



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.”

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

DECEMBER 17, 2023



“The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.” *Isaiah 61:1-2*

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Chairperson Finance Committee - Cathy Putman

St Gaspar On-Line Giving Site:
<https://www.osvhub.com/st-gaspar-church/funds>

Saint Vincent DePaul 260-582-4375

LOOK US UP ON FACEBOOK
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

6:00pm to 7:00pm

Our women and men religious offer gratitude.

A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them" Thank you for giving to the retirement fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

DUAL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Christmas falls on a Monday this year and remains a holy day of obligation. The previous day, Sunday, December 24, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, has its own distinct obligation. As a result, there are two separate obligations to fulfill. On the evening of Sunday, December 24, the prayers and readings of the appropriate Christmas Mass would be used, and Evening Prayer I of the Nativity is prayed. Nonetheless, attending Mass on Sunday evening any time after 4 p.m. can count toward either the Fourth Sunday of Advent obligation or the Christmas obligation, but not both.

CUPERTINO CLASSIC: PRIESTS V. SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME

The annual Cupertino Classic priests vs. seminarians basketball game will take place on Wednesday, December 27, at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne. Join us for this great night of Catholic fellowship to encounter vocations and enjoy the game! The day kicks off with Mass at 3:45 p.m. in the Queen of All Saints Chapel, located in Bishop Dwenger High School. Adoration will follow Mass until 6 p.m. Tipoff 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.

December 10, 2023 Collections	
Weekly Collection	3320.00
Donations	400.00
Children	5.00
Votives	88.61
Sanctuary Flowers	20.00
Rosary Sodality	300.00
Annual Bishops Appeal	480.00
Sanctuary Flowers	20.00
1st offering env.	10.00
Bible Study	189.00
All Souls Day	50.00
Religious Retirement	691.00
Immaculate Conception	227.00
Total	5780.61
<i>Thank you for your generous giving</i>	



**DECEMBER 24 – 25, 2023
CHRISTMAS MINISTRY**

4:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

Ushers: Jerry & Nancy Goldsmith
Lectors: Mandy Martin & Tracy Strater
Servers: Paige and Natalie McDonald
Ex. Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Strater, John Kessen and Roberta O'Boyle

10:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

Ushers: Pam Nue and Maddie Lock
Lectors: Matt and Elena Lock
Ex. Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Ray Krouse, Mary Krouse, and Laura Weaver
Servers: Grant and Cole Lake

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

Ushers: Gary Shull and Dave Singleton
Lectors: Michelle Barranda and Ben Schortgen
Ex. Eucharistic Ministers: Al and Terry Langsenkamp and Cathy Putman
Servers: Matt Kelty

**FROM THE CATECHISM:
PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH
SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS
CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST,
THE ONLY SON OF GOD.**

Article 4

**"JESUS CHRIST SUFFERED UNDER
PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED
AND WAS BURIED"**

**Paragraph 2. JESUS DIED CRUCIFIED
II. CHRIST'S REDEMPTIVE DEATH IN GOD'S
PLAN OF SALVATION**

601 The Scriptures had foretold this divine plan of salvation through the putting to death of "the righteous one, my Servant" as a mystery of universal redemption, that is, as the ransom that would free men from the slavery of sin. Citing a confession of faith that he himself had "received", St. Paul professes that "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures." In particular Jesus' redemptive death fulfils Isaiah's prophecy of the suffering

Servant. Indeed Jesus himself explained the meaning of his life and death in the light of God's suffering Servant. After his Resurrection he gave this interpretation of the Scriptures to the disciples at Emmaus, and then to the apostles.

"For our sake God made him to be sin"
602 Consequently, St. Peter can formulate the apostolic faith in the divine plan of salvation in this way: "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers... with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake." Man's sins, following on original sin, are punishable by death. By sending his own Son in the form of a slave, in the form of a fallen humanity, on account of sin, God "made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."



**The Knights of Columbus
Corpus Christi Council # 7839**

Invites you and yours to our
Family Pot Luck Christmas Dinner
Wednesday December 20, 2023

ICC Hall Kendallville Gathering – 6:00 pm Dinner – 6:30 pm. Gift Exchange – Following Dinner. Knights please bring a \$15.00 gift for a man & ladies please bring a \$15.00 gift for a woman. The council will provide the gifts for all children. Please RSVP to make sure we have enough gifts for them. The Council will provide a meat, drinks, and place setting. If possible, we ask that everyone please bring a side and/or a dessert to share with the group. RSVP to Mike Tackett by Friday, December 15th. mtackett@berrymarketing.com or 614-309-8644

**FEWER THAN 100 DISCOUNTED PASSES REMAIN
FOR THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

July 17-21, 2024, you are invited to join your Catholic brothers and sisters as we encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and are sent out on mission for the life of the world. More than 80,000 people – including more than 600 from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend – will gather at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. This congress is for everyone – adults, youths, and families – and will include a multitude of nationally renowned speakers, entertainment, sacraments, and more. Learn more and purchase discounted adult passes for \$299 through the diocese: diocesefwsb.org/congress.



*Check out our St.
Gaspar T-Shirts, &
Sweatshirts*

If you would like to order St. Gaspar apparel there are order forms in the gathering area. The t-shirt color choices are gray or blue. The sweatshirt color is GRAY ONLY. We do not have a price yet because the number of items ordered will determine the price.

Kingdom Builders is hiring

a Development Director!

This part-time position propels Kingdom Builders as we build an army of adorers. We're seeking a trust-worthy, organized lover of Jesus, who is tech-savvy and passionate about building and maintaining relationships.

Are you ready to build the Kingdom in the heart of every woman? Contact us for details at secretary@buildingthroughhim.com.



MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday	4:30PM	✝ Rosemary Grist
Sunday	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✝ Rita Garrett
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	8:00AM	✝ Clarence & Dorothy Tatman
Wednesday	8:00AM	✝ Kathleen Costello
Thursday	8:00AM	✝ Rose Worman
Friday	8:00AM	✝ Donnie Fischer Jr.

Please join us for our Penitential Service December 21 at 6:00 pm

Mark your calendar to join us for Pork and Dumplings on New Years Day. The time will be announced at a later time.



Ron Hess 12/1 Barbara Tatman 12/1
 Nicholas Scudder 12/1 Marilyn Schaefer 12/2
 Robert Distler 12/2 John Recker 12/2
 James Gunkel 12/3 Cole Lake 12/5
 Robert Wiant 12/6 Steve Smith 12/6
 Melany Morris 12/7 Yolanda Merriman 12/9
 Steve Aspy 12/9 Amy Seibert 12/9
 Michael Edwards 12/11 Tom Dukehart 12/12
 Setsuko Hooven 12/13 James Reick 12/13
 Beth Creigh 12/13 Grace Arend 12/13
 Rebecca Miller 12/14 Christopher Hulen 12/14
 Carol Sievert 12/16 Deb Sieber 12/16
 Ruth Sieber 12/20 Tom Griffiths 12/21
 Mandy McDonald 12/29 John O'Boyle 12/31

Pick up a cookbook today! The cost is \$10.00 This is a great Christmas gift idea!

December 24, 2023 MINISTRY SCHEDULE					
Altar Cloth: Kathy Pfister			Altar Flowers: Mary Krouse		
Ushers and Greeters			Altar Servers		
4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Jerry Goldsmith	Jeff Strong	Pam Neu	Grant Lake	Kaleb Strater	Matt Kelty or
Nancy Goldsmith	Dave Singleton	Maddie Lock	Cole Lake	Sam Strater	George Vandermeir
Proclaimers: Saturday and Sunday			Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Sara Lake	Bob Arnold	Matt Lock	John Kessen	Kevin Strater	Deacon Ray Krouse
	Tim Worman	Elena Lock	Karen Edwards	Dave Putman	Terese Langsenkamp
			Gail Martin	Cathy Putman	Al Langsenkamp
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
December 19	Maddi Lock		December 19	Margaret Baskett	Roberta O'Boyle
December 26	Elena Lock		December 26	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
January 2	No Mass		January 2	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
January 9	NO MASS		January 9	Margaret Baskett	Roberta O'Boyle
Please call Karen 260-336-1703, if you are unable to serve. Thanks					