



## 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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD/ YEAR C

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

# THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



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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**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 PM	✝ Jack Garrett
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✝ Charlie Kuhn
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ NO MASS
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00AM	✝ NO MASS
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ NO MASS
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ NO MASS

**One-To-One DONOR MATCH up to**

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 **\$195,344.51** of the \$400,000. goal. God Bless you for helping St. Gaspar Parish reach our goal!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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.**

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 ADORATION FROM 5:00-6:00 PM ONLY.**

**Please join us for Precious Blood Adoration Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00 PM.**

**January 26, 2025 Collections**

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	2,781.00
<b>Children's</b>	5.00
<b>St. Vincent De Paul</b>	20.00
<b>votives</b>	38.10
<b>Emergency Fund</b>	20.00
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	7,500.00
<b>Rosary</b>	
<b>Latin America</b>	75.00
<b>First offering</b>	25.00
<b>Bingo night</b>	5.00
<b>First offering</b>	25.00
<b>K of C Breakfast 1/26</b>	350.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,819.10</b>

*Thank you for your generous giving*



The K of C will be serving Pancakes and Sausage after 7:30 AM Mass Sunday, February 9th . We are so grateful to all those who have been bringing casseroles, preparing and serving the breakfasts and those helping with set up and cleanup! God Bless You!



**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
\$5.00 per person

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Please mark your calendars for Friday, February 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

and ask your friends to join us for the 4Th Annual Trivia Night! Please bring snacks to share with everyone. Bring your own drinks as well. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. If you can't fill a whole table but still want to participate, **please come!** We will place you with others that do not have a full table. The theme is Hawaiian. We encourage you to dress up and decorate the tables in the Hawaiian theme. We will give all entry money back! There will be prizes for first and second place in the Trivia Questions. There will also be prizes for the best decorated table, and the best dressed Hawaiian. Please text Karen at 336-1703 or call the church at 854-3100 to get signed up.



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! Nikki Becker, Utah Bruns, George Dewald, Dean Domer, Kelli Dukehart, Dan Figel, Terry Gust, Marta Hartman, Gerald & Charlene Hall, Jay Hayes, Setsuko Hoooven, Maureen James, Susan Jones, Toni & Kent Kraner, Sandy Krull, Lisa Krull, Kelly LaHaine, Therese Langsenkamp, Lanny Leppo, Ladonna Magsamen, Irene Martin, Keith Merriman, Sandy North, Deborah Redd, Sheila Reiter, Joan Robinson, Marilyn Schaefer, Larry Sievert, Patty Staseck, Jeanne Tracey, Pat Vachon, and Jack Welsh.

**Baby Bottle Fundraiser**



<https://christchildfw.org/donate>

**The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne's Baby Bottle-fundraiser** Reminder: The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne reminds you to return your baby bottle filled with spare change to St. Gaspar either the weekend of

**February 8 and 9 OR February 15 and 16.** The organization is grateful for your generosity and support. No contribution is too small. If desired, checks can be made payable to: Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne, P.O. Box 12708. Fort Wayne, IN, 46864. Your generosity will go a long way in helping this philanthropic, all volunteer organization, whose mission is to meet the needs of children and their families in our community. To learn more about the Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne, please visit [www.christchildsocietyfw.org](http://www.christchildsocietyfw.org).



**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.

**EXODUS 90— Download the App— for MEN over 18**

**WHEN: Wednesday Evenings meet for Adoration at 5:00 PM—WHERE: In the Parish Hall**

**An Invitation to Uncommon Freedom**

*"For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1)*

It is normal for us as men to be distracted, addicted, and enslaved by so many things today. Alcohol. Pornography. Social media. Sports. Gambling. Work. Comparison. Achievement. Wealth. Legacy. It is so normal, in fact, that society's stereotypes of men are often associated with the very idols that plague us.

What is uncommon in our time is men who are free. A free man is not a perfect man who has it all together, but one who remembers who he is: a son of God whom God has called forth for love. And he knows how much more he can become by the power of grace unfolding in his life over time, and with the support of brothers.

Through contemplative prayer, we open up to a vulnerable relationship with God. Through asceticism, we grow in the power to say "no" to the common things of the world that hold us back. Through fraternity, we have the essential support, encouragement, and mercy of other men striving after the same uncommon ideals.

The world defines freedom as the ability to do whatever you want, whenever you want, with whomever you want. True freedom is for commitment, sacrifice, and love. Like Jesus on the Cross, the free man takes up his life and then lays it down for others. What is returned to him is a life of integration, meaning, and eternal satisfaction.

**Contact Deacon Ray Krouse if you have questions at 1-260-437-7555**



**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

### **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 in the Parish office if you are willing to help in these ministries.



**RIGHT TO LIFE**  
OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

We are excited to bring Mike Spencer (Project-life Voice) to our church hall on March 22 from 9-noon to do a pro-life apologetic workshop!!! Mike teaches us how to approach the topic of abortion in a loving and compassionate way to all individuals (ages 7th grade through adults of all ages.... Never too old to learn!!!) Looking forward to seeing you there!!!



**It only  
takes one  
encounter.**

### **GO WALK WITH ONE**

Someone in your life is waiting for a moment that will change everything. God is ready to deliver, and he wants YOU to be a part of that story. This is your opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of someone you know and love. It only takes one encounter with Jesus to change their life forever.

You don't need to have all the answers—you just need to be present and walk with them. Grace will do the rest. Scan the code to get started.

[eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one](http://eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one)



### **LECTOR MINISTER TRAININGS**

New and current lectors are invited to attend free training organized by the diocesan Office of Worship. Lector training will be held on March 1 in South Bend and Fort Wayne from 9 a.m. - noon. Advanced registration is required by the Wednesday prior to the training. For full details, frequently asked questions, and registration, visit [diocesefwsb.org/trainings](http://diocesefwsb.org/trainings).

The Servus Lecture  
Omnium

MARCH 4, 2025

### **AI for the Common Good**

University of St. Francis North Campus gym

Join us on Fat Tuesday for breakfast as Tim Connors discusses “AI for the Common Good.”

7:00 am Blessing from the Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

7:10 am Mardi Gras Breakfast

7:45-8:45 a.m. Speaker/Q&A

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door \$200 for a table Register: [go.sf.edu/servus-omnium](http://go.sf.edu/servus-omnium)



**WHAT:** Join us for an exclusive indoor St. Patrick's Day party: Live Irish entertainment  
 Authentic Irish Cuisine & Drinks  
 Exciting Auctions & Raffles in Benefit of Catholic Charities' Mission  
 VIP Whiskey Tasting

**WHEN:** March 15, 2025 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

**WHERE:** Mirro Center/ 10622 Parkview Plaza Dr. Fort Wayne, IN 46845

**Tickets:** Tickets are now on sale at: [www.ccfwsb.org/stpatrick](http://www.ccfwsb.org/stpatrick)  
 Standard tickets include dinner+2 beer/wine drinks  
 Tables available  
 VIP Whiskey Tasting

## February Birthdays



2/1 Geraldine Brown	2/1 Leah Baranowski
2/3 Ellen Gephart	2/4 James Burns
2/5 Tamila Kelty	2/5 Scherrie Hohenstein
2/5 Madalitso Didier	2/6 Gerald Hall
2/7 Kaleb Strater	2/8 William Creigh
2/8 Jacob Lock	2/9 Tracy Strater
2/11 Michael Klein	2/13 Robert Berghoff
2/14 Joe Patton	2/14 Robert Jordan
2/14 Regina Ley	2/14 Elaina Didier
2/20 Janet Schoenle	2/22 George Vandermeir
2/22 Traci Blaize	2/23 Pamela Baker
2/23 Laura Berghoff	2/26 Pamela Neu
2/27 Tony Jones	2/28 Daniel Morris

February 8-9, 2025					
Altar Cloth: Mary Krouse			Altar Flowers: Joe Ryne		
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>
Dave Desper	Jeff Strong	Rebecca Lock	Cole Lake	Kaleb Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Pam Baker	Dave Putman	Maddie Lock	Sawyer Christner	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>
Lisa Owens	Tracy Strater	Elena Lock	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse
	Kaleb Strater	Matt Lock	Gail Martin	Kevin Strater	Mary Krouse
			Karen Edwards	Cathy Putman	volunteer
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
February 4	NO MASS		February 4	Laura Weaver	Chris Strong
February 11	Sharon Wilsey		February 11	Nancy Goldsmith	Margaret Baskett
February 18	Maddie Lock		February 18	Nancy Goldsmith	Mary Krouse
February 25	Elena Lock		February 25	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
<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 9  
"I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC  
CHURCH"**

748 "Christ is the light of humanity; and it is, accordingly, the heart-felt desire of this sacred Council, being gathered together in the Holy Spirit, that, by proclaiming his Gospel to every creature, it may bring to all men that light of Christ which shines out visibly from the Church." These words open the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. By choosing this starting point, the Council demonstrates that the article of faith about the Church depends entirely on the articles concerning Christ Jesus. the Church has no other light than Christ's; according to a favorite image of the Church Fathers, the Church is like

the moon, all its light reflected from the sun. 749 The article concerning the Church also depends entirely on the article about the Holy Spirit, which immediately precedes it. "Indeed, having shown that the Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness, we now confess that it is he who has endowed the Church with holiness." The Church is, in a phrase used by the Fathers, the place "where the Spirit flourishes." 750 To believe that the Church is "holy" and "catholic," and that she is "one" and "apostolic" (as the Nicene Creed adds), is inseparable from belief in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the Apostles' Creed we profess "one Holy Church" (Credo . . . Ecclesiam), and not to believe in the Church, so as not to confuse God with his works and to attribute clearly to God's goodness all the gifts he has bestowed on his Church.



**MEN'S REGIONAL CHRIST RENEWS RETREAT**

All men 18 and over are invited to attend  
**March 22-23, 2025**

here at Immaculate Conception Church.

Register today by using the QR code or email  
dmfischer5@frontier.com

Christ Renewals Retreat weekend is an opportunity to refocus, setting aside everyday life. It gives you an chance to enter a quiet and prayerful atmosphere focused on reconnecting with the Lord.

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