

ST. GASPAR DEL BUFALO CATHOLIC CHURCH



10871 N State Road 9, Rome City IN 46784

Phone: 260-854-3100 / Fax: 260-854-4083

Email: info@stgasparrc.org

Web site : www.stgasparrc.org

Diocese Fort Wayne/South Bend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Pastor: Rev. Louis Fowoyo – frlouis@stgasparrc.org

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 11, 2022

Reading I **Isaiah 35:1-6a,10**

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

Responsorial Psalm **146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10**

R. Lord, come and save us.

The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free. **R.**

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers. **R.**

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. **R.**

Reading II **James 5:7-10**

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the

Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel **Matthew 11:2-11**

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD

Article 3 "HE WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY"

Paragraph 1. THE SON OF GOD BECAME MAN

IV. HOW IS THE SON OF GOD MAN?

470 Because "human nature was assumed, not absorbed", in the mysterious union of the Incarnation, the Church was led over the course of centuries to confess the full reality of Christ's human soul, with its operations of intellect and will, and of his human body. In parallel fashion, she had to recall on each occasion that Christ's human nature belongs, as his own, to the divine person of the Son of God, who assumed it. Everything that Christ is and does in this nature derives from "one of the Trinity". The Son of God therefore communicates to his humanity his own personal mode of existence in the Trinity. In his soul as in his body, Christ thus expresses humanly the divine ways of the Trinity: The Son of God. . . worked with human hands; he thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved. Born of the Virgin Mary, he has truly been made one of us, like to us in all things except sin.

Christ's soul and his human knowledge
471 Apollinarius of Laodicaea asserted that in Christ the divine Word had replaced the soul or spirit. Against this error the Church confessed that the eternal Son also assumed a rational, human soul.

472 This human soul that the Son of God assumed is endowed with a true human knowledge. As such, this knowledge could not in itself be unlimited: it was exercised in the historical conditions of his existence in space and time. This is why the Son of God could, when he became man, "increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man", and would even have to inquire for himself about what one in the human condition can learn only from experience. This corresponded to the reality of his voluntary emptying of himself, taking "the form of a slave".

473 But at the same time, this truly human knowledge of God's Son expressed the divine life of his person. "The human nature of God's Son, not by itself but by its union with the Word, knew and showed forth in itself everything that pertains to God." Such is first of all the case with the intimate and immediate knowledge that the Son of God made man has of his Father. The Son in his human knowledge also showed the divine penetration he had into the secret thoughts of human hearts.

[There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen to bring fruits and vegetables to Father Louis. Thank you for your kindness!](#)



CHRISTMAS at GIBAULT

On behalf of the girls and boys, and the Knights of Columbus, thank you for all the gifts you donated for Christmas at Gibault. Thank you for the support you have shown. We appreciate you so much! May God bless you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 10
4:30 p.m.	† Rosemary Grist
Sunday	December 11
7:30 a.m.	† Delores McKinney
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday	December 12
	NO MASS
Tuesday	December 13
8:00 a.m.	† Rita Garrett
Wednesday	December 14
8:00 a.m.	† Rosemary Grist
Thursday	December 15
8:00 a.m.	† Suzanne Arnold
Friday	December 16
8:00 a.m.	† Dennis Hogan

December 4, 2022 Collection

Weekly Collection	\$4,670.00
Donations	475.00
Bible Study	180.00
Children	10.00
Catholic Camp. For Human Dev.	5.00
Catholic Charities-Christmas	68.00
Emergency Fund	65.00
Raffle	417.00
St. Joseph Church	65.61
Youth Group	386.00
Immaculate Conception Collection	5.00
Votives	44.00
Total Collection	\$6390.61

The results from the recent survey are as follows:

Mass at 6:00 pm (61 Votes)
Mass at 7:00 pm (33 votes)
Holy Day Masses and Wednesday evening
Masses will be celebrated at 6:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates:

OUR LADY, PATRONESS OF AMERICA CENTER Mass
Saturday, January 7, at 11:00 a.m. For more information
contact Al Langsenkamp at office@PatronessOfAmerica.org

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS: at 6:00 pm through Advent

BIBLE STUDY: January 12th at 6:00 pm

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: December 20 6:00 pm

*****Christmas Eve** Saturday December 24: Mass at 4:30 pm.
and 10:00 pm with caroling beginning at 9:30 pm

*****Christmas Day** Sunday December 25: Mass at 9:00 am.

LOOK US UP ON FACEBOOK—Gaspar Del Bufalo
Please send any info for Facebook to Pam Neu at
msneu@yahoo.com

ADORATION: After Mass on Wednesdays.

Tuesday January 3, 2023, 6:00-7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS 20 minutes before each Mass &
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. except first Saturday of
the month.

ST. GASPAR ON-LINE GIVING SITE:

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-gaspar-church/funds>



“Wreaths across America”

Saturday December 17th at
10:30 am. at St. Gaspar
Cemetery. 29 burial graves of
veterans will be decorated with
wreaths. Father Louis will lead

the prayer. Contact Charlie Kuhn for details (847)
652-4738

**Please remember to pray for
all those who have**

requested our prayers: Brad
Beck, Nick & Sue Chester, Joe
& Kathy Costello, Heather
Drebenstedt, Todd & Krista

Duesler, Kelli Dukehart, Shirley Frazee, Arlene
Gran, Theresa Guenin, Sr. Joan Hastreiter, Cathy
Havert, Jane Heingartner, Setsuko Hooven, Tom
Kingseed, Sally Krause, Mary Ellen Kress, Sandy
Krull, Ladonna Magsamen, Phil Millus, Dick &
Wanda Maroney, Sandy North, Linda Okleshen,



Deborah Redd, Heather Richardson, Joan
Robinson, Ginny Roesler, Marilyn & Dick
Schaefer, Margaret Schenkel, Jerry Schoenle,
Kelsey Spoltman, Patty Staseck, Pat & Win
Vachon, Jean Zimmerman.

DECEMBER 2022 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Altar Cloths: Carol Sievert

Altar Flowers: Sharon Wilsey

Ushers and Greeters

4:30 p.m. Jerry and Nancy Goldsmith

7:30 a.m. Kevin and Tracy Strater

10:00 a.m. Pam Neu and Gary Shull

Servers

4:30 p.m. Grant or Cole Lake

7:30 a.m. Kaleb or Sam Strater

10:00 a.m. Ray Krouse

Proclaimers

Daily: Dec 12 Tim Worman

Dec 19 Mary Krouse

Dec 26 Sharon Wilsey

Saturday/Sunday

4:30 p.m. Traci Blaize,

7:30 a.m. Ed Keil and Sharon Wilsey

10:00 a.m. George Vandermeir and Ray Krouse

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

4:30 p.m. Bob Berghoff

7:30 a.m. Robin Aspy 12/18

Roberta O'Boyle 12/11 & 12/25

10:00 a.m. John Cazier

Collection:

Dec 13 Mary & Nancy

Dec 20 Laura & Vicki

Dec 27 Margaret & Roberta

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Children's Mass, Saturday December 24

4:30 pm Ushers: Jerry & Nancy Goldsmith

Proclaimers: Traci Blaize and Karen Edwards

Servers: Paige and Natalie McDonald

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lash & **Volunteer**

Christmas Vigil: Mass at 10:00 pm with Caroling at 9:30 pm

Ushers: Lynn Weaver & Chris Lake

Proclaimers: Sara Lake & Mary Krouse

Servers: Grant & Cole Lake

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Baskett & Laura Weaver

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25 Mass at 9:00 am

Ushers: Pam Neu and Gary Shull

Proclaimers: Michele Barranda and Sharon Wilsey

Server: **Volunteer**

Eucharistic Ministers: John Cazier and Roberta O'Boyle

EUCCHARISTIC FORMATION DAYS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades invites you to a day of catechesis and theology on the awesome gift and great mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist. As part of the Eucharistic Revival, join him on Sat., Jan. 14, at St. Charles Parish, Fort Wayne or on Sat., Feb. 11, at St. Pius X Parish, Granger. Mass, lunch, and a Eucharistic miracles exhibit are included. For more information and to register, visit diocesefwsb.org/eucharist.

EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE SITE FOR DECEMBER: ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH, CHURUBUSCO Each month, you are invited to take a self-guided pilgrimage to a site of Eucharistic significance in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The December pilgrimage site is St. John Bosco Parish in Churubusco, a parish whose patron had a deep devotion to the Eucharist. Pilgrims are invited to download a pilgrimage passport at diocesefwsb.org/eucharist and self "stamp" the passport each time you visit a site. When six sites have been visited, bring the passport to Divine Mercy Gifts in South Bend or to [Good Shepherd Books & Gifts](#) in Fort Wayne to receive a free gift!



Thank you to everyone who came to support our Youth Group at the biscuits and gravy breakfast. The Youth Group received \$386.00. They purchased gifts for Gibult and donated \$100.00 towards a St. Gaspar statue that will be placed on the Altar. Thank you to the Youth Group, the Knights of Columbus and Rosary Sodality for donating your time and talent! God Bless YOU!



OUR LADY, PATRONESS OF AMERICA CENTER PRESENTS:



FESTIVAL OF Lessons and Carols

DECEMBER 16TH @ 7 PM
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
COOKIES & COCOA TO FOLLOW



WHAT IS IT?

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

2730 E Northport Rd, Rome City, IN 46784

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/11 Mike Edwards	12/12 Tom Dukehart
12/13 Setsuko Hooven	12/13 James Reick
12/13 Beth Creigh	12/13 Grace Arend
12/14 Alan Douglas	12/14 Rebecca Miller
12/14 Christopher Hulen	12/16 Carol Sievert
12/19 Richard Maroney	12/20 Ruth Sieber
12/21 Thomas Griffiths	12/29 Mandy McDonald
12/29 Richard Arend	12/31 John O'Boyle



"Saint Michael the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen".