



## St. Gaspar del Bufalo Catholic Church

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*“We must let it be known how the Blood of Christ cleanses the souls and sanctifies them, particularly by means of the sacraments.”*

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 29, 2024



**Members of St. Vincent DePaul gathered together to sing Christmas carols, at area nursing homes, spreading joy and the spirit of giving and community.**

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**Office Hours**

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00am to 4:00pm

**Confessions**

20 Minutes before each Mass

Saturday and Sunday

Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am

Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am

except first Saturday of the Month.

*You can also schedule a private one by calling the office.*

**Adoration**

Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am

**Precious Blood Adoration**

First Tuesday of the Month

6:00 pm to 7:00pm

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 PM	✝ Jack Garrett
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✝ Janeway Family
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	4:30 PM	✝ Nick Chester
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00AM	✝ William Gephart
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ NO MASS
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ NO MASS

**One-To-One DONOR MATCH up to \$400,000.**

If you are making a donation towards the \$400,000.00 Pledge, Please specify on your check or by writing a note that it goes to that specific pledge. Thank you for your very generous gift giving!

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Because of your very generous giving, the matching donor amount doubled so far is \$149,280.44 of the \$400,000. goal. God Bless you for helping St. Gaspar Parish reach their goal!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**We have no time for an hour?**

How many wasted hours watching television! The excuses we give are as silly as those given to our Lord for not attending the Banquet of the King (Luke 14:16-20). The Sacramental Presence is related to Easter—**Christ appeared only to those who knew Him** in some way—to Magdalene, Peter, John, all the disciples. But He never appeared to Pilate, Herod, or Caiaphas.

The extra Presence is only for friends who want to become better friends.

**Please join us on Wednesdays from 3:00–6:00 PM. We must have two people in the church at all times.**

**There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area.**

**December 22 2024 Collections**

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	2,682.00
<b>Children's</b>	5.00
<b>Donations</b>	430.00
Donations Helping Hands	100.00
<b>votives</b>	65.55
<b>Emergency Fund</b>	5.00
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	1,277.78
<b>Rosary</b>	18.00
<b>Bishop's Appeal</b>	100.00
Immaculate Conception	20.00
<b>Christmas</b>	205.00
<b>St. Vincent De Paul</b>	40.00
<b>Religious Retirement</b>	40.00
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	65.00
<b>cemetery</b>	1,200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6253.33</b>

*Thank you for your generous giving*

**There will be NO WEEKDAY MASS beginning Friday, January 3, through February 7, 2025.**



### Northeast Indiana March for Life

Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Saturday, January 18th for the March for Life in downtown Fort Wayne. Unite with thousands of pro-life advocates from our region to show that you support life from conception to natural death. The **March for Life** is an annual pro-life rally held near the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in *Roe v. Wade*.

The pre-march Rally will take place at the Tincaps Stadium, 1301 Ewing St, Fort Wayne, IN. Doors open at noon, and the rally will begin at 12:30 pm. The March will start after the Rally. Learn more at [www.ichooselife.org/march](http://www.ichooselife.org/march) or call our office at 260-471-1849.



### Sidewalk Advocacy Training

Have a passion for helping women choose life? Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana Thursday, January 9th for sidewalk Advocate Training and learn how to save lives in Northeast Indiana. The training, provided by Sidewalk Advocates for Life, will take place at our **Training Center at 3106 Like Ave, from 9 am-12 pm**. Learn how to peacefully, and lovingly approach people outside our local Planned parenthood and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. This one-day training will empower you to turn your passion into action. There is no cost to participate. Visit [www.ichooselife.org/advocate](http://www.ichooselife.org/advocate) or call 260-471-1849 to register.



Please remember to pray for those who are sick or suffering. If you have any prayer request and you would like us to post it in the Bulletin please contact Karen Edwards in the parish office. We are here to pray for you and your needs! Utah Bruns, George Dewald, Kelli Dukehart, Dan Figel, Terry Gust, Marta Hartman, Gerald & Charlene Hall, Jay Hayes, Setsuko Hooven, Maureen James, Toni & Kent Kraner, Sandy Krull, Lisa Krull, Lanny Leppo, Ladonna Magsamen, Irene Martin, Keith Merriman, Sandy North, Deborah Redd, Sheila Reiter, Joan Robinson, Marilyn Schaefer, Larry Sievert, Patty Stacek, Jeanne Tracey, and Pat Vachon, and Jack Welsh.

### *New Years Eve Celebration*

Please join us for a New Year's Eve Celebration after the 4:30 pm Mass. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area. There will be more information to come as we determine how many people can attend.

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2025**

The Strater Family will be serving Dumplings & Sauerkraut again this year! Please join us after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on New Years Day! There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area.

New Year's Eve December 31, 2024 4:30 p.m.

Ushers: Mike and Melody Uszak  
Lectors: Elena Lock & Sara Lake  
Servers: Cole Lake  
Eucharistic Ministers: Dave and Cathy Putman



New Year's Day January 1, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Dave and Cathy Putman  
Lectors: Tracy Strater and Mary Krouse  
Servers: Sam and Kaleb Strater  
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Ray Krouse, Mary Krouse, Kevin Strater

Holy Family, bless and protect all the families of the world; safeguard their unity, fidelity, integrity and dignity. Enable them to live according to God's law that they may fulfill their sublime vocation. May their lives be a reflection of yours and may they enjoy your presence forever in heaven.



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*We use only experienced Christian or Catholic guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35) Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.*

**Pick up a brochure in the gathering area if you are interested in going on this pilgrimage of a lifetime. register online at [TektonMinistries.org](http://TektonMinistries.org) and pay a \$300 deposit online)**

### PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS YEARS ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

St. Gaspar's goal for the 38th Annual Bishop's Appeal is \$26,031.45. THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED!!

**WE ARE \$2,946.45 UNDER OUR GOAL!!**

The funds will be taken from our Parish if we do not meet our goal. Please note Pledges can be scheduled 1-6 months. Statements are mailed Dec-May. If you haven't done so, please send in your ABA card. All funds over the goal will be returned to St. Gaspar for the needs of the parish.

**We sincerely appreciate your support!**



*Happy 3rd Ordination  
Deacon Ray Krouse!  
Blessings for the anniversary  
of your Diaconate Ordination  
January 7,2022*

Healing Service  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
January 27th at 7:00PM

"His heart was moved with pity for them, and He cured their sick." Mt. 14:14

No burden or care too small, He bore them all. Bring to Him your ailments; physical, emotional and spiritual. Bring Him your pain, fears and addictions. Surrender it all!

Live Worship Music

### PATRONESS OF AMERICA

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 11 am on the first Saturday of January in the Oratory of the Holy Family in reparation for offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 10:30 am before Mass begins in the side chapel in front of the statue of Our Lady the Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of America.

**ANDREW DINNERS FOR YOUNG MEN DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD**

The Vocations Office is hosting two Andrew Dinners for young men ages 16 to 30 to learn more about seminary and the priesthood. The dinners will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 2, at St. Monica Parish in Mishawaka and on Friday, January 3, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, talk to your pastor for more information. RSVP is required by Sunday, December 22 at [diocesefwsb.org/discern-priesthood](http://diocesefwsb.org/discern-priesthood) or by calling 260-422-4611. Prior to each Andrew Dinner, everyone is invited to Eucharistic Adoration at the host parish from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to pray for vocations.

**January Birthdays**



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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1/2 Martha Dewald    | 1/2 John Edwards    |
| 1/2 Margery Taylor   | 1/3 Tina Konrath    |
| 1/3 Julie Ryne       | 1/3 Patty Staseck   |
| 1/4 Anna Merriman    | 1/9 Michael Scudder |
| 1/14 Faith Budreau   | 1/15 Gregg Bennett  |
| 1/16 Tony Starkey    | 1/19 Tom Beeber     |
| 1/19 Sydney Grayless | 1/22 Paul Hartman   |
| 1/23 Jonathon Bragg  | 1/26 Todd Duesler   |
| 1/27 Nicholas Klein  | 1/28 Austin Farris  |



**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
 Need assistance with rent/utilities?  
 Contact SVDPS at 260-582-4375.  
 Leave your name, number and a brief explanation of need. A Vincentian will return your call within 24 hours.

January 4-5, 2025					
Altar Cloth: Sharon Wilsey			Altar Flowers: Karen Edwards		
Ushers and Greeters			Altar Servers		
<b>4.30PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>4.30PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
Mike Uszak	Kevin Strater	Matt Lock	Cole Lake	Kaleb Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Melody Uszak	Tracy Strater	Maddie Lock		Sam Strater	Brayden Seibert
Proclaimers: Saturday and Sunday			Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
Sara Lake	Ed Keil	Elena Lock	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse
	Sharon Wilsey	Ben Schortgen	Margaret Baskett	Laura Weaver	Mary Krouse
			Gail Martin	Robin Aspy	volunteer
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
December 31	New Year schedule		December 31	Margaret Baskett	Nancy Goldsmith
January 7	NO MASS		January 7	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
January 14	NO MASS		January 14	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
January 21	NO MASS		January 21	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
<b>Please call Karen 260-336-1703, if you are unable to serve. Thanks</b>					

**FROM THE CATECHISM:  
PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH  
SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS  
CHAPTER THREE ARTICLE 8  
ARTICLE 8 "I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT"**

**V. The Spirit and the Church In the Last Days**

The Holy Spirit - God's gift

733 "God is Love" and love is his first gift, containing all others. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has

been given to us."

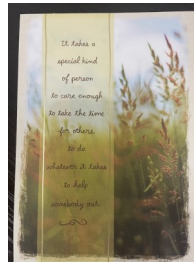
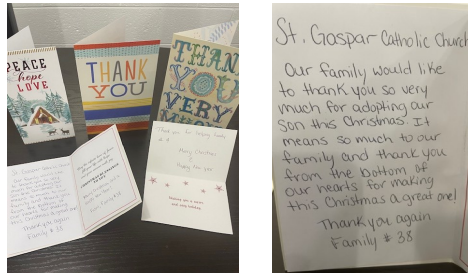
734 Because we are dead or at least wounded through sin, the first effect of the gift of love is the forgiveness of our sins. the communion of the Holy Spirit in the Church restores to the baptized the divine likeness lost through sin.

735 He, then, gives us the "pledge" or "first fruits" of our inheritance: the very life of the Holy Trinity, which is to love as "God (has) loved us." This love (the "charity" of 1 Cor 13) is the source of the new life in Christ, made possible because we have received "power" from the Holy Spirit.

**These thank you cards are from the Miracle Tree . St. Gaspar Parish helped make two large Families' Christmas a little brighter! God Bless all of you who took an ornament from the tree to help our families in need! Merry Christmas!**



**St. Gaspar Parish offers sympathy to Janie Kennerk and her family on the loss of her husband, Tom. May he rest in the peace of Jesus Christ our Savior.**




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