



## 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 LENT YEAR A

MARCH 15, 2026

### WHAT IS LAETARE SUNDAY?

**Laetare means to Rejoice. Also known as mothering Sunday, refreshment Sunday, Mid Lent Sunday, Mi-Careme, Mediana or Rose Sunday.**

#### WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

- \*Priests may wear rose vestments at Mass.
- \*Flowers may adorn the Altar.
- \* The organ may be played



### WHY CELEBRATE IT?

Laetare Sunday provides us **encouragement** as we progress toward the end of Lent. Today is a small break from the penitential season that reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.

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	✠ Diane Zmyslo
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✠ Sandy North
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Tim & Cathy Thoman Int.
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM	Tim & Cathy Thoman Int.
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	Tim & Cathy Thoman Int.
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Tim & Cathy Thoman Int.



*Lenten  
Fish Fry  
Carry Out Only!  
DRIVE-THRU  
St. Gaspar Parking Lot  
Friday, March 20, 2026  
4:00-6:30 PM.*

**March 8, 2026 Collections**

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	\$2,959.00
<b>votives</b>	\$11.00
<b>Children's</b>	\$5.00
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	\$4,021.00
Capital Campaign (online)	\$705.00
Online Giving (March 1-7)	\$120.00
<b>Sanctuary Flowers</b>	\$5.00
<b>Fish Fry</b>	\$1,012.00
<b>Black &amp; Indian</b>	\$5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,843.00</b>

*Thank you for your generous giving*



**Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross on Fridays, are at 7 PM.

Please join us on Wednesdays for Stations of the Cross at 6 PM with soup afterwards.

Please consider signing up to

help with narrating the Stations of the Cross. There is a sign-up sheet next to the bulletins.

**Soup**

If you are available to bring soup there is a sign up sheet next to the bulletins. Thank you to all those who help with this great service to our church community! We are very blessed with some talented cooks!

**St. Gaspar Lent Evening of Confessions  
Thursday, March 26, 2026**

**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!**

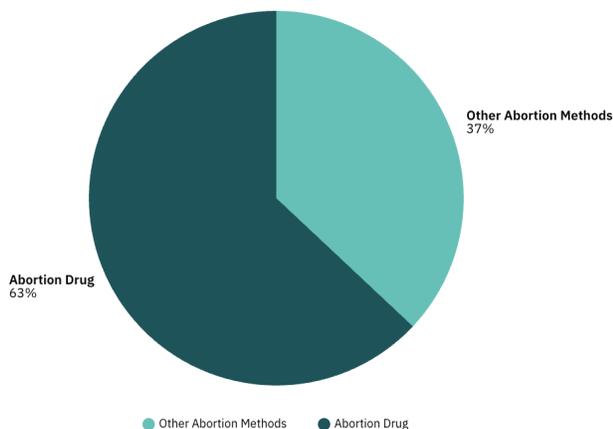




**RIGHT TO LIFE**  
OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

### DID YOU KNOW?

Drug-induced abortions made up **63%** of all U.S. abortions in 2023, but this percentage is an undercount since it does not include abortions outside the formal health care system or those done under shield laws. Furthermore, there have been reports of abortion drug stockpiling, and no one can know for sure where these drugs ultimately end up.



The fight for life is not over! Although 98% of abortions no longer happen in Indiana, hundreds of Northeast Indiana women continue to face abortion decisions each year. Your donations are vital as we work together to ensure the right to life through education, advocacy, and public policy.

## Sidewalk Advocacy Training

April 1, 2026, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

The training, provided by Sidewalk Advocates for Life, will take place in the conference room at 3106 Lake Ave. April 1st, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Learn how to peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly approach people outside our local abortion referral facility and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. This 3-hour introductory training will empower you to turn your passion into action.

**No cost to participate!**

## 5TH Annual Spring Banquet

**April 13 / Doors open: 5:30PM / Kruse Plaza**  
Featuring Seth Gruber, a nationally recognized pro-life speaker and founder of The White Rose Resistance,. Known for his bold, articulate defense of unborn life and his mission to awaken the Church to courageous action, Seth brings a powerful message you won't want to miss.



Are you ready to answer the call to be the hands and feet of Jesus by spending an hour praying outside of Planned Parenthood? The upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign is scheduled for February 18 through March 29. We need your help in shutting down our local abortion referral facility. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful and prayerful effort centered on prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a non confrontational vigil. Your participation could truly make a difference in the lives of mothers, families, and unborn children in our community, and we would be honored to stand by you in this mission. Vigil hours can be reserved by:  
\*Visiting [https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vigil-hours-signup.aspx?l\\_id=515](https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vigil-hours-signup.aspx?l_id=515)  
\*Or by contacting [Jordyn@ichooselife.org](mailto:Jordyn@ichooselife.org)

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.



**Christ Renew's His Parish  
Men's Retreat  
March 21-22, 2026**

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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**

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 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     |

*Ladies!*



**Join us in March  
for Kingdom Builders**

*Of all the men across all of time, God chose Joseph of Nazareth to be the earthly father of Jesus. God invites us to claim Joseph as our spiritual father as well. Join us in March to discover the loving embrace of our spiritual father and protector ~ St. Joseph, Terror of Demons. Beloved Daughters of the King... together, let us go to Joseph.*

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM**  
St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church  
Avilla, IN

 Kingdom Builders  
www.BuildingThroughHim.com

## 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!**



The Knights of Columbus will meet on Wednesday March 18th at Immaculate Conception Church in Kendallville starting with the Rosary at 6:45.

March 21-22, 2026					
Altar Cloth: Karen Edwards			Altar Flowers: NO FLOWERS		
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>
Chris Lake	Jeff Strong	Tom Pfister	Cole & Grant Lake	Sam Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Sara Lake	Dave Johnson	Maddie Lock	Sawyer Christner		Brayden Seibert
<b>Proclaimers: Saturday and Sunday</b>			<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>		
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
Traci Blaize	Tracy Strater	Mary Krouse	Karen Edwards	Kevin Strater	Deacon Ray Krouse
	Sam Strater	Elena Lock	Gail Martin	Dave Putman	Terry Gust
			Dennis Zmyslo	Cathy Putman	Al Langsenkamp
<b>Proclaimer Daily Masses</b>			<b>Collections</b>		
March 17	Tim Worman		March 17	Barb Logan	Barb Tatman
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
<b>Please call Karen 260-336-1703, if you are unable to serve. Thanks</b>					

**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**

907 "In accord with the knowledge, competence, and preeminence which they possess, [lay people] have the right and even at times a duty to manifest to the sacred pastors their opinion on matters which pertain to the good of the Church, and they have a right to make their opinion known to the other Christian faithful, with due regard to the integrity of faith and morals and reverence toward their pastors, and with consideration for the common good and the dignity of persons." Participation in Christ's kingly office

908 By his obedience unto death, Christ

communicated to his disciples the gift of royal freedom, so that they might "by the self-abnegation of a holy life, overcome the reign of sin in themselves"

That man is rightly called a king who makes his own body an obedient subject and, by governing himself with suitable rigor, refuses to let his passions breed rebellion in his soul, for he exercises a kind of royal power over himself. and because he knows how to rule his own person as king, so too does he sit as its judge. He will not let himself be imprisoned by sin, or thrown headlong into wickedness.

909 "Moreover, by uniting their forces let the laity so remedy the institutions and conditions of the world when the latter are an inducement to sin, that these may be conformed to the norms of justice, favoring rather than hindering the practice of virtue. By so doing they will impregnate culture and human works with a moral value.



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.



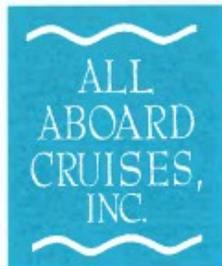
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