



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.”

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2025



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We would like to thank everyone who helped with decorating the church for Christmas and those who will be taking down the decorations. Thank you to the Strater Family for the delicious meal on New Year's Day!

Let us live by faith, trusting in God through uncertainty and tribulation.

May God bless you with a new beginning in the New Year of 2025!

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Saint Vincent de Paul 260-582-4375

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Gaspar Del Bufalo
Please, send any info for Facebook to
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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

Saturday	4:30 PM	✝ For the souls in purgatory
Sunday	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✝ Shirley Tobias
Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	8:00 AM	✝ NO MASS
Wednesday	8:00AM	✝ NO MASS
Thursday	8:00 AM	✝ NO MASS
Friday	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 **167,545.44** 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.

January 5, 2025 Collections

Weekly Collection	\$3779.00
Children's	
Donations	
votives	\$236.00
Emergency Fund	\$60.00
Capital Campaign	\$3171.78
Rosary	\$175.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$500.00
Bible Study	\$210.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$887.00
St. Vincent De Paul	\$20.00
First offering	\$275.00
cemetery	\$600.00
Total	\$9978.06

Thank you for your generous giving

There will be NO WEEKDAY MASS through February 7, 2025.



Why are we still marching after the fall of Roe? Because women from our community are still having abortions and the battle for LIFE in some ways is more complicated than ever! Join thousands of pro-life advocates from our region to show that you support life from conception to natural death.

PLEASE NOTE RALLY LOCATION CHANGE:

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 or call our office at 260-471-1849.

The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will be sponsoring a Baby Bottle fundraiser for the purpose of meeting the needs of at-risk children and their families in our community. Bottles will be distributed after all Masses on January 18 and 19. Your spare change can make a difference! To learn more visit: www.christchildsfw.org.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

<https://christchildfw.org/donate>

The Rosary Sodality will meet Tuesday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m. **Remember ladies, everyone is a member of the Rosary Sodality!** You are all invited! Please bring a small snack to share.

Trivia night **SAVE THE DATE: Friday, February 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The theme this year will be Hawaiian. Dress up and decorate your tables "Hawaiian" for prizes.**

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, Dean Domer, 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, Susan Smith, Patty Stacek, Jeanne Tracey, and Pat Vachon, and Jack Welsh.

2025 REKINDLE THE FIRE ON SALE SOON!

Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference
 When: February 22, 2025
 Where: The Coliseum in Fort Wayne
 Speakers: Justin Fatica, Mark Hart, Michael Gormley, and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades
 Cost: \$60 Register at Rekindlethefire.net

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting in the conference room Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30 PM.

*Snow themed **BINGO** is coming to St. Gaspar! Saturday, January 18th from 7-9. Snacks will be served. It's going to be "snow" much fun!!*

MARIAN SHRINES
 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 and pay a \$300 deposit online.

U.S. Catholics Express Unity with Latin American Catholics with Annual Collection

The collection was founded in 1965 as a way for Catholics in the United States to express their unity and solidarity with Catholics in Central and South America and the islands of the Caribbean. Last year the collection provided \$6.2 million for more than 250 ministries in places where the Church cannot support itself without outside assistance. More than half the money supported pastoral needs, nearly 28% provided disaster relief and about 20% subsidized vocations and the formation of clergy and religious. The Collection for the Church in Latin America helps countless poor and marginalized people to experience God's love and share it with their neighbors that is what Jesus calls all of us to do. The online giving site [#GiveCatholicTogether](#) also accepts funds for this collection. For more information see <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america>.

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Church in Latin America.

Chicken and Noodle Dinner January 15th, 2025 Free will offering for: Helping Hands Food Pantry

**Where: Rome City
United Methodist Church
Time: 4-7 p.m.**

**Served with: Real Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, plus Desserts**



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 HAVE MET OUR GOAL!!

\$4,600.00 will be returned to St. Gaspar for the needs of the parish.

**We sincerely appreciate
your support!**

DIVINE MERCY FUNERAL HOME CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Pre-Planning
Dinner and Discussion
Wednesday, January 15, 2025 or
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
5:30 p.m. at

Divine Mercy—Cedar Canyons
Limited Seating—Call to Reserve
Your Spot at 260-426-2044

We invite you to join us for a complimentary dinner where we will be discussing the benefits of pre-planning your funeral and cemetery arrangements.



The Knights of Columbus Fr. Dominic Duehmig Council #14214 in Avilla, IN would like to invite you to attend our Guest Speaker and Adult Faith Formation series.

Winter Series with videos by Knights of Columbus:

Feb. 9th – Into The Breach Parts 1-9

Feb 16th – Into the Breach Parts 10-17

Feb 23rd – 2 Videos: "St. Joseph, Our Spiritual Father" and "Courage and Conviction, the Untold Story of Christopher Columbus"

March 2nd – Dr. Ray Guarendi will give a talk on "Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent"
<https://www.drray.com/>

Mar. 9th – "Wives do What?"

Mar. 16th – "Jesus the Bridegroom"

Mar. 23rd – "The Woman at the Well and the Love of Christ" Videos are by Dr. Brant Pitre

All talks are in church at 7pm. All videos are in the school in the 6th grade classroom at 9am.

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church
228 N Main St, Avilla, IN 46710

Contact Mike Hudecek at 260-410-0301 with any questions.

There are several containers in the parish hall that have been retrieved from the rectory. If you brought Father Louis something to eat and would like your container back please check the table in the hall. They will be there for two weeks then taken to recycling.



Ladies!

Join us in January for Kingdom Builders

Sometimes we can experience an overabundance of food, screens, events, and stuff over the holidays. Our souls are longing for a refreshing reset of grace and order. Ladies ~ join us in January for a royal reset and rest in the Divine.

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm
St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church - Avilla

 Kingdom Builders

www.BuildingThroughHim.com



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 18-19, 2025

Altar Cloth: Sharon Wilsey

Altar Flowers: Karen Edwards

Ushers and Greeters

Altar Servers

4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
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

4:30 PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4:30 PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
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

January 14	NO MASS		January 14	Laura Weaver	Mary Krouse
January 21	NO MASS		January 21	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
January 28	NO MASS		January 28	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
February 4	NO MASS		February 4	Laura Weaver	volunteer

Please call Karen 260-336-1703, if you are unable to serve. Thanks

**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

736 By this power of the Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear "the fruit of the Spirit: . . . love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." "We live by the Spirit"; the more we renounce ourselves, the more we "walk by the Spirit." Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children, given confidence to call God "Father" and to share in Christ's grace,

called children of light and given a share in eternal glory.

The Holy Spirit and the Church
737 The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ's faithful to share in his communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. the Spirit prepares men and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. the Spirit manifests the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to bring them into communion with God, that they may "bear much fruit."

Support Our Seminarian

Noah Isch

Mount St. Mary's Seminary
16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.
Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727
Parish: Sacred Heart Parish Warsaw

SERVING THE LORD!

As we begin this new year, have you considered how you would like to share your time and talent with the Lord? You might serve during Masses as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Lector, or as a Server, or Musician and Cantor. Please prayerfully consider asking the Lord where He would like you to use your gifts. Contact Karen Edwards if you are willing to help in these ministries.

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