

# ST. GASPAR DEL BUFALO CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 18, 2022**

## Reading I Isaiah 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

## Responsorial Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

**R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory**

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. **R.**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place? One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain. **R.**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks for him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

## Reading II Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."* When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

## 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?

474 By its union to the divine wisdom in the person of the Word incarnate, Christ enjoyed in his human knowledge the fullness of understanding of the eternal plans he had come to reveal. What he admitted to not knowing in this area, he elsewhere declared himself not sent to reveal.

Christ's human will

475 Similarly, at the sixth ecumenical council, Constantinople III in 681, the Church confessed that Christ possesses two wills and two natural

operations, divine and human. They are not opposed to each other, but co-operate in such a way that the Word made flesh willed humanly in obedience to his Father all that he had decided divinely with the Father and the Holy Spirit for our salvation. Christ's human will "does not resist or oppose but rather submits to his divine and almighty will."

Christ's true body

476 Since the Word became flesh in assuming a true humanity, Christ's body was finite. Therefore the human face of Jesus can be portrayed; at the seventh ecumenical council (Nicaea II in 787) the Church recognized its representation in holy images to be legitimate.

477 At the same time the Church has always acknowledged that in the body of Jesus "we see our God made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see." The individual characteristics of Christ's body express the divine person of God's Son. He has made the features of his human body his own, to the point that they can be venerated when portrayed in a holy image, for the believer "who venerates the icon is venerating in it the person of the one depicted".

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



**ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE**

With praise and thanksgiving, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will ordain 18 men to the permanent diaconate on Saturday, Jan 7, at 11 a.m. The event is invite-only due to seating limitations, but all are invited to watch the live stream provided by St. Pius X Parish in Granger at [twitch.tv/spxgrangerlive](https://www.twitch.tv/spxgrangerlive). Please pray for the candidates: Daniel T. Avila, Steven C. Burkins, John D. Burzynski, Joseph D. Cochran, Roger A. Dinius, Orlando Miranda-Figueroa, Edward G. Fox, Philip M. Hayes, Raymond J. Krouse, Thomas A. Labuziowski, Robert J. Lortie, Andrew G. Oross, Maximo J. Ortega, Michael J. Plenzler, Stephen K. Reed, Robin M. Slocum, James M. Summers, Jr., and Harry W. Verhiley.

**We would like to Celebrate Ray's hard work!**

Please join us Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am for a Brunch style lunch! St. Gaspar will provide ham. The Knights of Columbus will provide egg casseroles and the Rosary Sodality will provide fruit. You are all invited to bring a dish to share. Please let us know if you can join us by texting Karen at 336-1703, calling the church office 854-3100, or dropping the cut out in the basket.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 17</b>
4:30 p.m.	† Rita Garrett
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 18</b>
7:30 a.m.	† Bob and Joan Weaver
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 19</b>
	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 20</b>
8:00 a.m.	† Rose Worman
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 21</b>
8:00 a.m.	† Jim Neu
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 22</b>
8:00 a.m.	† Donald Fischer Jr.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 23</b>
8:00 a.m.	† Sue Gerardot



We offer our prayers and sympathy to Dean and Vicki Domer and their family for the loss of Vicki's sister, Karen Fry. May she rest in the light, peace, and joy of heaven.

**Ray's Ordination to the Diaconate Brunch**  
**Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 am (after 10:00 am Mass)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

## December 11, 2022 Collection

Weekly Collection	\$3298.00
Bible Study	60.00
Children	5.00
Catholic Camp. For Human Dev.	20.00
Catholic Charities-Christmas	50.00
Emergency Fund	49.00
Retirement Fund	1071.18
Roof	1000.00
Sanctuary Flowers	5.00
Youth Group	693.00
Immaculate Conception Collection	966.00
Votives	59.80
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$7,276.98</b>

## 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](mailto:office@PatronessOfAmerica.org)

### WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS:

**NO MASS WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21, 2022** Mass will  
resume the following Wednesday

**BIBLE STUDY:** January 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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>



**Start 2023 off here at St. Gaspar Parish at 12:00 noon with pork and sauerkraut, dumplings, mashed potatoes. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share and enjoy some time celebrating the New Year. Please send Karen a text at 260-336-1703 or call the parish office with your name and how many will be attending. Please respond by December 28<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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 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 20 Laura & Vicki

Dec 27 Margaret & Roberta

**The Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council # 7839** Invites you and yours to our Family Potluck Christmas Dinner Wednesday December 28, 2022 at the 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 K of C will provide a meat. 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 23rd  
[mtackett@berrymarketing.com](mailto:mtackett@berrymarketing.com) or 614-309-8644



## JANUARY 2023 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Altar Cloths:** Sharon Wilsey

**Altar Flowers:** Vicki Domer

### Ushers and Greeters

4:30 p.m. Mike Uszak and Paul Hartman

7:30 a.m. Dave and Cathy Putman

10:00 a.m. Tom Pfister and Matt Lock

### Servers

4:30 p.m. Paige and Natalie McDonald

7:30 a.m. Kaleb and Sam Strater

10:00 a.m. Ray Krouse

### Proclaimers

**Daily:** Jan 3 Ray Krouse

Jan 10 Tim Worman

Jan 17 Mary Krouse

Jan 24 Sharon Wilsey

Jan 31 Ray Krouse

### Saturday/Sunday

4:30 p.m. Gail Martin & 1/7 Karen Edwards

7:30 a.m. Kaleb and Sam Strater

10:00 a.m. Michelle Barranda,  
John Edwards 1/1 & 1/8,  
Elena Lock 1/15, 1/22, & 1/29

### Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

4:30 p.m. John Kessen

7:30 a.m. Kevin Strater

10:00 a.m. Terry Gust

### Collection:

Jan 03 Laura & Vicki

Jan 10 Margaret & Roberta

Jan 17 Mary/Nancy

Jan 24 Laura/Vicki

Jan 31 Margaret/Roberta

## 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](http://diocesefwsb.org/eucharist).



Thank you to everyone who attended the Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Clause! Thank you once again to the Knights of Columbus for cooking the pancakes and sausage, and the Rosary Sodality for the fruit, casseroles, and rolls! Thank you to the youth group and everyone who

helped. The children had a wonderful time as well as the adults!

## New Year's Masses

**NEW YEARS EVE:** Saturday December 31

**4:30 pm** Ushers: Jerry and Nancy Goldsmith

Proclaimer: Traci Blaize

Servers: Grant and Cole Lake

Ex. Eucharistic Minister: Bob Berghoff

**NEW YEARS DAY:** Sunday January 1

**9:00 am** Ushers: Sam and Kaleb Strater

Proclaimers: John Edwards and

Michelle Barranda

Server: Ray Krouse

Ex. Eucharistic Minister : Kevin Strater

## 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



## **BIRTHDAYS**

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".