



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 A

DECEMBER 14, 2025



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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	✝ Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	7:30AM	✝ Lucy Higginbotham
	10:00AM	People of the Parish
Monday	8:00 AM	No Mass
Tuesday	8:00 AM	✝ Ed & Virginia Steger
Wednesday	8:00 AM	✝ Rita Garrett
Thursday	8:00 AM	✝ Jack Garrett
Friday	8:00 AM	✝ Mary Ellen Kress

**St. Gaspar Parish Advent Penance
Service is December 18, 2025
at 6:00 PM.**



**December 24-25 2025
Christmas Schedule**

4:30 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

Ushers: Jerry and Nancy Goldsmith

Lectors: Tracy Strater (first Reading) & Traci Blaize
(second Reading)

Servers: Parker Mya and Sawyer Christner

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Strater, Karen Edwards, &
Terry Luebke

9:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

Ushers: Rebecca & Maddie Lock

Lectors: Matt & Elena Lock

Servers: Grant & Cole Lake

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Ray and Mary Krouse,
Dennis Zmyslo, Laura Weaver, **volunteer**

9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

Ushers: Tom Pfister & **volunteer**

Lector: Terry Gust

Servers: Matt Kely

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Ray & Mary Krouse,
Roberta O'Boyle, Al & Terry Langsenkamp (if needed)

December 7, 2025 Collections

Weekly Collection	\$4593.00
votives	\$22.00
Capital Campaign	\$3982.00
Children's	\$10.00
Online Giving (Dec. 1-6)	\$250.00
39th Bishops Appeal	\$300.00
Retirement for religious	\$250.00
Christmas Flowers	\$45.00
Human Dev.	\$5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$724.00
Total	\$10,181.00

Thank you for your generous giving

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2026

NEW YEAR'S EVE December 31, 2025 4:30 PM

Ushers: Mike & Melody Uszak

Lectors: Sara Lake

Servers: Grant & Cole Lake

Eucharist Ministers: Gail Martin, Karen Edwards, &
Dennis Zmyslo.

NEW YEARS DAY January 1, 2025 10:00 AM

Ushers: Matt and Maddie Lock

Lectors: Julia Luebke & Ben Schortgen

Servers: Parker Mya

Eucharistic Ministers: Terry Luebke, Dave & Cathy
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Parish Synod Results

Most pressing needs of our parish and diocese:

1. Evangelization

Attracting more children and young people to our parish. (Families)

Outreach to local community. (Non-Catholics)

Christ Renews His Parish program for our parish.

More programs for youth.

Visit nursing homes.

Bring people back who have left the Church.

Concise direction from bishop on social issues.

2. Catechesis

Bring back those who were married outside of church.

Programs for school aged children.

Sunday school program for preschool children during 10:00 Mass.

More educational literature on the power of the rosary, confession and Eucharist.

Regional youth program for smaller parishes.

Program for widowed and divorced. Grief counseling.

3. Spiritual and Liturgical Life.

Need for silence in our church.

Not enough people volunteering for ministries.

More times for adoration and Holy Day Masses.

Hand out children's books at Christmas.

More engaging homilies dealing with current issues.

More people involved in music ministry.

Notre Dame in line with our faith.

4. Vocations

Need more teaching on sacrament of marriage.

More opportunity for newly ordained priests to meet with youth.

More visibility of religious at high school events.

5. Outreach to the poor – immigration and prison ministry

Where is our parish/diocese excelling?

1. Evangelization

Father Louis is joyful and welcoming.

We are building community with social activities in our parish.

Generosity (Capital Campaign)

Cooperation and working together (pews)

Flock notes keep people informed.

Funeral dinners

Diocese reaches out to Hispanic community.

Bishop Rhoades very active in USCCB

2. Catechesis

OCIA

Bible study

Continuing Education (Return book study)

3. Spiritual and Liturgical Life

Adoration and penance services

Vision for future growth

Desire to meet parish needs.

4. Vocations

Happy to have a deacon in our parish.

Good leadership in the diocese.

The clergy witnesses discipleship.

5. Outreach to the poor

Donations to local community programs.

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Our parish/diocese needs to grow in:

1. Evangelization

Grief support groups for widowed and divorced.

More preparation for marriage.

More youth programs.

Divorce Recovery in the Diocese.

2. Catechesis

Preschool program

Child Care before/after school

OCIA- Why we believe

Retreat for school aged kids

3. Spiritual and Liturgical Life

Get more people involved in ministries

Workshop for liturgical volunteers

Prayer

Accessibility to the church for confession and adoration

Regional youth event

4. Vocations

5. Outreach to the Poor and suffering

Offering Masses for fallen away Catholics

Awareness of Remembrance candle for deceased parishioners

Advent Confessions this week

Auburn— Immaculate Conception, Sunday, December 14- 3:00 PM.

Waterloo— St. Michael, Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 PM.

Avilla— St. Mary's, Wednesday December 17, 6:30 PM.

Rome City, St. Gaspar, Thursday, December 18, 6:00 PM.

Please make a good confession. Jesus wishes to bless you with this great Sacrament.

CEREAL FOOD DRIVE

The Rosary Sodality is sponsoring a food drive to help Orange Township Helping Hands. If you would like to participate, we will have paper sacks (we will provide) to take home, fill it up with boxes of cereal, then bring it back to the Patroness the first weekend in January and it will be taken to Helping Hands. Next month we will fill the sack with an item that will be determined.

Thank you for your generous Giving!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

They gave their lives in service-now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation— it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE CLOSING MASS

As this Jubilee Year of Hope draws to a close, we gather as one diocesan family to celebrate the gift that has anchored us all year: the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Join us for the Closing Mass of the Jubilee Year, celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, on Sunday, Dec. 28 at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. All are invited.

ANDREW DINNERS FOR YOUNG MEN DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD

The Vocations Office is hosting two Andrew Dinners for young men ages 16 to 30 to learn more about seminary and the priesthood. The dinners will be held at 6:30-8:30 p.m. on December 29 at St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart and on December 30 at The University of St. Francis Oratory, Fort Wayne. A Holy Hour open to the public will precede these dinners, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, talk to your pastor for more information. Learn more and RSVP (required) for the dinner at diocesefwsb.org/andrewdinner.



It was a magical morning as the children celebrated breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Clause. The room was filled with happiness smiles! Thank you to Terry Luebke, and Luanne Shull and the Rosary Sodality for the crafts and hosting the breakfast. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the delicious biscuits and gravy! Thank you Santa and Mrs. Clause for bringing so much joy to the children and thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who brought the children.

SAVE THE DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
WOMEN'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 26th 2026



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! Brian Amstutz, Georgiana Becker, Bob Berghoff, Utah Bruns, George Dewald, Dean Domer, Kelli Dukehart, Dan Figel, Terry Gust, Marta Hartman, Charlene Hall, Jay Hayes, Setsuko Hooven, Maureen James, Susan Jones, Ed Keil, Beth Klein, Melanie Kocevar, Toni & Kent Kraner, Sandy Krull, Kelly LaHaine, Lanny Leppo, Terry Luebke, Irene Martin, Karen Martin, Nathaniel Murray, Sandy North, Deborah Redd, Sheila Reiter, Joan Robinson, Marilyn Schaefer, Larry Sievert, Dave Singleton, Daniel Staseck, Patty Staseck, Blakely Strong, Kyla Tackett, Jim Taylor, Jeanne Tracey, Pat Vachon, George Vandermeir, Lisa Vandervoort, and Jack Welsh.



12/1 Ron Hess	12/1 Barb Tatman
12/1 Nicholas Scudder	12/2 Marilyn Schaefer
12/2 Robert 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	2/9 Steven Aspy
12/9 Amy Seibert	12/11 Michael Edwards
12/12 Thomas Dukehart	12/13 Setsuko Hooven
12/13 James Reick	12/13 Beth Creigh
12/14 Rebecca Miller	12/16 Carol Sievert
12/16 Deb Sieber	12/18 Nyda Trowbridge
12/20 Chelsea Seibert	12/20 Ruth Sieber
12/21 Thomas Griffiths	12/31 John O'Boyle

December 20-21 2025					
Altar Cloth: Kathy Pfister			Altar Flowers: NO FLOWERS		
Ushers and Greeters			Altar Servers		
4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Jerry Goldsmith	Jeff Strong	Maddie Lock	Cole & Grant Lake	Sam Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Nancy Goldsmith	Dave Johnson	Rebecca Lock	Sawyer Christner		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
Sara Lake	Tracy Strater	Matt Lock	Karen Edwards	Deacon Ray Krouse	Terry Luebke
	Sam Starter	Elena Lock	Roberta O'Boyle	Dave Putman	volunteer
			volunteer	Cathy Putman	volunteer
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
December 16	Elena Lock		December 16	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
December 23	Tim Worman		December 23	Margaret Baskett	Terry Luebke
December 30	Mary Krouse		December 30	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
January 6	Bob Arnold		January 6	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
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 9
"I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC
CHURCH"**

Paragraph 4. CHRIST'S FAITHFUL - HIERARCHY, LAITY, CONSECRATED LIFE

871 "The Christian faithful are those who, inasmuch as they have been incorporated in Christ through Baptism, have been constituted as the people of God; for this reason, since they have become sharers in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and royal office in their own manner, they are called to exercise the mission which God has entrusted to the Church to fulfill in the world, in accord with the condition proper to each one.

"872 "In virtue of their rebirth in Christ there exists among all

the Christian faithful a true equality with regard to dignity and the activity whereby all cooperate in the building up of the Body of Christ in accord with each one's own condition and function.

"873 The very differences which the Lord has willed to put between the members of his body serve its unity and mission. For "in the Church there is diversity of ministry but unity of mission. To the apostles and their successors Christ has entrusted the office of teaching, sanctifying and governing in his name and by his power. But the laity are made to share in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ; they have therefore, in the Church and in the world, their own assignment in the mission of the whole People of God." Finally, "from both groups [hierarchy and laity] there exist Christian faithful who are consecrated to God in their own special manner and serve the salvific mission of the Church through the profession of the evangelical counsels."

CUPERTINO CLASSIC: PRIESTS V. SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME

When we support vocations, everyone wins! All are invited to the annual, free Cupertino Classic priests vs. seminarians basketball game on Friday, Dec. 26. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades kicks off the day with Adoration from 3-4 p.m., followed by Mass at 4 p.m. in the Oratory of St. Francis at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. Then, head over to Bishop Luers High School for tipoff at 6:30 p.m. This family-friendly event promises a fun night of Catholic fellowship and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and encounter the joy of priestly vocations. For more information, visit diocesefwsb.org/cupertino.



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Need assistance with rent/ utilities? Need a ride to church? 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.



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