



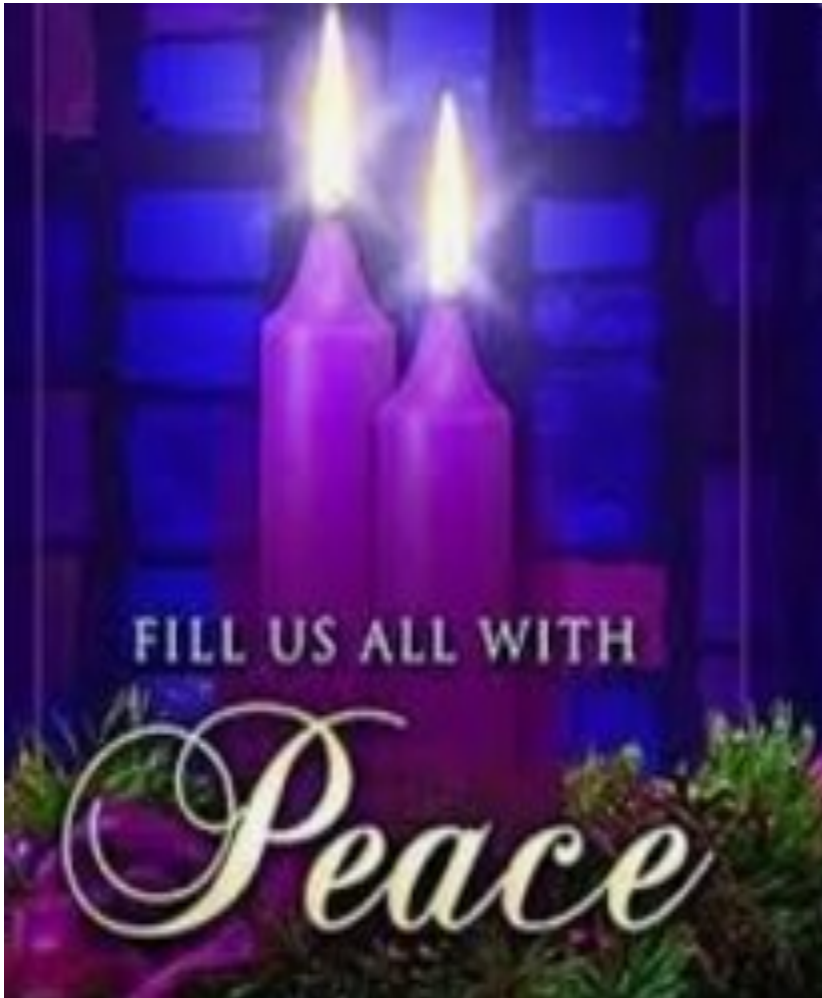
## St. Gaspar del Bufalo Catholic Church

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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.”*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8 2024



The second  
Sunday of  
Advent  
symbolizes  
**PEACE**

*“Now may the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.”* **2 THESSALONIANS**

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades  
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Pastor - Rev Louis Fowoyo  
[frlouis@stgasparrc.org](mailto:frlouis@stgasparrc.org)

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Pam Neu: [msnneu@yahoo.com](mailto:msnneu@yahoo.com)

**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	✝ Joan Nichols
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✝ Sharon Sturgis & Karen Fry
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00AM	✝ Mary Ellen Kress
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00AM	✝ Nick Chester
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Joseph Costello
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Rita Garrett

**December 1, 2024 Collections**

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	3,912.00
<b>Donations</b>	
<b>Children's</b>	5.00
<b>votives</b>	57.85
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	192.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4166.85</b>

*Thank you for your generous giving*

**Please join us after 8:00 am Mass on Thursday, December 12 for breakfast and a movie on the life of Fulton Sheen.**



**National Wreaths Across America  
December 14, 2024**

Help the Knights of Columbus Council 7839 honor local heroes! Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave on December 14th at 10:00 a.m. the St. Gaspar Del Bufalo Cemetery. Visit [wreathsasscrossamerica.org](http://wreathsasscrossamerica.org) for more Information.



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

**The Knights of Columbus**

will be serving breakfast on Sunday, December 15th after the 10:00 AM Mass. Be sure to bring

your children and grandchildren and enjoy breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Clause.



**ANGEL TREE**

The deadline for helping Hands is **December 15th**. Please bring the gifts back unwrapped with the ornament from the tree attached to it.

**Thank you for your generous gift giving!**



The next Bible study will be Revelation, The Kingdom yet to come by Jeff Cavins. This eleven week course begins in January. Please contact Mary Krouse at 260-437-8512 by December 17 to order a book.



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, Sandy North, Deborah Redd, Sheila Reiter, Joan Robinson, Marilyn Schaefer, Larry Sievert, Patty Stacek, Jeanne Tracey, and Pat Vachon, Jack Welsh.

### SECOND COLLECTION

**Support those who have given a lifetime.**

“Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. **Please give generously.**”

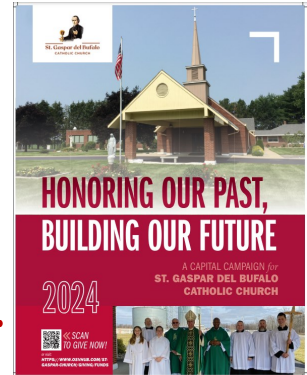
### *THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.*

*Monday, December 9, 2024*

*Mass times are 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM*

This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is observed on Monday, December 9 and is a holy day of obligation. Every Sunday is also a holy day of obligation. To fulfill the Sunday obligation, Catholics must attend Mass any time after 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 or any time on Sunday, Dec. 8. To fulfill the separate Immaculate Conception obligation, Catholics must attend a second Mass any time after 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8 or any time on Monday, Dec. 9. In short, two separate Masses must be attended: one for each obligation. O Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, pray for us!

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



### **Honoring Our Past, Building our Future Campaign**

We have continued to see the generosity of our parish to maintain God’s house. Thank you for all those that have responded. For those that are still evaluating their pledge, every gift will help with our projects and the continued maintenance of our parish. We are asking you to please participate in any way possible. We have a matching donor who is matching donations up to 400,000. If we can successfully raise \$400,000 more in pledges, the one-to-one match will add \$800,000. to our total getting us very near to 2 million dollars This would allow us to proceed with the parish hall expansion the same time as the Narthex construction. We are getting closer to our goal to complete phase 1 and phase 2 at the same time. If you can find it in your heart to consider one more time contributing to this, it will greatly benefit our parish. We are very excited to see the anticipated transformation of St. Gaspar’s Church and parish hall. **Thank you again for your very generous support!** If you have any questions please contact the parish office at (260) 854-3100.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**TOM PFISTER 11 YEARS!**

*Congratulations on your Retirement from St. Gaspar! For the dedication and the hard work, **YOU** deserve the best retirement ever! Enjoy this new journey of your life. Cherish every moment and have fun!*



DECEMBER 24 – 25, 2024

4:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

2 Ushers: Jerry & Nancy Goldsmith  
2 Lectors: Traci Blaize and **volunteer**  
Servers: **Brayden** & Chelsea **Siebert**  
3 Ex. Eucharistic **Ministers**: Karen Edwards and Bob & Meg Distler

9:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

2 Ushers: Matt & Maddie Lock  
Lectors: Tracy Strater & Elena Lock  
3 Ex. Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Ray Krouse, Mary Krouse, and Kevin Strater  
Servers: Sam & Kaleb Strater

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

2 Ushers: Dave & Cathy Putman  
2 Lectors: Ben Schortgen and Sharon Wilsey  
3 Ex. Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Ray Krouse, Mary Krouse, Terese Langsenkamp,  
Servers: Matt Kelly

**Tis the Season of Giving Back**

Remember your parish, school or Catholic ministry when making a gift during this holiday season. Not too sure how to do this? Contact the staff at the Catholic Community Foundation to determine the best approach.

260-399-1436

Through your generous contributions to our endowment fund, it has grown to \$19,749.53.

May God Bless you for your generous giving!



**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 \$3,846.45 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!**



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.



Life Defenders Trip to the National March for Life College-aged and high school students are invited to join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on a bus trip to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. We leave the evening of January 22nd and return home early morning on Saturday January 25th. We want **YOU** on the bus with us for this life-changing experience! Registration ends December 15th. Learn more at [www.ichooselife.org/dc](http://www.ichooselife.org/dc) or call 1-260-471-1849.



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.

**JOIN THE ADVENT PRAY25 CHALLENGE**

Prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent with daily prayer on Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us encounter Christ through daily prayer. Pick up a prayer card in the gathering area and scan the QR code to sign up or go to [hallow.com/pray](http://hallow.com/pray).

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 12/1 Ron Hess           | 12/1 Barb Tatman       |
| 12/1 Nicholas Scudder   | 12/2 Marilyn Schaefer  |
| 12/2 Bob Distler        | 12/2 John Recker       |
| 12/3 James Gunkel       | 12/5 Cole Lake         |
| 12/6 Robert Wiant       | 12/6 Steve Smith       |
| 12/9 Yolanda Merriman   | 12/9 Steve Aspy        |
| 12/9 Amy Seibert        | 12/11 Michael Edwards  |
| 12/12 Thomas Dukehart   | 12/13 Setsuko Hooven   |
| 12/13 Beth Creigh       | 12/14 Rebecca Miller   |
| 12/14 Christopher Hulen | 12/16 Carol Sievert    |
| 12/16 Deb Sieber        | 12/20 Ruth Sieber      |
| 12/20 Chelsea Seibert   | 12/21 Thomas Griffiths |

**St. Gaspar Parish Confession  
December 19th at 6:00 PM.**



**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.

**Cemetery plots** at the St. Gaspar Cemetery are available to purchase at \$300.00 per plot (if a member of St. Gaspar Parish) through the month of December. Beginning January 1st, the purchase amount will raise to \$500.00. Please stop by the Parish office if you are interested.

December 15, 2024					
Altar Cloth: Kathy Pfister			Altar Flowers: Vicki Domer		
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>
Jerry Goldsmith	Dave Putman	Gary Shull	Cole Lake	Kaleb Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Nancy Goldsmith	Cathy Putman	Tom Pfister		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>
Traci Blaize	Tim Worman	Ben Schortgen	Bob Berghoff	Deacon Ray Krouse	Terry Luebke
	Bob Arnold	Matt Lock	Margaret Baskett	Mary Krouse	Al Langsenkamp
			Karen Edwards	Robin Aspy	Terry Langsenkamp
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
December 10	Tim Worman		December 10	Margaret Baskett	Terry Lubke
December 17	Mary Krouse		December 17	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
December 24	Bob Arnold		December 24	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
December 31	Sharon Wilsey		December 31	Margaret Baskett	Terry Luebke
<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"  
IV. The Spirit of Christ in the Fullness of  
Time**

**Christ Jesus**

727 The entire mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit, in the fullness of time, is contained in this: that the Son is the one anointed by the Father's Spirit since his Incarnation - Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. Everything in the second chapter of the Creed is to be

read in this light. Christ's whole work is in fact a joint mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Here, we shall mention only what has to do with Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit and the gift of him by the glorified Lord. 728 Jesus does not reveal the Holy Spirit fully, until he himself has been glorified through his Death and Resurrection. Nevertheless, little by little he alludes to him even in his teaching of the multitudes, as when he reveals that his own flesh will be food for the life of the world. He also alludes to the Spirit in speaking to Nicodemus, to the Samaritan woman, and to those who take part in the feast of Tabernacles. To his disciples he speaks openly of the Spirit in connection with prayer and with the witness they will have to bear.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024**  
**ST. GASPAR PARISH HALL 6:30 PM**



**CUPERTINO CLASSIC: PRIESTS V. SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME**

The annual Cupertino Classic priests vs. seminarians basketball game will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at Marian High School in Mishawaka. Join us for this great night of Catholic fellowship to encounter vocations and enjoy the game! The day kicks off with Adoration at 3 p.m. at the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration Provincial House. Mass will follow at 4 p.m. at the same location. Then, move across the street to Marian High School for the Cupertino Classic. Tip-off is at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to this free family-friendly event. Please pray for continued vocations to the priesthood. For more information, visit [diocesefwsb.org/cupertino](http://diocesefwsb.org/cupertino).



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