



## 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.”*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

DECEMBER 3, 2023



**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades**  
Diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend  
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Housekeeping – Tom Pfister  
Chairman Parish Council - Kevin Strater  
Chairperson Finance Committee - Cathy Putman

St Gaspar On-Line Giving Site:  
<https://www.osvhub.com/st-gaspar-church/funds>

Saint Vincent DePaul 260-582-4375

LOOK US UP ON FACEBOOK  
Gaspar Del Bufalo  
*Please, send any info for Facebook to*  
Pam Neu: [msnneu@yahoo.com](mailto:msnneu@yahoo.com)

**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

6:00pm to 7:00pm

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

**You can help.** “Religious are blessed to serve”, says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week, December 10, 2023. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously. God Bless you!



We would like to thank everyone in our Parish for the support in our new Saint Vincent DePaul Society. We have been visiting the sick and homebound, helping some of our neighbors with financial needs, yardwork-etc., and bringing the Eucharist

to Parish members. We have also received your donations and participated in the Walk for the Poor fundraiser, and we are able to establish an account to help the needy. Because of your support, we now have a phone number available for those in need of help. Our number is 260-582-4375. Our conference can offer a variety of services to individuals and families. Vincentians strive to practice solidarity to be “getting close” to those they serve in person-to-person, hands on acts of charity, especially through home visits. We offer the time, talent, and treasures of our St. Gaspar conference members. Thank you all for your continued support of our Saint Vincent DePaul Society. Together we will make a difference in our community.

**November 26, 2023 Collections**

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	3259.00
<b>Donations</b>	200.00
<b>Children</b>	10.00
<b>Votives</b>	44.00
<b>Sanctuary Flowers</b>	415.00
<b>Rosary Sodality</b>	80.00
<b>Annual Bishops Appeal</b>	1570.00
<b>Catholic Campaign</b>	45.00
<b>Emergency Fund</b>	24.00
<b>Copier</b>	75.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>5722.79</b>

*Thank you for your generous giving*

**Pick up a cookbook today! The cost is \$10.00 This is a great Christmas gift idea!**



**Please join us for breakfast with St. Nick!** Be sure to bring your children and grandchildren to the Knights of Columbus Pancake and Sausage Breakfast December 17th, after the 10:00 am Mass.

If you would like to participate in the Bible Study, **PRESENCE** The Mystery of the Eucharist, please contact Mary Krouse at 260-437-8512 or the Parish office at 854-3100. Bible study will begin on Friday December 15th after morning Mass. The cost is \$27.00 and the deadline to sign up is December 5th.

**Please join us for the Precious Blood Adoration Tuesday December 5th at 6:00 pm.**

**FROM THE CATECHISM:  
PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH  
SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS  
CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST,  
THE ONLY SON OF GOD.**

**Article 4**

**"JESUS CHRIST SUFFERED UNDER  
PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED  
AND WAS BURIED"**

**Paragraph 2. JESUS DIED CRUCIFIED**

**I. THE TRIAL OF JESUS**

All sinners were the authors of Christ's Passion 598 In her Magisterial teaching of the faith and in the witness of her saints, the Church has never forgotten that "sinners were the authors and the ministers of all the sufferings that the divine Redeemer endured." Taking into account the fact that our sins affect Christ himself, The Church does not hesitate to impute to Christians the gravest responsibility for the torments inflicted

upon Jesus, a responsibility with which they have all too often burdened the Jews alone: We must regard as guilty all those who continue to relapse into their sins. Since our sins made the Lord Christ suffer the torment of the cross, those who plunge themselves into disorders and crimes crucify the Son of God anew in their hearts (for he is in them) and hold him up to contempt. and it can be seen that our crime in this case is greater in us than in the Jews. As for them, according to the witness of the Apostle, "None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." We, however, profess to know him. and when we deny him by our deeds, we in some way seem to lay violent hands on him.

Nor did demons crucify him; it is you who have crucified him and crucify him still, when you delight in your vices and sins.



The gifts for the Noble County Miracle tree need to be turned in **THIS WEEKEND!** The deadline for Helping Hands gifts is next Sunday. Please bring the gifts back unwrapped with the ornament from the tree attached to it.

**Thank you for your generous gift giving!**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Friday December 8th**

There will be Mass at 8:00 am and Mass at 6:00 pm. **(this is a Holyday of Obligation)**

**Annual Bishop's Appeal**

St. Gaspar's goal for the 37th Annual Bishop's Appeal is \$23,848.33. THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED! If you haven't done so, **please send in your ABA card. We are still under our goal!! The funds will be taken from our Parish if we do not meet our goal!** All funds over the goal will be returned to St. Gaspar for the needs of the parish.

**We sincerely appreciate your generosity!**

FR *Louis Powoy*



The 4th DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling their famous peanut brittle again this year after all masses for the next few weekends or until they sell out. The funds that are raised will be used for the ongoing support of the Women's Care Center in Auburn and also to a Diocese Seminarian. The cost will be \$9.00 for a package of 3 pieces. Please support this worthwhile project. For additional information contact: Dave Putman at (260)854-3798

**Upcoming meetings:**

**Parish Council** -Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 pm.

**Parish Finance**-Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 pm.

**Saint Vincent De Paul** -Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 pm

**'Tis the Season of Giving Back**

Remember your parish, school or Catholic ministry when making a gift during this holiday season. Not too sure how to do this? Contact the staff at the Catholic Community Foundation to determine the best approach. 260-399-1436



**Through your generous contributions to our endowment fund, it has grown to \$16,369.20. May God Bless you for your generous giving!**

MASS INTENTIONS		
<b>Saturday</b>	4:30PM	✠ Kathleen Costello
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✠ Marylou Young
<b>Monday</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00AM	✠ Wanda Marony
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00AM	✠ Suzanne Arnold
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00AM	✠ Joan Nichols
<b>Friday</b>	8:00AM	✠ Rose Worman

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Ron Hess 12/1	Barbara Tatman 12/1
Nicholas Scudder 12/1	Marilyn Schaefer 12/2
Robert Distler 12/2	John Recker 12/2
James Gunkel 12/3	Cole Lake 12/5
Robert Wiant 12/6	Steve Smith 12/6
Melany Morris 12/7	Yolanda Merriman 12/9
Steve Aspy 12/9	Amy Seibert 12/9
Michael Edwards 12/11	Tom Dukehart 12/12
Setsuko Hooven 12/13	James Reick 12/13
Beth Creigh 12/13	Grace Arend 12/13
Rebecca Miller 12/14	Christopher Hulen 12/14
Carol Sievert 12/16	Deb Sieber 12/16
Ruth Sieber 12/20	Tom Griffiths 12/21
Mandy McDonald 12/29	John O'Boyle 12/31

**National Wreaths Across America Day December 16, 2023**  
 Help the Knights Of Columbus Council 7839 honor local heroes! Sponsor a wreath today! Family members of the deceased at St. Gaspar Cemetery can personally place the wreath on the graves. Scan the QR code on the flyer in the gathering area or visit [www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/IN0180P](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/IN0180P) For more information contact Charlie Kuhn at 847-652-4738

 **EUCHRE**  
 Come and join us for a great night of fun! Saturday December 9th at 7:00 pm. Snacks will be provided . Please bring your own drinks.

December 10, 2023 MINISTRY SCHEDULE					
Altar Cloth: Kathy Pfister			Altar Flowers: Mary Krouse		
Ushers and Greeters			Altar Servers		
<b>4.30PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>4.30PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
Jerry Goldsmith	Jeff Strong	Pam Neu	Grant Lake	Kaleb Strater	Matt Kelty or
Nancy Goldsmith	Dave Singleton	Maddie Lock	Cole Lake	Sam Strater	George Vandermeir
Proclaimers: Saturday and Sunday			Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
Mandy McDonald	Bob Arnold	Matt Lock	Deacon Ray	Cathy Putman	Terry Luebke
	Tim Worman	Elena Lock	Bob Berghoff	Robin Aspy	Terese Langsenkamp
			John Kessen	Kevin Strater	Al Langsenkamp
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
December 5	Bob Arnold		December 5	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
December 12	Sharon Wilsey		December 12	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
December 19	Maddie Lock		December 19	Margaret Baskett	Roberta O'Boyle
December 26	Elena Lock		December 26	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
<b>Please call Karen 260-336-1703, if you are unable to serve. Thanks</b>					