



## 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 ADVENT YEAR A

DECEMBER 7, 2025

# THE FAITH CANDLE

Also known as the Bethlehem Candle, this second candle of Advent signifies the journey of Joseph and Mary to the City of David.

But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah,  
too small to be among the class of Judah,  
From you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be the ruler of Israel.

-Micah 5:2

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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

6:00 pm to 7:00pm

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 PM	✝ Mary Ellen Kress
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM 10:00AM	✝ Sue Gerardot People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Rose Worman
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Sally Ueber
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Kathleen Costello
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Joseph Costello
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Rita Garrett

**St. Gaspar Parish Penance Service is  
December 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM.**



## December 24-25 2025 Christmas Schedule

### 4:30 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

Ushers: Jerry and Nancy Goldsmith

Lectors: Tracy Strater (first Reading) & Traci Blaize  
(second Reading)

Servers: Parker Mya and Sawyer Christner

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Strater, Karen Edwards, &  
Terry Luebke

### 9:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

Ushers: Rebecca & Maddie Lock

Lectors: Matt & Elena Lock

Servers: Grant & Cole Lake

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Ray and Mary Krouse,  
Dennis Zmyslo, Laura Weaver, **volunteer**

### 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

Ushers: Tom Pfister & **volunteer**

Lector: Terry Gust

Servers: Matt Kely

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Ray & Mary Krouse, &  
Roberta O'Boyle

### November 30, 2025 Collections

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	\$998.00
<b>votives</b>	\$47.00
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	\$427.78
<b>Capital Campaign (online)</b>	\$405.00
<b>Online Giving (Nov. 23-30 )</b>	\$930.00
<b>39th Bishops Appeal</b>	
<b>Rosary Dinner</b>	\$50.00
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	\$35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,892.78</b>

***Thank you for your generous giving***

### BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible Study, Epic; A journey through church history, begins January 5. You can participate Monday evenings or Thursday mornings. Please order your book by December 11 through Mary Krouse or the church office.

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 8, 2025

MASS TIMES are 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM

★ NOW SHOWING ★

## *THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER!*

Please join us for a movie night with Pizza!

**When:** Saturday, December 13th after the 4:30 PM Mass.

**Where:** In the conference room

There is a sign up sheet by the bulletins. Please sign up so we know how much pizza to purchase.

### SECOND COLLECTION

**A lifetime of service deserves care in return**

"Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

### ANDREW DINNERS FOR YOUNG MEN DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD

The Vocations Office is hosting two Andrew Dinners for young men ages 16 to 30 to learn more about seminary and the priesthood. The dinners will be held at 6:30-8:30 p.m. on December 29 at St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart and on December 30 at The University of St. Francis Oratory, Fort Wayne. A Holy Hour open to the public will precede these dinners, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, talk to your pastor for more information. Learn more and RSVP (required) for the dinner at [diocesefwsb.org/andrewdinner](http://diocesefwsb.org/andrewdinner).

## CEREAL FOOD DRIVE

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 boxes of cereal, then bring it back to the Patroness the first weekend in January 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!**

Dear Friends, the church joyfully welcomes **Allen Baskett** who will be received into the order of Catechumens. In the months to come he will prepare for his initiation into the Christian faith by baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. We also pray for those who, already one with us by baptism, now wish to complete their initiation through confirmation and Eucharist or to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church.



### *The Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council # 7839*

Invites you and yours to our  
Annual Christmas Dinner  
Wednesday December 17, 2025  
St. James Restaurant, Avilla  
Gathering & Cocktails – 6:00 pm (cash bar)  
Dinner – 6:30 pm  
Entertainment – 7:30 pm

#### Family Style Menu

Broasted Chicken, Baked Ham, House Salad  
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Chicken and Noodles,  
Bread and Peppermint Ice Cream  
Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Fountain Pop, and Water

Cost is \$20.00 per person  
Pay at the Door

The council will take care of the tip and tax.

RSVP to Mark Couture by Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
at [mark.l.couture@gmail.com](mailto:mark.l.couture@gmail.com) or 260 318-4828





## RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana for the National March for Life in Washington DC, January 21-24th, 2025. This trip is open to high school and college-age students who want to grow in their understanding of the pro-life movement. Explore the nation's capital, and stand with hundreds of thousands of others who believe every life deserves protection. Students will visit historic landmarks, attend the Y4Life Conference, and take part in the National March for Life. Registration is due December 10, sign up or learn more at [ichooselife.org/DC](http://ichooselife.org/DC) Questions? Call 260-471-1849 or email [Phoebe@ichooselife.org](mailto:Phoebe@ichooselife.org)



We are here to

*help you*

### Sidewalk Advocate Training- December 2025

Join Right to Life Tuesday, December 10th for Sidewalk Advocate Training and learn how to save lives in Northeast Indiana.

The training, provided by [Sidewalk Advocates for Life](http://SidewalkAdvocatesforLife.org), will take place in our conference room at 3106 Lake Ave, from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Learn how to peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly approach people outside our local Planned Parenthood and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. This 3hr introductory training will empower you to turn your passion into action. Please call our office at 260-471-1849 or email [Jordyn@ichooselife.org](mailto:Jordyn@ichooselife.org) with questions.

### ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE: SPRING 2026 FORT WAYNE

Dive deeper into Scripture with Salvation History I, a ten-week course exploring the Biblical worldview, with a focus on the historical and theological context of the Old Testament. Taught by Dr. Alex Giltner, this class meets Tuesdays from January 20 to March 24, 2026, 6-8 p.m. at the University of Saint Francis. The cost is \$100. Register at [diocesefwsb.org/cyril-institute](http://diocesefwsb.org/cyril-institute).

Have you ever wished your daughters had the opportunity to spend more time around *Jesus & Brides*?  
Join us for a joy filled morning with *Religious Sisters* and share an experience that will foster deeper connections and conversations with your daughters as the years unfold.

Brunch  
WITH His  
*Brides*

Saturday **28th** February

## The Sacred Heart of the *Bridegroom*

**8:30am**

Holy Mass with Bishop Rhoades  
*Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*

**9:30am - 2:00pm**

Brunch, Reception, Creativity  
& Meaningful Encounters  
*The Grand Wayne Center*

**\$25 Per Ticket**

If you find this cost prohibitive  
please call 260-437-4525

Space limited, please register:

**[www.Brunchwithhisbrides.com](http://www.Brunchwithhisbrides.com)**

This event is intended for mothers with daughters in 2nd Grade - High School.



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the Diocese's website, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) under Safe Environment. If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jodi Marlin email: [jmarlin@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:jmarlin@diocesefwsb.org) (260)422-4611, or Mary Glowaski [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, The Diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.



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, Utah Bruns, George Dewald, Dean Domer, Kelli Dukehart, Dan Figel, Terry Gust, Marta Hartman, Charlene Hall, Jay Hayes, Setsuko Hooven, Maureen James, Susan Jones, Ed Keil, Beth Klein, Melanie Kocevar, Toni & Kent Kraner, Sandy Krull, Lisa Krull, Kelly LaHaine, Lanny Leppo, Irene Martin, Karen Martin, Baby Murray, Sandy North, Deborah Redd, Sheila Reiter, Joan Robinson, Marilyn Schaefer, Larry Sievert, Dave Singleton, Daniel Staseck, Patty Staseck, Kyla Tackett, Jim Taylor, Jeanne Tracey, Pat Vachon, George Vandermeir, and Jack Welsh.



12/1 Ron Hess	12/1 Barb Tatman
12/1 Nicholas Scudder	12/2 Marilyn Schaefer
12/2 Robert Distler	12/2 John Recker
12/3 James Gunkel	12/5 Cole Lake
12/6 Robert Wiant	12/6 Steve Smith
12/9 Yolanda Merriman	2/9 Steven Aspy
12/9 Amy Seibert	12/11 Michael Edwards
12/12 Thomas Dukehart	12/13 Setsuko Hooven
12/13 James Reick	12/13 Beth Creigh
12/14 Rebecca Miller	12/16 Carol Sievert
12/16 Deb Sieber	12/18 Nyda Trowbridge
12/20 Chelsea Seibert	12/20 Ruth Sieber
12/21 Thomas Griffiths	12/31 John O'Boyle

#### December 13-14 2025

Altar Cloth: Kathy Pfister

Altar Flowers: NO FLOWERS

#### Ushers and Greeters

#### Altar Servers

4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Jerry Goldsmith	Jeff Strong	Maddie Lock	Cole & Grant Lake	Sam Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Nancy Goldsmith	Dave Johnson	Rebecca Lock	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
Sara Lake	Tracy Strater	Matt Lock	Deacon Ray Krouse	Kevin Strater	Terry Luebke
	Sam Starter	Elena Lock	Gail Martin	Dave Putman	Al Langsenkamp
			Karen Edwards	Cathy Putman	Terry Langsenkamp

#### Proclaimer Daily Masses

#### Collections

December 9	Maddie Lock		December 9	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
December 16	Elena Lock		December 16	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
December 23	Tim Worman		December 23	Margaret Baskett	Terry Luebke
December 30	Mary Krouse		December 30	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith

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 3. THE CHURCH IS ONE, HOLY,  
CATHOLIC, AND APOSTOLIC  
IV. THE CHURCH IS APOSTOLIC**

**The bishops - successors of the apostles**

**IN BRIEF**

868 The Church is catholic: she proclaims the fullness of the faith. She bears in herself and administers the totality of the means of salvation. She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all

men. She encompasses all times. She is "missionary of her very nature" (AG 2).  
869 The Church is apostolic. She is built on a lasting foundation: "the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rev 21:14). She is indestructible (cf Mt 16:18). She is upheld infallibly in the truth: Christ governs her through Peter and the other apostles, who are present in their successors, the Pope and the college of bishops.  
870 "The sole Church of Christ which in the Creed we profess to be one, holy, catholic, and apostolic, . . . subsists in the Catholic Church, which is governed by the successor of Peter and by the bishops in communion with him. Nevertheless, many elements of sanctification and of truth are found outside its visible confines"(LG 8).

**CUPERTINO CLASSIC: PRIESTS V.  
SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME**

When we support vocations, everyone wins! All are invited to the annual, free Cupertino Classic priests vs. seminarians basketball game on Friday, Dec. 26. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades kicks off the day with Adoration from 3-4 p.m., followed by Mass at 4 p.m. in the Oratory of St. Francis at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. Then, head over to Bishop Luers High School for tipoff at 6:30 p.m. This family-friendly event promises a fun night of Catholic fellowship and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and encounter the joy of priestly vocations. For more information, visit [diocesefwsb.org/cupertino](http://diocesefwsb.org/cupertino).



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Society**

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