



## St. Gaspar del Bufalo Catholic Church

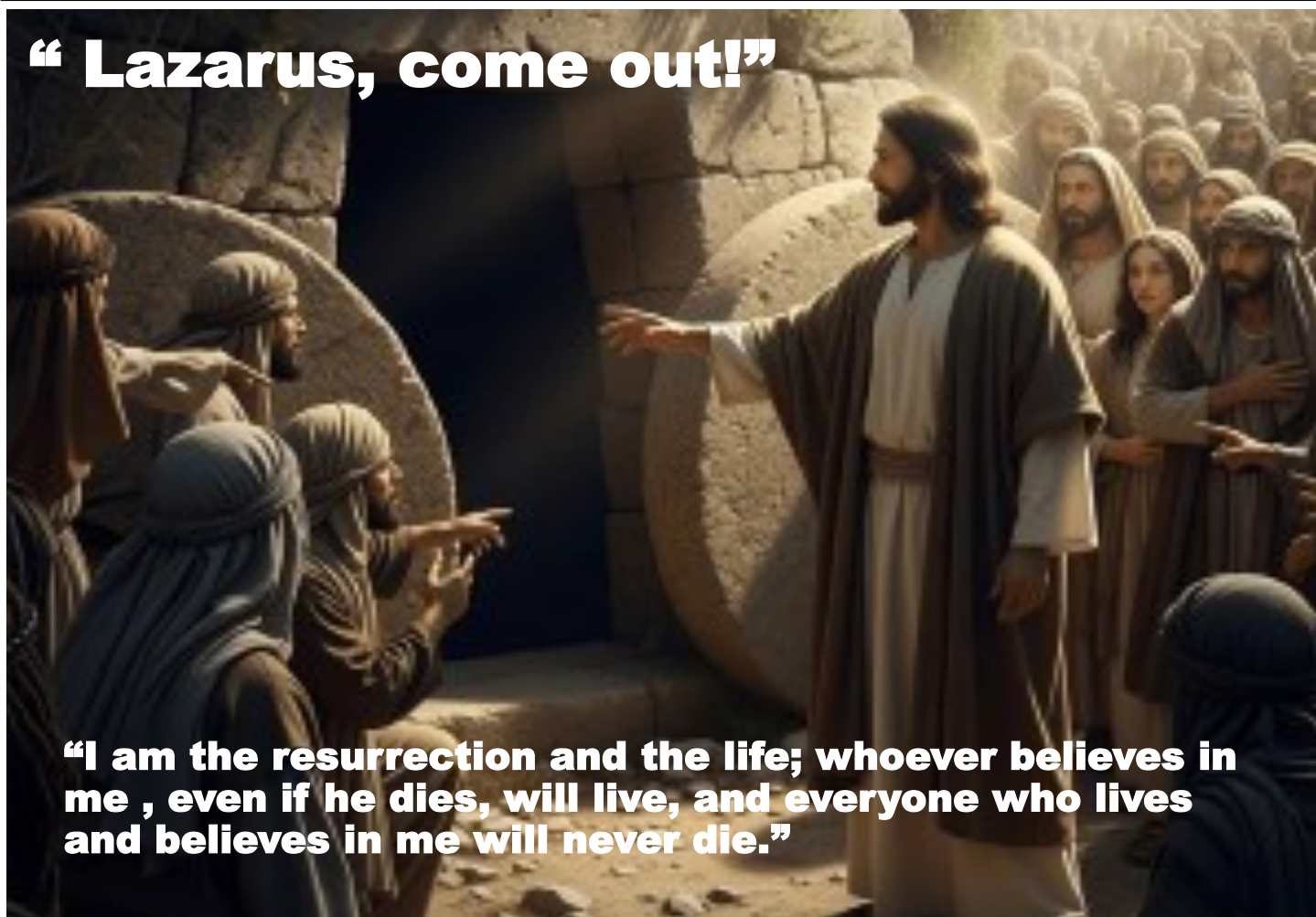
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*“We must let it be known how the Blood of Christ cleanses the souls and sanctifies them, particularly by means of the sacraments.”*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

MARCH 22, 2026

# “Lazarus, come out!”



**“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”**

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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**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 PM	Tim & Cathy Thoman
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	Tim & Cathy Thoman
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	Tim & Cathy Thoman
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Tim & Cathy Thoman
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM	Tim & Cathy Thoman
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	† Sally Ueber
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	† L/D Knights of Columbus

**Ava's Grace Healing Retreat 2026**

The Ava's Grace Healing Retreat is a free, day-long retreat for those who have experienced the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. If you have lost a baby before or after birth, you are not alone. The retreat will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28 at Saint Felix Catholic Center in Huntington. Participants will be invited into a prayerful day of healing that includes witness talks, couple conversation, small group discussion, Eucharistic Adoration, and a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady on the retreat center grounds. Lunch will be provided. While the retreat is geared toward couples, individuals are welcome to attend. To register, visit [diocesefwsb.org/avas-grace](https://diocesefwsb.org/avas-grace). For more information contact Lisa Everett at [leverett@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:leverett@diocesefwsb.org)

**March 15, 2026 Collections**

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	\$4,228.00
<b>votives</b>	\$217.00
<b>Donation (online)</b>	\$200.00
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	\$7,500.00
Capital Campaign (online)	\$938.36
Online Giving (Mar 8-14) 14	\$405.00
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	\$20.00
<b>Car repair</b>	\$141.45
<b>Black &amp; Indian</b>	\$25.00
<b>Catholic Relief</b>	\$922.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,596.81</b>

*Thank you for your generous giving*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*



**ST. GASPAR LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, AT 6:00 PM**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Bring your basket and hop on over to an Easter egg hunt, April 5th after the 10:00 AM Mass. We will hunt on the side lawn of the Patroness of America Center (gather at the tent). **It's sure to be an egg-citing event!**



Our **St Gaspar Lenten Communal Penance Service** is Thursday, March 26th at 6:00 PM. Additional priests will be here to assist in our celebration. To help prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance please utilize the following Examination of Conscience.

## **Examination of Conscience**

### ***My Life With God***

***The Lord says: "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart."***

Do I love God more than anyone or anything else? Do I think of God during the day and pray to Him? Do I go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days? Do I participate in Mass by singing and responding with devotion? Do I leave Mass early? Do I use God's name with respect? Do I use bad language? Do I try to learn about my Catholic faith through reading and pondering His mysteries? Or, I am content to live an adult life with a child's understanding of religion? Do other people respect and love God because of my example? Or, have I caused scandal by my words and actions?

### ***My Life With Others***

***The Lord says: "Love one another as I have loved you."***

Have I a genuine love for others? Do I do to them what I would not want done to myself? Do I reverence all human life? Am I kind and attentive to my spouse and children? Do I respect and obey my parents? Do I get along with my brothers and sisters? Do I share my time, talents and possessions with others? Am I sensitive to the needs of the poor, elderly, the sick, or people of other races? In my profession, job, or school am I hard working? Have I been honest? Have I been lazy? Have I cheated anyone? Do I respect all who bear the burden of leadership in the Church and State? Do I pray for them? Have I been truthful and fair? Have I injured others by lies, gossip or name-calling? Have I done violence to others through quarrels, insults, or my anger. Have I

stolen anything? Have I damaged anybody's property? Have I been jealous? Do I respect the gift of sex? Have I been faithful to my spouse, or if I am single, do I live a celibate and chaste life? Have I been impure with myself or another? Have I used immoral means of birth control? Have I watched, read or shared in something that is indecent?

### ***My Life With Myself***

***The Lord says: "Be perfect as your Father is perfect."***

Do I love and treat myself with reverence and respect? Have I tried to grow in my knowledge and love of God through prayer, self-denial, and receiving the sacraments? Do I have any vice? Do I mistreat myself through the improper use of tobacco, alcohol, food, drugs, gambling, or sex? Have I excused myself from responsibility by saying, "everyone is doing it." Am I trying to make friends with others? Have I imposed my will on others, without respecting their rights? Have I gone against my conscience out of fear? Do I defend what I know is right? Am I a moral person? Do I try to live like Jesus?

**Receive my confession, O most loving and gracious Lord Jesus Christ, only hope for the salvation of my soul. Grant me true contrition of soul, so that day and night I may by penance make satisfaction for my many sins. Savior of the world, O good Jesus, Who gave Yourself to the death of the Cross to save sinners, look upon me, most wretched of all sinners; have pity on me, and give me the light to know my sins, true sorrow for them, and a firm purpose of never committing them again. O gracious Virgin Mary, Immaculate Mother of Jesus, I implore you to obtain for me by your powerful intercession these graces from your Divine Son.**

**Amen.**



During Lent, the elect are called to come before the community for exorcisms and prayers. These rights are intended to purify the hearts and minds of the elect, to strengthen them against temptation, to help them progress in the Love of God. Please keep our catechumen and candidates in your daily prayers.

## Join us for a Lenten Journey of Music

Composed by Karen Schneider Kirner  
and stories from the Sisters of the Holy Cross  
that lead to

# THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN



Composed by Steve Warner

Friday, March 27, 2026, 7pm

Church of Our Lady of Loretto

Saint Mary's Campus, Notre Dame, Indiana

A freewill offering will support the Sisters' Ministry With the Poor Fund

### ATTENTION ALL LADIES

of St. Gaspar Parish

Please join us Tuesday, April 14th for a  
Rosary Sodality meeting at 6:00 PM.

A meal will be provided.



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, Ed Berleman, Joan Brown, Utah Bruns, George Dewald, Dean Domer, Kelli Dukehart, Dan Figel, Karen Edwards, Terry Gust, Marta Hartman, Charlene Hall, Dan & Jane Heingartner, Setsuko Hooven, Maureen James, Susan Jones, Ed Keil, John & Cheri Kessen, Beth Klein, Melanie Kocevar, Toni & Kent Kraner, Sandy Krull, Kelly LaHaine, Lanny Leppo, Rebecca Lock, Kiersten Logan, Irene Martin, Nathaniel Murray, Ryan O' Fallon, Deborah Redd, Sheila Reiter, Joan Robinson, Marilyn Schaefer, Tom Sherbondy, Larry Sievert, Dave Singleton, Daniel Staseck, Patty Staseck, Jala Stout, Blakely Strong, Jim Taylor, Jeanne Tracey, Pat Vachon, George Vandermeir, Lisa Vandervoort, and Jack Welsh.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Ann Fordeck	3/4 Ken Baranowski
3/4 Albert Langsenkamp	3/5 Vanessa Roloff
3/7 Raymond Krouse	3/9 Terry Gerardot
3/9 Karen Martin	3/10 Nannette Barker
3/11 Mary Auman	3/11 Elizabeth Farris
3/12 Jenny Gunkel	3/12 Tim Gephart
3/12 Brittany Bowers	3/14 David Johnson
3/14 Angela Filler	3/15 David Putman
3/18 Fred Auman	3/19 Karl Seibert
3/19 Brayden Seibert	3/20 John Higginbotham
3/20 Megan Ley	3/21 Joana Wyatt
3/21 Glen Griffiths	3/22 Jane Heingartner
3/23 Sharon Gillian	3/27 Patrick Filler
3/27 Cole Grim	3/28 Marilyn Wiant

# Holy week Schedule

**CHRISM MASS** - Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

**HOLY THURSDAY MASS** -Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 PM.

**GOOD FRIDAY MASS** -Friday, April 3, at 3:00 PM.

**EASTER VIGIL** - Saturday, April 4, at 9:00 PM.

**EASTER** - Sunday, April 5, 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM.



## UPCOMING MEETING

St. Vincent De Paul will meet next Wednesday, March 25, at 5:00 PM in the conference room at Our Lady Patroness of America.

# PERSONAL HYGIENE

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 personal hygiene products, (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste etc.) then bring it back to the Patroness the first weekend in April 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!**

St. Gaspar Parish offers sympathy to Ann Sherbondy and her family on the loss of her husband Tom. Tom and Ann were past parishioners. Divine Mercy Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. May he rest in the peace of our Lord.



## March 28-29, 2026

Altar Cloth: Karen Edwards

Altar Flowers: NO FLOWERS

### Ushers and Greeters

### Altar Servers

4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Chris Lake	Jeff Strong	Tom Pfister	Cole & Grant Lake	Sam Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Sara Lake	Dave Johnson	John O' Boyle	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
Traci Blaize	Tracy Strater	Ben Schortgen	Karen Edwards	Kevin Strater	Deacon Ray Krouse
Christine Zmyslo	Sam Strater	Elena Lock	Gail Martin	Dave Putman	Terry Gust
			Dennis Zmyslo	Cathy Putman	Mary Krouse

### Proclaimer Daily Masses

### Collections

March 24	Mary Krouse		March 24	Nancy Goldsmith	Margaret Baskett
March 31	Bob Arnold		March 31	Nancy Goldsmith	Mary Krouse
April 7	Sharon Wilsey		April 7	Vicki Domer	Laura Weaver
April 14	Maddie Lock		April 14	Nancy Goldsmith	Mary Krouse

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**

910 "The laity can also feel called, or be in fact called, to cooperate with their pastors in the service of the ecclesial community, for the sake of its growth and life. This can be done through the exercise of different kinds of ministries according to the grace and charisms which the Lord has been pleased to bestow on them.

911 In the Church, "lay members of the Christian faithful can cooperate in the exercise of this power [of governance] in accord with the norm of law and so the Church provides for their

presence at particular councils, diocesan synods, pastoral councils; the exercise in solidum of the pastoral care of a parish, collaboration in finance committees, and participation in ecclesiastical tribunals, etc.

912 The faithful should "distinguish carefully between the rights and the duties which they have as belonging to the Church and those which fall to them as members of the human society. They will strive to unite the two harmoniously, remembering that in every temporal affair they are to be guided by a Christian conscience, since no human activity, even of the temporal order, can be withdrawn from God's dominion.

913 "Thus, every person, through these gifts given to him, is at once the witness and the living instrument of the mission of the Church itself 'according to the measure of Christ's bestowal.



The Knights of Columbus are awarding scholarships to graduating seniors. The applicant must be a member of Immaculate Conception, St. Gaspar, or St. Joseph Catholic Churches. If you have a family member or know of someone who attends any of these parishes, please pick up a form from the table by the hymnals.



**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

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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