



The Prelude

May 2026

Dear Toledo Chapter members,

Thank you to those Chapter members who have accepted nominations for leadership positions. Please see the Slate of Officers below.



I hope to see many of you at the Scholarship Recital. Thanks to Kathy Mummy for organizing the auditions last Fall and arranging for the recital this Sunday. It will be interesting to hear the progress that our young organists have made this year!

If you are able to attend the organ crawl on May 15 it will be most interesting, featuring a variety of old and new organs to see and hear. Thanks to Curtis King for organizing the day and contacting all of the venues. We will connect drivers and riders with a carpool that has worked well in the past. Please see the details below.

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**Slate of Officers 2026  
Toledo Chapter, American Guild of Organists**

**Paul Monachino, Dean  
Matthew Wachtman, Sub-Dean  
Dennis Blubaugh, Treasurer  
Libby Saxton, Secretary**

**At-Large Members  
Ken Stoops  
Sally Mossing**

*Additional nominations may be made by petition if each petition is signed by five members of the Chapter in good standing and submitted to the Chapter Secretary (Jack Gerding) within thirty days of the announcement of the slate to the Chapter membership (by May 21, 2026). If there are no additional nominations, the slate is considered elected.*

**St. Joan of Arc Church  
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo**

**Featuring scholarship students:  
James Daly V, Lukas Sadowski, and Annie  
Whitta.**

**Reception to follow**



## ORGAN CRAWL 2026!

**Friday, May 15**

This year we will explore organs in Tiffin! We will see and hear the oldest Schantz organ and one of the newest! And a unique Wurlitzer church organ (yes, Wurlitzer also manufactured church organs!)

If you are driving and can take other passengers or if you would like to be a passenger for the day contact Paul Monachino at [deantoledo419@gmail.com](mailto:deantoledo419@gmail.com). The meeting place for carpool will be in front of the Kroger Gas Station on Route 20 in Perrysburg departing at 9:00 am. Once in Tiffin, we will begin at First Lutheran Church at **10:00 AM** and spend about 45 minutes at each site. Lunch is at 1:00 PM.

**First Lutheran Church**

300 Melmore St  
1980 Schantz 3/44

<https://pipeorgandatabase.org/locations/12569>

**Saint Joseph Catholic Church**

36 Melmore Street  
2024 Wicks/Schantz 3/35

<https://pipeorgandatabase.org/instruments/65114>

**Tiffin Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts**

(formerly Second United Church of Christ)

156 Jefferson Street  
1904 (oldest playable) Schantz 2/14

<https://pipeorgandatabase.org/instruments/48488>

Lunch – **1:00 PM**

Madison Street Tavern

<https://www.mstpubtiffin.com/menu/>

**Trinity United Church of Christ**

131 East Perry Street  
Schantz/Muller 3/30

**Ohio Memorial Chapel**

600 North River Road  
1928 Wurlitzer 3/8

<https://pipeorgandatabase.org/instruments/45511>

**David Saunders** is available as a substitute organist.

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**2025-2026 PROGRAMS**

**Sunday Sept. 7th at 3:00 PM**

Picnic & Music Swap  
Three Meadows Park, Perrysburg

**Sunday October 5th**  
Scholarship Auditions  
St. Joan of Arc, Toledo  
**Application Form available at the  
Toledo AGO website under NEWS & EVENTS**

**Sunday October 12th - 3:00 PM**  
ORGAN PLUS Member Recital  
*Strings, Winds, & Pipes*  
Christ Presbyterian, Toledo

**Saturday, November 15th 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**  
Pipes Pedals and Pizza  
St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Bowling Green  
**Flyer available at the Toledo AGO website under EVENTS  
Please share!!!**

**Sunday, January 11th at 5:00 PM**  
*Season Send-off Party*  
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sylvania

**Sunday, February 8th at 3:00 PM**  
MEMBERS SHOWCASE: Wedding Sampler  
Location TBD

**Friday, April 17th at 7:30 PM**  
Toledo Symphony Orchestra  
Todd Wilson, organist  
Rosary Cathedral  
\$30.00 with discount Code: ROSARY  
[www.artstoledo.com](http://www.artstoledo.com)  
[419-246-8000](tel:419-246-8000)

**Sunday, April 26**  
**3:00 PM**  
Scholarship Winners Recital  
St. Joan of Arc Church

**Friday, May 15th**  
Tiffin Organ Crawl  
Curtis King, host  
Carpool from Perrybsurg - 9am-3pm; In Tiffin 10am-2pm

## TOLEDO AGO OFFICERS

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### *At-large members of the Executive Committee*

James Riedy  
Libby Saxton  
Vanessa Kwiatkowski  
Wayne Whitten

Program Planning Committee: Libby Saxton, Jane Weber,  
Wayne Whitten

Chaplain - Rev. Jeff Bunke  
Membership Coordinator - Ken Stoops  
Scholarship Coordinator - Kathy Mumy  
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