

St. Caspar Parish

Special Edition

The Knights of Columbus is a global Catholic fraternal service order founded by Blessed Michael J. McGivney in March 1882. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic men. The St. Caspar Council #8829 was chartered in Dec. 1984. Locally, our Council is committed to St. Caspar Church and various charities in Fulton County.

We are always looking for men to join our Council. To join, go to

<https://www.kofc.org/get-involved/join-kofc/>

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St. Caspar Parish website: stcaspar.org

Our Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1CqdNH3WqY/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

In 2025-26 we supported the following programs – through either donations and/or volunteerism. Most of the donations we make remain in Fulton County.

- **St. Caspar Parish**
- **Christmas and Easter baskets** for St. Caspar homebound parishioners
- **St. Caspar religious education cookouts**, annual **St. Caspar Shrine Mass**, and Tiny's gift certificates for **St. Caspar altar servers**
- **Scholarships** for St. Caspar seniors
- Diocese of Toledo **priests' retirement fund** and **Support Our Seminarians** fund for young men studying to become priests
- **Family skating night** at Wauseon Rollercade
- **Saint Paul's Outreach** – an organization that works with college students to help them remain in the faith
- **Christmas for Kids** – We partner with area schools to help a limited number of families at Christmas – ones with extreme hardship. We also work with area schools to help fund their food pantry/Backpack Buddy programs.
- **St. Vincent de Paul** food pantry here at St. Caspar
- **Community Pregnancy Center/Women's Health Resource**
- **Special Olympics Awards Banquet**
- **the Board of DD**, including its annual summer cookout
- **Sara's Garden and Sunshine Communities**
- **Triangular Processing Prom**
- **Relay for Life**
- **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** which provides school supplies for families in need.
- **Donations to area families** that experienced tragedies – major illness, unexpected deaths, home fires, etc.
- **Disaster relief** on a state and national scale



St. Bernadette Circle

A Reflection on Years of Service, Support, and Fellowship

For many years, the St. Bernadette Circle has quietly lived out the Gospel through prayer, service, generosity, and fellowship. Through countless acts of love – many unseen and unrecognized – women and families have quietly given their time and talents to strengthen St. Caspar Parish and help build a community rooted in Christ.

The work of the Circle has never simply been about events or projects. It has been about serving God by serving His people. Through joyful gatherings, compassionate outreach, and faithful stewardship, the Circle has sought to reflect the love of Christ within the parish and beyond. The St. Bernadette Circle has been blessed to serve the parish community.

Forming the Youth in Faith and Fellowship

The Circle has helped nurture faith, joy, community, meaningful memories and experiences for generations of children and teen through:

- Halloween parties and classroom activities
- Corn mazes
- 7th and 8th grade dances
- Kids' game nights
- Winter hot chocolate and sledding events
- Religious Education bonfire support
- Hot dogs for the 4th of July celebration
- Ice cream socials
- Bibles for 8th graders
- Vacation Bible School
- High School Taco Nights and reflections with LifeTeen videos
- Mission trips
- Cedar Point Trips

Supporting Women, Families and Those in Need

The Circle has also fostered spiritual growth, friendship, and encouragement among women and families through:

- Mission speakers, including Eric Genuis and many others
- Prayer and guest speakers before monthly business meetings
- Rosary recitation at the beginning of meetings and gatherings
- Assistance for families sending children to Catholic schools
- Ladies' Night Out events
- Christmas social and other fellowship gatherings

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Beyond the parish walls, the Circle has extended Christ's compassion through support of many ministries and organizations, including:

- Elizabeth Zepf Center
- Little Sisters of the Poor
- Bethany Center
- Girls Scholarship fund
- Family Justice Center
- JJ Safe House
- New Horizons Academy
- Donations to families experiencing hardship through illness, fire, and other unexpected circumstances

Serving the Parish with Love

Over the years, the St. Bernadette Circle has also helped care for the practical needs of the parish through contributions such as:

- Chalices for the altar
- Tables and chairs for the PLC
- TVs for Religious Education classrooms
- Established a donor and raised the funds to purchase a statue for parish beautification
- Organ support (\$4,000)
- The electronic parish sign
- Boiler assistance in 2025
- Heating and cooling improvements in the kitchen
- Rectory duct work under Father Stan
- Cleaning the rectory before each priest moved in

And surely many other acts of service that went unnoticed or unmentioned. These acts were offered with generous hearts and a deep love for the parish community. In each gift given, meal served, prayer offered, and burden shared, the Circle has sought to be the hands and feet of Christ.

The Gift of Time

Perhaps the greatest gift given has been the gift of time. So many members have devoted countless hours behind the scenes to make each event, project, and ministry possible. Much of this work was done quietly, without recognition, but always with love for the parish and its people. Every act became part of the life and strength of St. Caspar Parish. What a beautiful group of faithful and generous people St. Caspar's has been blessed with and such a blessing it has been to witness such faithful and generous servants of God.

Our Prayer

Our prayer is that all may come to know Jesus Christ and encounter His presence here at St. Caspar Parish. May all who enter our parish find welcome at the Lord's Table, strength in the Eucharist, comfort in prayer, and fellowship within this faith-filled community. And may the work of the St. Bernadette Circle continue to bear fruit for generations to come, always for the glory of God.

St. Therese Circle - Altar and Rosary Society

Established in the year 2000, the ladies of the Saint Therese Circle have been serving our church community for over 25 years. Named in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux, she is popularly known simply as "The Little Flower" which was key in the formattable choice of the organization's name. Funds raised go primarily towards the beautification and upkeep of the grounds surrounding our Shrine and Prayer Garden which is located behind the main body of the church. We are dedicated to maintaining a beautiful and peaceful space for anyone to come and pray in a serene nature setting. Our current members are continuing the mission by facilitating the plot adoptions, chapel and grotto maintenance, stations upkeep and overall appearance.

The Circle is centered around the idea that all deeds, especially small ones, are meant to be motivated by love for God and neighbors. Our goal is to come together in our shared Catholic faith to support one another as a community which fosters an environment aimed at service through actions. Each member contributes in countless little ways, and by joining together in faith we strive for an even more meaningful outcome. The Saint Therese Circle is dedicated to the ongoing fellowship and camaraderie of ALL the ladies of the parish. Persistent efforts, regular meetings, and event planning are ways that St. Therese Circle aims at uniting our parish members in community, fellowship, and faith.

Organizing and hosting the Annual Spring Fundraiser Event over Palm Sunday weekend gives our parish family a sense of unity and an opportunity to network while supporting our group's causes. Other revenues raised include strawberry sale in the early summer, assisting other parish organizations throughout the year, working the fair gates over Labor Day weekend along with ongoing product sales. This year we are starting a Fall raffle in which the earnings will be applied towards the costly repaving project of the walkway around the stations, parking area and access road to our beautiful Shrine.

St. Therese Circle's Sonshine Program is a ministry which provides monthly special notes of encouragement mailed to our shut-ins, members who are on our prayer chain as well as those who are recuperating from illnesses. We also have prepared spiritual messages sent along with those delivering Holy Communion to our parishioners in need of reassurance that they are not forgotten but rather valued and they are truly loved by God and our church community.

This past Fall, the ladies started a program called "Fitness and Fellowship" on Tuesdays in the Parish Life Center beginning at 6:00 pm for an hour of cardio drumming along with support and socializing for all adults. We've had visitors from 16 different churches take part in the program which is continuing to grow. All are invited to come whenever your schedule permits, this free program runs from Fall to Spring with summers off, start-back date is 9/22/26, we hope to see you there!!

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Every year in late October the St. Therese Circle hosts a festive and entertaining outing for all the ladies of the parish. We provide a lite dinner of delicious soups, salads and desserts and an evening of playing friendly games of Bunco with fabulous prizes which has been thoroughly enjoyed by all for many years now. We encourage all the ladies to mark their calendars for this year's event which takes place on October 22nd starting at 6:00 pm in the Parish Life Center. The event is free to all, we kindly suggest you bring items for the St. Vincent DePaul Pantry.

Please visit our 2027 calendar which is available under our tab on the church website for all our up-to-date activities and information.

Ladies: You can join the organization anytime, please come to any meeting or events and meet the group, get involved and participate in as much or as little as your schedule permits.

Rest of 2026 schedule:

9/24/26: meeting in PJP Room @ 6:30 pm

10/22/26: Social in Parish Life Center @ 6:00 pm

November member fun night @ 6:00 pm, date TBD

"The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness" - Therese de Lisieux

Lord Jesus, help me to blossom as the kind of flower you have made me and where you have planted me.

Mission Statement

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Religious Education News

Wow this summer is flying by, I can't believe it is almost August.

In preparation for our upcoming year, our catechists will be gathering for their beginning of the year kick off on Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 p.m. We are so excited for another awesome year with our youth!

First day of classes

Sunday, September 13th

Pre-k and Kindergarten – 10:30 a.m.

Grades 1st through 4th – 9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, September 16

Grades 5th through 12th - 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Attention parents of youth making sacraments this year:

Parent meetings.

Reconciliation parent meetings:

October 11th and October 18th

Confirmation Parent Meetings:

November 11th and November 18th

First Communion Parent Meetings

January 17th and January 24th

Please make sure you get these dates on your calendars, Diocese guidelines mandate that at least one parent must attend both sessions for each sacrament.



FULTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY DONATION

Join us in caring for God's creatures by donating items to the Humane Society during the month of August.

NEEDED ITEMS:

- Beds
- Blankets
- Food (dry/wet)
- Toys

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~PATRON OF ANIMALS~



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