rebuilt on the same site with the help of many other churches in Wauseon.

Our number of families increased from 10 families in 1865, to 116 in 1943, and 225 in the early '1960s when the parish outgrew the downtown church. Because of God's providence and some wise parishioners, we were able to purchase 40 acres of land on Shoop Avenue for \$31,200. Since the new church was dedicated in 1966, we have added the Priest's Rectory, a beautiful Shrine, Prayer Garden, and Stations of the Cross, and expanded classrooms in the church basement.

The desire to have adequate space for many youth and adult religious formation activities has been crucial in each expansion of our building. We have about 30 catechists and aides teaching 3-year-old children through grade 8. Our *LifeTeen* Core Team continues working with our high school teens.

Masses in Spanish and other outreach efforts to Hispanics have been a part of our St. Caspar Parish since 1959. We have a Spanish language Mass every weekend.

Over the years our pastors have been very ecumenically active, and our Parish has hosted a number of Christian ecumenical services and celebrations. Likewise, many cherished organizations, such as the Knights of Columbus as well as the Rosary Altar Society Circles (St. Bernadette and St. Therese) have participated wholeheartedly in community and charity events.

The Parish Life Center was constructed in 2003, which has become a focal point not only for Parish activities but for many community and family events. By selling 4.5 acres of land, we were able to pay the balance of our building debt.

Including those who have joined us after the closing of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Lyons, Ohio, St. Caspar Parish now numbers about 750 households with nearly 2,500 members.



### **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer for St. Caspar**

Generous and merciful Father,  
we give You thanks for 175 years  
of grace and blessings upon our St.  
Caspar Parish.

You gather a people to praise You  
and manifest Your presence in the  
world—  
faithful women and men  
of generations past, present, and yet  
to follow.

In this Anniversary Year, we ask You  
to touch our hearts anew  
with the love of Your Son, Jesus  
Christ.  
Enlighten our minds with Your Holy  
Spirit.  
Strengthen our hands for service in  
His holy name.

Through the intercession of Mary,  
Mother of God,  
and our own Patron, St. Caspar  
hear our prayer and aid us  
on our journey to the Kingdom  
where You live and reign  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **St. Caspar's Shrine, Prayer Garden & Stations of the Cross**

The years 2023-2024 are the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for our St. Caspar Shrine and Prayer Garden. As we look around at our shrine grounds, we are filled with inspiration. How do we convey in a few short words the significance of something that has taken decades to build?

As we visit the grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes, our Chapels to St. Jude, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the Holy Crucifix... as we see the angel statues, St. Francis statue or Our Lady of the Snows statue, we are reminded that our Lord Jesus is never far from us. And quickly behind that thought is the fact that Blessed Mother, Mary is ever present too.


We can imagine all the generations who have contributed to the labor of creating and maintaining the shrine. We are moved by the gift of time and labor that so many have shared in making our shrine a special place, unique to St. Caspar Parish.

So much wonderful prayer and work goes into making our Shrine and Prayer Garden special. St. Caspar Rosary Altar Society-St. Therese Circle members are the front line of volunteers who continue the work of the previous generation. And there are so many other parishioners as well. Thank you! Thanks be to God for the previous generation who started the shrine and helped it grow. May God bless those who are the stewards and workers of today's shrine. We ask God to deliver to us future generations who will carry on, with dedicated love and service, the work of the shrine in the years to come. May it always be a place to encounter the Lord, Blessed Mother, and all the Saints.






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Autumn Months remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life. May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others. May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.



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