



St. Gaspar del Bufalo Catholic Church

10871 North – State Road 9, Rome City, Indiana 46784 www.stgasparrc.org
+1-260-854-3100 email info@stgasparrc.org

“We must let it be known how the Blood of Christ cleanses the souls and sanctifies them, particularly by means of the sacraments.”

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 28, 2025



When the Magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, *Out of Egypt I called my son.*

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades
Diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend
Pastor - Rev Louis Fowoyo
frlouis@stgasparrc.org

Deacon Ray Krouse
dcnray@stgasparrc.org
Secretary - Karen Edwards
Accounts Manager - Chris Strong
Maintenance - Gail Martin
Religious Education - Rebecca Lock
OCIA - Terry Gust
Liturgical Music Director—Tim Worman

Organist – Marilyn Wiant
Housekeeping – Rebecca Lock
Chairman Parish Council - Kevin Strater
Chairperson Finance Committee - Ben Schortgen
St Gaspar On-Line Giving Site:
<https://www.osvhub.com/st-gaspar-church/funds>
Saint Vincent de Paul 260-582-4375

LOOK US UP ON FACEBOOK
Gaspar Del Bufalo
Please, send any info for Facebook to
Pam Neu: 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

Saturday	4:30 PM	✝ Joseph Costello
Sunday	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✝ Dan Lascoe
Monday	8:00 AM	No Mass
Tuesday	8:00 AM	✝ Kathleen Costello
Wednesday	4:30 PM	✝ John Garrett
Thursday	10:00AM	✝ Mary Ellen Kress
Friday	8:00 AM	✝ Sally Ueber

December 21, 2025 Collections

Weekly Collection	\$5,057.00
votives	\$29.00
Capital Campaign	\$8,206.66
Capital Campaign (online)	\$3,714.18
Online Giving (Dec 14-Dec 20)	\$5,340.00
Children's	\$5.00
Retirement Religious	\$130.00
Bible Study	\$20.00
Total	\$22,501.84

Thank you for your generous giving

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

January 3rd

Mass @ 11 am

PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 10:25

PRESENTATION & TOURS FOLLOWING MASS



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.

Be a Saint, Apply Now!



Bishop Dwenger High School new student enrollment is open for the Class of 2030! Now through January 15, all students can apply to become a Saint! Continue your Catholic education by attending Bishop Dwenger. Founded on the four pillars of spirituality, service, academics, and active, all students are taught to be "Citizens of Two Worlds" by embracing a college preparatory curriculum rooted in the Catholic Faith. Join the Class of 2030 today by going to bishopdwenger.com and click on the "Apply Now" button on the home screen. All applications are completed online. You will need a copy of your child's birth certificate and current grades. If you have any questions regarding Admissions, contact the Admissions Coordinator, Cindy Johnson at 260-496-4703 or at

cjohnson@bishopdwenger.com. If you would like to schedule a tour or shadow for a day, please contact Andrea O'Neill at 260-496-4726 or at aoneill@bishopdwenger.com.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2026

NEW YEAR'S EVE

December 31, 2025 4:30 PM

Ushers: Mike & Melody Uszak

Lectors: Sara Lake

Servers: Grant & Cole Lake

Eucharist Ministers: Gail Martin, Karen Edwards, & Dennis Zmyslo.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Holy day of obligation)

January 1, 2025 10:00 AM

Ushers: Matt Lock and Maddie Lock

Lectors: Julia Luebke & Ben Schortgen

Servers: Parker Mya

Eucharistic Ministers: Terry Luebke, Dave & Cathy Putman.

Please join us for The Precious Blood Adoration Tuesday, January 6th at 6:00 PM.

Parish Council will meet directly after The Precious blood Adoration.



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 Questions? Call 260-471-1849 or email Phoebe@ichooselife.org



We are here to

help you

Have you ever wished your daughters had the opportunity to spend more time around *Jesus's 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

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

Save The Date



The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will be sponsoring a Baby Bottle fundraiser for the purpose of meeting the needs of at-risk children and their families in our community. Bottles will be distributed after all Masses on January 17 and 18. Your spare change can make a difference! To learn more visit: christchildsfw.org.

Baby Bottle
Fundraiser 2026



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.

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



Tuesday, January 6th 2026
12:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
2290 IN-9, Albion IN

All who come to give Jan. 1-25 will automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for 2 to Super Bowl LX in Santa Clara! Includes travel, hotel, \$1,000 gift card, pregame activities & more!

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App
© 2015 The American National Red Cross

Local Artist Exhibition

Calling all local artists' to join us for the Art Exhibition Festival 2026. Artists will feature religious themed exhibits. Appetizers and Spirits will be available during this event.

Date

Feb. 7, 2026
6:00 pm

Location

2304 Lower
Huntington Rd

Space Fee /Reserve
By Jan 19, 2026

35.00

Contact Us

260-747-9139

secretary@sttheresefw.org



ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE WITH BISHOP RHOADES

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, all are invited to an ecumenical prayer service with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne. Together with Pastor Tony Opliger, Pastor Chris Norman, and Father Emmanuel Abuh, All are welcome to gather in a spirit of unity to pray, worship, and seek deeper communion in Christ.

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!

TRIVIA

Save the date for Trivia Night Friday, January 30th at 6:00 PM. Ask your friends to join us for the fourth annual Trivia Night. The theme this year is the 80's. Bring whatever you would like to drink along with a snack to share and join us for the fun! We need ten people per table. If you can't fill a whole table but still want to participate, PLEASE COME! We will pair you up with others. We will be meeting at Wolcott Mills School. We encourage you to dress up and decorate the tables! This is your chance to get creative! We will give all entry money back. There will be prizes for first and second place and a prize for the best decorated table and the best decorated person. Please text Karen at 260-336-1703 or call the church at 854-3100 to get signed up.

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



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, 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, Kelly LaHaine, Lanny Leppo, Kiersten Logan, Terry Luebke, Irene Martin, Karen Martin, Nathaniel Murray, Sandy North, Deborah Redd, Sheila Reiter, Joan Robinson, Marilyn Schaefer, Larry Sievert, Dave Singleton, Daniel Staseck, Patty Staseck, Blakely Strong, Kyla Tackett, Jim Taylor, Jeanne Tracey, Pat Vachon, George Vandermeir, Lisa Vandervoort, and Jack Welsh.



1/2 Martha Dewald	1/2 John Edwards
1/2 Margery Taylor	1/3 Tina Konrath
1/2 Johnathon Filler	1/3 Patty Staseck
1/4 Anna Merriman	1/9 Michael Scudder
1/12 Zachary Zmyslo	1/13 Julie Ann Ryne
1/16 Tony Starkey	1/19 Thomas Beeber
1/22 Paul Hartman	1/23 Jonathon Bragg
1/26 Todd Duesler	1/27 Nicholas Klein
1/28 Austin Farris	

January 3-4 2025

Altar Cloth: Sharon Wilsey

Altar Flowers: Karen Edwards

Ushers and Greeters

Altar Servers

4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Regina Ley	Dave Putman	Jim Gunkel	Cole & Grant Lake	Sam Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Tony Ley	Cathy Putman	Jenny Gunkel	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
Erik Fowerbaugh	Bob Arnold	Ben Schortgen	Gail Martin	Kevin Strater	Al Langsenkamp
Mike Edwards		Elena Lock	Dennis Zmyslo	Laura Weaver	Therese Langsenkamp
			Karen Edwards	volunteer	volunteer

Proclaimer Daily Masses

Collections

December 30	Mary Krouse		December 30	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
January 6	Bob Arnold		January 6	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
January 13	Sharon Wilsey		January 13	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
January 20	Maddie Lock		January 20	Barb Logan	Barb Tatman

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 4. CHRIST'S FAITHFUL -
HIERARCHY, LAITY, CONSECRATED
LIFE I. THE HIERARCHICAL CONSTITUTION OF THE
CHURCH**

876 Intrinsically linked to the sacramental nature of ecclesial ministry is its character as service. Entirely dependent on Christ who gives mission and authority, ministers are truly "slaves of Christ," in the image of him who freely took "the form of a slave" for us. Because the word and grace of which they are ministers are not their own, but are given to them by Christ for the sake of others, they must freely become the slaves of

all.

877 Likewise, it belongs to the sacramental nature of ecclesial ministry that it have a collegial character. In fact, from the beginning of his ministry, the Lord Jesus instituted the Twelve as "the seeds of the new Israel and the beginning of the sacred hierarchy." Chosen together, they were also sent out together, and their fraternal unity would be at the service of the fraternal communion of all the faithful: they would reflect and witness to the communion of the divine persons. For this reason every bishop exercises his ministry from within the episcopal college, in communion with the bishop of Rome, the successor of St. Peter and head of the college. So also priests exercise their ministry from within the presbyterium of the diocese, under the direction of their bishop.

THANK YOU
to your parish for your generosity during this year's **Catholic Charities Christmas Envelope Collection!** Your gift will help all those in need as Christ calls us to do.
If you would still like to make your annual donation, visit www.ccfwsb.org/donate.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Need assistance with rent/ utilities? Need a ride to church? 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.



Heritage Baking Co.
Tracy Strater
Owner/Baker
260-636-3997
Tracystrater@yahoo.com




SAN JUAN DIEGO
Bibles, Books, Gifts | English/Spanish
1127 E. Winona Ave. | Warsaw, IN 46580
Hours: T-W-TH-F 10-4, Sat 11-3
574-453-6970
sanjuandiegobookstore.com

The Businesses listed are helping to defray the cost of the bulletin. Please support them when you can.



ALL ABOARD CRUISES, INC.
Jenny Gunkel
Specializing in Cruises & All Inclusive Resorts
(260) 489-1245
(260) 438-3234
gunkelj@yahoo.com

John Ley Monument Sales, Inc.



John Ley Monument Sales, Inc.
Memorials of Distinction Since 1957

ANTHONY J. LEY
REGINA LEY

101 Progress Way
St. Rd. 8, Avilla, IN 46710
260-897-2333
260-897-3005 Fax

Simply Granite
Custom built granite counter tops



Quality Service Since 1963
FREE ESTIMATES
EDWARDS FLOOR COVERING
Carpet, Vinyl, Ceramic Tile, Wood Floors
Michael W. Edwards
Bus. 260-854-3843



NOTRE DAME
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
ELEVATE YOUR BANKING LINK YOUR DEBIT CARD
EARN 1%+ FOR YOUR PARISH EARN MORE WITH YOUR DEPOSIT!
NOTREDAMEFCU.COM/ULTIMATE
INSURED BY NCUA.