



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.”

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 24, 2024



THE LORD
IS KING;
HE IS
ROBED
IN
MAJESTY.

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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	✝ William Gephart
Sunday	7:30AM	✝ Jim and Ginny Neu
	10:00AM	People of the Parish
Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	8:00AM	✝ Suzanne Arnold
Wednesday	8:00AM	✝ Karen Figel
Thursday	8:00 AM	✝ Rose Worman
Friday	8:00 AM	✝ Nick Chester

ANGEL TREE



A giving tree for **Helping Hands** (Rome City) and for **Noble County Miracle Tree**, has been placed in the gathering area for Christmas. If you would like to help, pick an ornament and purchase what is written on it and return the ornament with the items that you purchased so we know which charitable

organization it goes to. Please turn in donations for the Miracle Tree by December 1st (do you have questions? Contact Luanne Shull@ 574-202-3007). Donations to Helping Hands should be returned by December 15th.

Thank you for helping those in need!

Christmas at Gibault 2024

Every year around this time the Knights of Columbus Councils around the state to collect toys for the kids at Gibault school, this year is no different. Gibault serves boys and girls and has provided life changing opportunities for over 10,00 children and their families. If you would like to donate unwrapped toys this year you can bring them to the gathering area now until **Sunday, December 8th**. A wish list of gifts is available at our collection box in the gathering area.

Thank you for making a difference.



November 17, 2024 Collections

Weekly Collection	3,354.00
Children's	5.00
All Saint's	20.00
Emergency Fund	20.00
votives	53.10
Knights of Columbus	369.00
Capital Campaign	322.78
All Soul's	20.00
Rosary Sodality	40.00
Christmas Flowers	50.00
Human Dev.	634.00
Total	\$4,887.88

Thank you for your generous giving

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Monday, December 9, 2024

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

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



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.

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 STILL 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 Jan-June. 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!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young people from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the Diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org under "Youth Protection." If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (260)399-1458, email: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, or Rev Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260)399-1419, email: mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org. The Diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

CHRISTMAS



BINGO

Please join us for Christmas Bingo!

Who: Everyone is invited!

What: Laughter, Fun, and Fellowship

Where: Here in the St. Gaspar Social Hall

When: Saturday December 7, 2024

Why: Because everyone loves BINGO!

RIGHT to LIFE INDIANA

11th Annual Christmas Gala

Keynote
Rebecca St James
Singer/Songwriter, Author & Actress

Tuesday, December 3, 2024
VIP Sponsor Reception 5:30pm
Dinner & Program 6:30pm

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Table for 10 Guests \$1,000
Visit www.irtl.org/gala for reservations
or return enclosed RSVP card
Questions call 317.413.9123



To Support Our Mission To Love Pregnant Mothers And Protect Unborn Babies



**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 the St. Gaspar Del Bufalo Cemetery. Visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org for more Information.

ATTENTION :
Father Louis would like ALL men of the Parish to stay after each Mass for a 10-15 minute meeting on December 8, 2024. Thank you!



The Knights of Columbus will be serving pancakes and sausage December 1st after the 7:30 AM Mass. Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Clause is

December 15th after the 10:00 AM Mass. Please mark these dates on your calendar and come to enjoy some fellowship in the hall!

Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank you, God, for this day of Thanksgiving. We are grateful for a day dedicated to gratitude, appreciation, and abundance. Thank you for a table set with food, good people to share it with, and love of you, the divine provider. As we extend thanks, we are reminded of how difficult it is for those less fortunate to enjoy this holiday. Please, bless them with plenty and watch over us all.



**IT ONLY TAKES ONE ENCOUNTER
GO WALK WITH ONE**

In the Scriptures, we hear over and over how Jesus invited people one by one to follow him. He also invites us to follow him more deeply and, just like him, to “walk with one” person to a new or renewed experience of God’s love. Evangelization, or “bringing the Good News,” typically happens in one-on-one moments that are not planned or scripted. This can happen at the grocery store, the bus stop, or a sporting event. As Pope Francis has noted, “Anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love” (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 120). You might be asking yourself: Where do I start with inviting someone to take a step closer to Jesus? How might I invite them forward in their faith? Here’s a simple four-stage process of accompaniment that focuses on a “heart-to-heart” approach:

- 1. Identify someone in a spirit of humility.
- 2. Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Connect in Eucharistic friendship.
- 4. Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her.

If you can open your heart to speak about how Jesus has touched your life, your heart will touch the heart of whomever the Holy Spirit leads you to accompany. Prayerfully begin to discern whom God is calling you to accompany.

Before you begin the process of inviting someone into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, spend time in prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide you in this process. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the person that he wants you to accompany. Consider going to Eucharistic adoration or committing to a period of silent prayer in a church to allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

CHART A JOYFUL COURSE FOR YOUR MARRIAGE WITH THE GOOD NEWS CRUISE

January 5-11, 2025, married couples are invited to get away on a fun, relaxing, and rejuvenating cruise with inspiring speakers, daily Mass, and endless memorable experiences. The cruise will include opportunities to grow closer in your marriage and faith through engaging talks by guest speakers, including Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Father Mike Schmitz, and others. There will be interactive activities and events, exclusive cocktail parties, daily celebration of Mass and reconciliation, and more. Learn more and book your spot: goodnewscruise.com.

SUMMIT AWAKENING YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Young adults ages 18-25 are invited to enter into self-reflection and make meaningful connections by participating in Summit Awakening, a Catholic retreat to be held November 22-24. Step-out of your normal routines for a weekend of prayer as you become more fully awakened to the ever-present love of God. This fall's theme is Christ the King: His Glory Alone. During the retreat, there are sacraments, talks given by peers, opportunities for reflection and discussion with small groups, and more. The retreat is held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, and there is a \$45 registration fee. For more information, visit summitawakeningfw.weebly.com.



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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend an Hour with Jesus! 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 1, 2024					
Altar Cloth: Kathy Pfister			Altar Flowers: Vicki Domer		
Ushers and Greeters			Altar Servers		
4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Sara Lake	Jeff Strong	Gary Shull	Cole Lake	Kaleb Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Chris Lake	Dave Johnson	Rebecca 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
Erik Fowerbaugh	Tim Worman	Ben Schortgen	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse
	Bob Arnold	Matt Lock	Gail Martin	Dave Putman	Bob Distler
			Karen Edwards	Cathy Putman	Meg Distler
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
November 26	Maddie Lock		November 26	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
December 3	Elena Lock		December 3	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
December 10	Tim Worman		December 10	Margaret Baskett	Terry Lubke
December 17	Mary Krouse		December 17	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
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"
IV. The Spirit of Christ in the Fullness of
Time**

723 In Mary, the Holy Spirit fulfills the plan of the Father's loving goodness. With and through the Holy Spirit, the Virgin conceives and gives birth to the Son of God. By the Holy Spirit's power and her faith, her virginity became uniquely fruitful.

724 In Mary, the Holy Spirit manifests the Son of the Father, now become the Son of the Virgin. She is the burning bush of the definitive theophany. Filled with the Holy Spirit she

makes the Word visible in the humility of his flesh. It is to the poor and the first representatives of the gentiles that she makes him known.

725 Finally, through Mary, the Holy Spirit begins to bring men, the objects of God's merciful love, into communion with Christ. and the humble are always the first to accept him: shepherds, magi, Simeon and Anna, the bride and groom at Cana, and the first disciples.

726 At the end of this mission of the Spirit, Mary became the Woman, the new Eve ("mother of the living"), the mother of the "whole Christ." As such, she was present with the Twelve, who "with one accord devoted themselves to prayer," at the dawn of the "end time" which the Spirit was to inaugurate on the morning of Pentecost with the manifestation of the Church.



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 or call 1-260-471-1849.

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