



## 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.”*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT /YEAR B

FEBRUARY 25, 2024



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<https://www.osvhub.com/st-gaspar-church/funds>  
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Gaspar Del Bufalo  
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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



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**-How Will You Be Part of This Historic Journey? From May to July 2024, the Blessed Sacrament will be carried through the streets of our nation in the first-ever National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. You are invited to accompany Jesus publicly as he travels thousands of miles on his way to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, which will take place in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024. On its way to the Congress, the pilgrimage will spend several days in July traveling through our Diocese. For more information, go to the [Eucharisticpilgrimage.org](http://Eucharisticpilgrimage.org).

**Feb Pilgrimage Feature** - the parish year pilgrimage activity featured this month for adults and teens is to watch "Lectio: Eucharist" with Dr. Brant Pitre available on Formed.org. For children, watch the Brother Francis cartoon "The Bread of Life: Celebrating the Eucharist" , also available on Formed. Complete six or more of the activities linked on the [docefefwsb.org/eucharist](http://docefefwsb.org/eucharist), mark your "passport", and receive a free gift from Full of Grace Gifts in Mishawaka or Good Shepherd Books and Gifts in Fort Wayne.

**March Pilgrimage Feature**- the parish year pilgrimage activity featured this month for adults, teens, and children is to attend daily mass and to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Complete six or more activities linked on [diocesefwsb.org/eucharist](http://diocesefwsb.org/eucharist), mark your "passport", and receive a free gift from Full of Grace Gifts in Mishawaka or Good Shepherd Books and Gifts in Fort Wayne.

**RETURN: MASS FOR THE RETURN OF ADULT CHILDREN TO THE FAITH**

Please join us on Thursday, March 7, at 6 p.m. to pray for the return of our adult children (or other loved ones) to the faith. This special Mass will be held at St. Pius X Church, 52553 Fir Rd. After Mass, the Stations of the Cross with reflections particularly for this same intention will be prayed. All are welcome. This event is co-sponsored by Ablaze Mission and Diocesan Marriage & Family Ministry. For more information, visit [ablazemission.org/return](http://ablazemission.org/return).

**February 18, 2024 Collections**

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	2175.00
<b>Childrens Weekly</b>	5.00
<b>Votives</b>	49.00
<b>Donations</b>	50.00
<b>Emergency Fund</b>	40.00
<b>K of C Breakfast</b>	164.00
<b>T shirt/sweatshirt</b>	690.00
<b>Ash Wed. Collection</b>	10.00
<b>St. Vincent DePaul</b>	70.00
<b>Sanctuary Flowers</b>	40.00
<b>Black &amp; Indian Missions</b>	432.00
<b>copier</b>	86.62
<b>Endowment Fund</b>	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4410.94</b>

*Thank you for your generous giving*



**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Need assistance with rent/ utilities? 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.

**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 5"HE DESCENDED INTO HELL. ON  
THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN"**


631 Jesus "descended into the lower parts of the earth. He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens." The Apostles' Creed confesses in the same article Christ's descent into hell and his Resurrection from the dead on the third day, because in his Passover it was precisely out of the depths of death that he made life spring forth: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all mankind, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**Paragraph 1. CHRIST DESCENDED INTO HELL**

632 The frequent New Testament affirmations that Jesus was "raised from the dead" presuppose that the crucified one sojourned in the realm of the dead prior to his resurrection. This was the


first meaning given in the apostolic preaching to Christ's descent into hell: that Jesus, like all men, experienced death and in his soul joined the others in the realm of the dead. But he descended there as Saviour, proclaiming the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there.

633 Scripture calls the abode of the dead, to which the dead Christ went down, "hell" - Sheol in Hebrew or Hades in Greek - because those who are there are deprived of the vision of God. Such is the case for all the dead, whether evil or righteous, while they await the Redeemer: which does not mean that their lot is identical, as Jesus shows through the parable of the poor man Lazarus who was received into "Abraham's bosom": "It is precisely these holy souls, who awaited their Saviour in Abraham's bosom, whom Christ the Lord delivered when he descended into hell." Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him.



40 in 40 is such a simple concept. During the 40 days of Lent, make a one-time donation of \$40 to your parish's endowment fund...imagine all the possibilities!! Help your parish become financially secure for years to come.

It's Simple. It's Stewardship. It's Forever.



**INVITE A FRIEND TO RETURN TO CONFESSION**  
Is there someone you love who has stopped coming to Mass? As you've been hearing, parishes across the diocese are opening their doors on Thursday, March 7, from 6-8 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and for prayer. This is a unique opportunity to join the Lord in inviting your fallen-away friends and loved ones back to the Church. Consider receiving the mercy of Christ at any parish in the diocese during The Light is On for You and invite those around you to do the same. Learn more at [diocesefwsb.org/light](http://diocesefwsb.org/light).

## THE HOLY FAMILY AND YOUR FAMILY

**MARCH 1ST & 2ND**

**THE OUR LADY PATRONESS OF AMERICA CENTER PRESENTS**

### FATHER KEVIN BARRETT



**Friday:**

- 5:45 PM- Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary
- 6:00 PM- Mass
- 6:45 PM- Light Supper
- 7:30 PM- Presentation on Imitating the Holy Family

**Saturday:**

- 10:30 AM- Patriotic Rosary
- 11:00 AM- Mass
- 11:45 AM- Light Breakfast
- 12:15 PM- Presentation on Family Consecration



Father Kevin Barrett is the chaplain for the Apostolate for Family Consecration. Recognizing our shared mission, he has been a long time supporter of Our Lady of America. He was deeply moved by his pilgrimages to Fatima and Lourdes and became more involved in the work of the AFC before becoming their chaplain. To read more about the apostolate visit [www.afc.org](http://www.afc.org).

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Please join us for adoration on Wednesdays, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. through lent. A sign up sheet is in the gathering area. (two people are needed in the church at all times).



MASS INTENTIONS		
<b>Saturday</b>	4:30PM	✝ Jim Knapp
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✝ Allison Barranda
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00AM	✝ Liselda Carias
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00AM	✝ Rose Worman
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00AM	✝ Donald Fischer Jr. & Sr.
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Dennis Hogan



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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2/1 Geraldine Brown    | 2/1 Lea Baranowski      |
| 2/3 Ellen Gephart      | 2/4 James Burns         |
| 2/5 Tamila Kelty       | 2/5 Scherrie Hohenstein |
| 2/5 Madalitso Didier   | 2/6 Gerald Hall         |
| 2/7 Kaleb Strater      | 2/8 William Creigh      |
| 2/8 Jacob Lock         | 2/9 Tracy Strater       |
| 2/11 Michael Klein     | 2/13 Robert Berghoff    |
| 2/14 Joe Patton        | 2/14 Robert Jordan      |
| 2/14 Regina Ley        | 2/14 Elaina Didier      |
| 2/16 Angela Bacynski   | 2/20 Janet Schoenle     |
| 2/22 George Vandermeir | 2/22 Dr. Traci Blaize   |
| 2/23 Pamela Baker      | 2/23 Laura Berghoff     |
| 2/26 Pamela Neu        | 2/27 Tony Jones         |
| 2/28 Daniel Morris     |                         |

**Stations of the Cross**

We will have Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. with soup afterwards. Stations on Fridays will be at 7:00 p.m. due to the Lenten Fish Frys. **There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen to provide soup. There is one evening open yet.** Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring soup!



**Please join us for pancakes and sausage March 3, 2024. after the 10 a.m. Mass.**

**Fish Fry Schedule:**

- Friday March 8th 4:00-6:30
- Friday March 22nd 4:00-6:30
- Friday April 5th 4:00-6:30



**Thank you to the Knights for your hard work and dedication to the Parish!**

March 3, 2024 MINISTRY SCHEDULE					
Altar Cloth: Roberta O'Boyle			Altar Flowers: Karen Edwards		
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>
Mike Uszak	Jeff Strong	Matt Lock	Paige McDonald	Kaleb Strater	Matt Kelty or
Melody Uszak	Dave Singleton	Maddie Lock	Natalie McDonald	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>
Traci Blaize	Ed Keil	Michelle Barranda	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse
	Sharon Wilsey	Ben Schortgen	John Kessen	Kevin Strater	Bob Distler
			Karen Edwards	Roberta O'Boyle	Meg Distler
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
February 27	Mary Krouse		February 27	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
March 5	Bob Arnold		March 5	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
March 12	Sharon Wilsey		March 12	Margaret Baskett	Roberta O'Boyle
March 19	Maddie Lock		March 19	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
<b>Please call Karen 260-336-1703, if you are unable to serve. Thanks</b>					