



## 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.”*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

APRIL 26, 2026



# I AM THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP

JOHN 10:1-10

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades  
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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	✝ Jerry Schoenle
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM	✝ Jack Garrett
	10:00AM	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Mary Ellen Kress
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Sandy North
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Suzanne Arnold
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Jerry Schoenle



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, Ed Berleman, Joan Brown, Utah Bruns, George Dewald, Dean Domer, Kelli Dukehart, Dan Figel, 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, Kiersten Logan, Irene Martin, Nathaniel Murray, Ryan O' Fallon, Deborah Redd, Sheila Reiter, Joan Robinson, Marilyn Schaefer, Larry Sievert, Dave Singleton, Daniel Staseck, Patty Staseck, Jala Stout, Jim Taylor, Jeanne Tracey, Pat Vachon, George Vandermeir, Lisa Vandervoort, and Jack Welsh.

**APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

Our Catholic faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children and youth from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Learn more at [diocesefwsb.org/prevent-child-abuse](http://diocesefwsb.org/prevent-child-abuse).

**Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM -6:30 PM.**

April 19, 2026 Collections	
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	\$4,331.00
<b>Votives</b>	\$57.00
<b>Good Friday</b>	\$20.00
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	\$2199.75
Capital Campaign (online)	\$838.36
Online Giving (April 12- April 18)	\$405.00
<b>Children's</b>	\$5.00
<b>Nigerian Mission</b>	\$40.00
<b>Pizza/Movie</b>	\$30.00
<b>Good Friday</b>	\$20.00
Flowers (Rosary 50/50)	\$15.00
Home Missions	\$20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,981.11</b>

*Thank you for your generous giving*



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive at Blessed Sacrament in Albion on the 27th of April from 12:30-5:00 pm.



**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: JOIN US IN SEOUL!**

Young adults of the diocese: don't miss the opportunity to experience the global Church like never before! Join us for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea (July 29-August 10) and encounter Christ alongside millions of young Catholics from around the world. From Mass with the Holy Father to exploring the rich faith and culture of Korea, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will deepen your faith and expand your vision of the Church. The diocesan pilgrimage includes flights, accommodations, WYD registration, and guided experiences. Ready to go? Learn more and sign up at: [diocesefwsb.org/wyd](http://diocesefwsb.org/wyd).

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of diocese in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**Thank you for your generous giving!**



**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. Do you know someone who is sick or home-bound? Please contact us if they would like a visit.

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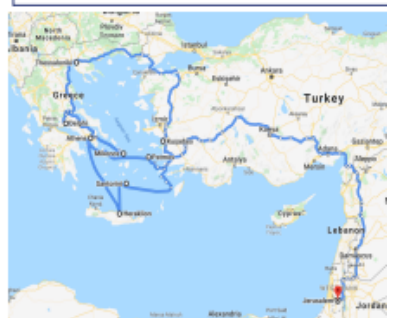
Entrusting all our trips to the Maternal Care of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Trip Includes**

- Flights from anywhere in the United States and flights between countries as per your itinerary (all necessary flights on your trip are included).
- Daily Mass will be scheduled.
- Airport taxes, security fees & fuel surcharges leaving you an average of \$400-\$600!
- Transfers as per itinerary.
- Mostly 5-Star Hotels, sometimes 4-Star Hotels.
- Transportation with luxury bus.
- All breakfasts and all dinners. Wine Included with all dinners in Greece Only.
- All tips to driver, hotel, and tour guide. If you feel that the tour guide did a great job, offering them extra tips is greatly appreciated.
- Guided tours and tour fees ~ Our tour guides are very caring, licensed, and well educated. Many of our guides have their PhDs.
- Luggage handling (1 suitcase and 1 carry-on per person)
- Single Supplement If the passenger wants a guaranteed room of their own, they have to pay \$1400 for a single supplement. As long as the passenger is willing to room with someone and allows us to provide them with a roommate the single supplement does not apply.
- **Remember:** Our trips are not more expensive during high season ~ Passengers will never be expected to pay extra for anything while on the trip.

**Travel with**  
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**Please refer to trip #1132 when registering.**





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Mother's Day  
Carnations

May 10th

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**ST. CYRIL INSTITUTE – SUMMER 2026 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Registration is now open for Summer 2026 courses at the St. Cyril of Jerusalem Catechetical Institute, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's flagship program for adult faith formation. Designed for catechists, teachers, DREs and all who desire to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith, the Institute offers rich, in-depth courses to strengthen both understanding and discipleship. Courses are available on both the Fort Wayne and South Bend sides of the diocese. Learn more and register today: [diocesefwsb.org/cyril-institute](http://diocesefwsb.org/cyril-institute).



THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

**All of your volunteer work is greatly appreciated!** We are so thankful for the volunteers who are spending countless hours working to complete the renovation at St. Gaspar Del Bufalo!

**MASS AND SOCIAL FOR THOSE IN A SEASON OF INFERTILITY**

Mother's Day weekend can be very difficult for those in a season of infertility. If this is your experience, you are invited to attend a special vigil Mass on Saturday, May 9, at 4 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center chapel, located at the edge of Notre Dame's campus (the parking lot for the parish center is located on Moreau Drive). Father Ed Dolphin, CSC will be the celebrant, and the Mass will be followed by a social in the community hall. This event is sponsored by the diocesan ministry, Hope for the Journey. For questions or more information please contact [leverett@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:leverett@diocesefwsb.org) or visit [diocesefwsb.org/hope-for-the-journey](http://diocesefwsb.org/hope-for-the-journey)

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MAY 18TH  
7:00 PM, ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

**NEW PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF INDIANA**

The bishops of the Indiana Catholic Conference have released a new pastoral letter, Integral Ecology: A Sacramental Vision. Addressed to all the faithful and people of goodwill, the letter reflects on the beauty of creation, our responsibility to care for it, and the deep connection between our faith and the world around us. All are invited to read and prayerfully reflect on this important teaching, and to explore accompanying resources for discussion and formation. Learn more at [indianacc.org/ecology](http://indianacc.org/ecology)

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: SUMMIT AWAKENING 13**

Young adults ages 18-25 are invited to Summit Awakening, a Catholic retreat designed to help you encounter God's love in a deeper way, from May 29 – 31 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Step away from daily life for a weekend of prayer, friendship, reflection, and fun. The retreat includes talks from fellow young adults, small groups, opportunities for prayer, and the Sacraments. The cost is \$45, and scholarships are available for those needing assistance. Learn more and register today at [summitawakeningfw.weebly.com](http://summitawakeningfw.weebly.com)



4/2 Barb Logan	4/4 Marcia Ringler
4/6 Marta Hartman	4/7 Benjamin Schortgen
4/10 Samuel Strater	4/12 Faith Vandermeir
4/13 Patrick Bragg	4/14 Margaret Distler
4/17 Theresa Gust	4/18 April Pasquali
4/19 Bryan Murray	4/19 Erik Fowerbaugh
4/20 Ruth Singleton	4/23 Gary Shull
4/23 Nancy Hulen	4/25 Margaret Scudder
4/26 Robert Wyatt	4/27 Kathleen Bragg
4/30 Jerome Goldsmith	4/30 Kevin Zmyslo

## Boxed & Canned foods

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 boxed and canned food items such as hamburger helper, Hormel boxed meals, ravioli, spaghetti, instant potatoes etc. then bring it back to the Patroness the first weekend in May 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!**

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

May 2-3 2026					
Altar Cloth: Carol Sievert			Altar Flowers: Carol Sievert		
Ushers and Greeters			Altar Servers		
4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4:30 PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Tony Ley	Jim Gunkel	Dave Spoltman	Cole & Grant Lake	Sam Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Regina Ley	Jenny Gunkel	Karen Spoltman	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
Christine Zmyslo	Sharon Wilsey	Ben Schortgen	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse
		Elena Lock	Macharri Vorndran Jones	Robin Aspy	Terry luebke
			Karen Edwards	Kevin Strater	Roberta O'Boyle
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
April 28	Tim Worman		April 28	Terry Luebke	Margaret Baskett
May 5	Mary Krouse		May 5	Vicki Domer	Laura Weaver
May 12	Bob Arnold		May 12	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
May 19	Sharon Wilsey		May 19	Barb Tatman	Margaret Baskett
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**

**III. THE CONSECRATED LIFE**

**Consecrated virgins**

923 "Virgins who, committed to the holy plan of following Christ more closely, are consecrated to God by the diocesan bishop according to the approved liturgical rite, are betrothed mystically to Christ, the Son of God, and are dedicated to

the service of the Church. By this solemn rite (Consecratio virginum), the virgin is "constituted . . . a sacred person, a transcendent sign of the Church's love for Christ, and an eschatological image of this heavenly Bride of Christ and of the life to come.

924 "As with other forms of consecrated life," the order of virgins establishes the woman living in the world (or the nun) in prayer, penance, service of her brethren, and apostolic activity, according to the state of life and spiritual gifts given to her. Consecrated virgins can form themselves into associations to observe their commitment more faithfully.

The Bible encourages us to use our talents to serve others and to Glorify God. Please prayerfully consider joining in the ministry here at St. Gaspar! We need ushers, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers! Contact Karen Edwards in the church office if you are willing to help in these ministries.



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