

# ST. GASPAR DEL BUFALO CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 4, 2022**

## Reading I **Isaiah 11:1-10**

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R.**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. **R.** May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness. **R.**

## Reading II **Romans 15:4-9**

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

## Gospel **Matthew 3:1-12**

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume

to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



## **CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST,  
THE ONLY SON OF GOD

**Article 3 "HE WAS CONCEIVED BY THE  
POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND WAS  
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY"**

**Paragraph 1. THE SON OF GOD BECAME MAN  
III. TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN**

469 The Church thus confesses that Jesus is inseparably true God and true man. He is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother: "What he was, he remained and what he was not, he assumed", sings the Roman Liturgy. and the liturgy of St. John Chrysostom proclaims and sings: "O only-begotten Son and Word of God, immortal being, you who deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, you who without change became man and were crucified, O Christ our God, you who by your death have crushed death, you who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us!"

## **THE ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who pledged for the Annual Bishop's Appeal. The first statements will be mailed in early December. Payments should be made directly to the Diocese. Check's can be made out to the "Annual Bishop's Appeal". You can still pledge online on the diocesan website at [www.diocesefwsb/org/aba](http://www.diocesefwsb/org/aba).

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

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| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>December 3</b>    |
| 4:30 p.m.        | † Jim Neu            |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>December 4</b>    |
| 7:30 a.m.        | People of the Parish |
| 10:00 a.m.       | † Rudy Kaiser        |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>December 5</b>    |
|                  | NO MASS              |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>December 6</b>    |
| 8:00 a.m.        | † Rosemary Grist     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>December 7</b>    |
| 8:00 a.m.        | † Joan Nichols       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>December 8</b>    |
| 8:00 a.m.        | † Sue Gerardot       |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>December 9</b>    |
| 8:00 a.m.        | † Dennis Hogan       |

## **November 27, 2022 Collection**

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| Weekly Collection       | \$2,839.00       |
| Youth Group             | 5.00             |
| Sanctuary Flowers       | 470.00           |
| Votives                 | 36.25            |
| <b>Total Collection</b> | <b>\$3350.25</b> |

## **The Retirement Fund for the Religious.**

December 11, there will be a special collection Please use your envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!



Please be sure to get your gifts for the Noble County Miracle Tree (Angel ornament) turned in (unwrapped) this weekend. If you have questions or need assistance you can contact Luann Shull at 1-(574)202-3007

The Helping Hands(snowflake ornament) gifts need to be returned unwrapped by December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you for helping those in need!**

**Please pray for our catechumens Karen Spoltman and Deb Seiber, as they continue their journey in the the Rite of Christian Initiations of Adults.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates:**

**OUR LADY, PATRONESS OF AMERICA CENTER Mass**  
January 7, at 11:00 a.m. For more information contact Al  
Langsenkamp at [office@PatronessOfAmerica.org](mailto:office@PatronessOfAmerica.org)

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS** at 6:00 pm

**BIBLE STUDY:** January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>  
MASS at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.

**Penitential Service** December 20 6:00 pm

**\*\*\*Christmas Eve** Saturday December 24: Mass at 4:30 pm.  
and 10:00 pm with caroling beginning at 9:30 pm

**\*\*\*Christmas Day** Sunday December 25: Mass at 9:00 am.

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

**ADORATION: After Mass on Wednesdays.**  
**Tuesday December 6, 2023, 6:00-7:00 pm**

**CONFESSIONS** 20 minutes before each Mass &  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. except first Saturday of  
the month.

**ST. GASPAR ON-LINE GIVING SITE:**  
<https://www.osvhub.com/st-gaspar-church/funds>

**Please remember to pray for all those who  
have requested our prayers:** Brad  
Beck, Nick & Sue Chester, Joe & Kathy  
Costello, Heather Drebenstedt, Todd &  
Krista Duesler, Kelli Dukehart, Shirley

Fraze, Arlene Gran, Theresa Guenin, Sr. Joan  
Hastreiter, Cathy Havert, Jane Heingartner,  
Setsuko Hooven, Tom Kingseed, Sally Krause,  
Mary Ellen Kress, Sandy Krull, Ladonna  
Magsamen, Phil Millus, Dick & Wanda Maroney,  
Sandy North, Linda Okleshen, Deborah Redd,  
Heather Richardson, Joan Robinson, Ginny  
Roesler, Marilyn & Dick Schaefer, Margaret  
Schenkel, Jerry Schoenle, Kelsey Spoltman,  
Patty Staseck, Pat & Win Vachon, Jean  
Zimmerman.



**BIBLE STUDY:** The Way, The Truth and the Life  
Bible Study begins on Thursday January 12 at  
6:00 pm. The cost for the 10-week study is  
\$30.00. Call Karen to order your book and  
workbook.

## DECEMBER 2022 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Altar Cloths:** Carol Sievert

**Altar Flowers:** Sharon Wilsey

**Ushers and Greeters**

4:30 p.m. Jerry and Nancy Goldsmith

7:30 a.m. Kevin and Tracy Strater

Dave & Cathy Putman 12/25

10:00 a.m. Pam Neu and Gary Shull

**Servers**

4:30 p.m. Grant or Cole Lake

7:30 a.m. Kaleb or Sam Strater

10:00 a.m. Ray Krouse

**Proclaimers**

**Daily:** Dec 5 Ray Krouse

Dec 12 Tim Worman

Dec 19 Mary Krouse

Dec 26 Sharon Wilsey

**Saturday/Sunday**

4:30 p.m. Traci Blaize, Karen Edwards 12/3

7:30 a.m. Ed Keil and Sharon Wilsey

10:00 a.m. George Vandermeir and Ray Krouse  
Mary & Ray Krouse 12/25

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

4:30 p.m. Bob Berghoff

7:30 a.m. Robin Aspy 12/4 & 12/18

Roberta O'Boyle 12/11 & 12/25

10:00 a.m. John Cazier

**Collection:**

Dec 06 Margaret & Roberta

Dec 13 Mary & Nancy

Dec 20 Laura & Vicki

Dec 27 Margaret & Roberta



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR**

**BREAKFAST**

**WITH ST. NICK!**

The Knights of Columbus  
and the Rosary Sodality are  
working together to host a  
**pancake and sausage  
breakfast**, December 11 after the 7:30 am Mass.  
There will be a nativity craft and an angel  
ornament for each child! Santa and Mrs. Clause  
will be there to take pictures with the children.  
They can decorate the frame that the picture will  
be placed in. It is sure to bring many smiles!



### **“Wreaths across America”**

Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. at St. Gaspar Cemetery. 29 burial graves of veterans will be decorated with wreaths. Father Louis will lead

the prayer. Contact Charlie Kuhn for details (847) 652-4738

### **EUCCHARISTIC FORMATION DAYS**

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades invites you to a day of catechesis and theology on the awesome gift and great mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist. As part of the Eucharistic Revival, join him on Sat., Jan. 14, at St. Charles Parish, Fort Wayne or on Sat., Feb. 11, at St. Pius X Parish, Granger. Mass, lunch, and a Eucharistic miracles exhibit are included. For more information and to register, visit [diocesefwsb.org/eucharist](http://diocesefwsb.org/eucharist).

### **EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE SITE FOR DECEMBER: ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH, CHURUBUSCO**

Each month, you are invited to take a self-guided pilgrimage to a site of Eucharistic significance in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The December pilgrimage site is St. John Bosco Parish in Churubusco, a parish whose patron had a deep devotion to the Eucharist. Pilgrims are invited to download a pilgrimage passport at [diocesefwsb.org/eucharist](http://diocesefwsb.org/eucharist) and self “stamp” the passport each time you visit a site. When six sites have been visited, bring the passport to Divine Mercy Gifts in South Bend or to [Good Shepherd Books & Gifts](#) in Fort Wayne to receive a free gift!

### **EUCCHARISTIC SAINT FOR DECEMBER – BLESSED NIELS STENSEN WAS**

Born to a Lutheran family in 1638, Blessed Niels Stensen was a famous scientist. As an adult, he specialized in medicine, particularly in the new science of anatomy. He discovered new organs and glands in the bodies of both animals and human beings. He is renowned for his work on the human brain, providing the basis for research throughout the following 200 years. His attendance at a Corpus Christi procession in 1666 moved him to consider Catholicism. After a thorough examination of the original Hebrew and Greek texts of the Bible, he wrote, “I became deeply convinced of the truth of what the Catholics [believe about the Holy Eucharist]”. He converted to the Catholic faith and was ordained a priest in 1675, and later a bishop. “There is only one human response to the self-giving love which shows itself on the cross and lives in the Church as the true bread of humanity,” he wrote. “The more we discover and say “yes” to this love, the less do we remain as merely ourselves. The love of Christ urges us on.” He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1988. His feast day is Dec. 5. Learn more at [diocesefwsb.org/eucharist](http://diocesefwsb.org/eucharist).

### **EUCCHARISTIC REFLECTION FOR DECEMBER – THANKSGIVING AND WORSHIP**

The word “Eucharist” literally means “thanksgiving.” To give thanks properly, we should take a full, conscious, and active part in the liturgical celebration. We need to be conscious of the gift we have received, a gift that is none other than the Lord Himself in His act of self-giving. We become conscious of this gift when we actively engage our minds, hearts, and bodies to every part of the liturgy, allowing God through the words, actions, gestures, and even the moments of silence to speak to us. We actively and consciously participate by giving our full attention to the words being spoken in the prayers and the Scriptures, even if we have heard them hundreds of times before. We do so also by listening to the homily and reflecting upon how the Lord may be speaking to us through his ordained minister. We actively give thanks when we join in singing and in the responses; when we kneel, stand, and sit; and when we pay attention to the liturgical seasons where the entire history of what God has done for us, in and through His Son, is revealed to us. Our gratitude is also expressed in our worship of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta reportedly once said: “When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now. Read this and each month’s full reflection at [diocesefwsb.org/eucharist](http://diocesefwsb.org/eucharist).

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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| 12/1 Ronald Hess        | 12/1 Barb Tatman      |
| 12/1 Nicholas Scudder   | 12/2 Marilyn Schaefer |
| 12/3 John O’Boyle       | 12/5 Cole Lake        |
| 12/6 Robert Wiant       | 12/6 Steve Smith      |
| 12/7 Melany Morris      | 12/9 Yolanda Merriman |
| 12/9 Steven Aspy        | 12/9 Amy Seibert      |
| 12/11 Mike Edwards      | 12/12 Tom Dukehart    |
| 12/13 Setsuko Hooven    | 12/13 James Reick     |
| 12/13 Beth Creigh       | 12/13 Grace Arend     |
| 12/14 Alan Douglas      | 12/14 Rebecca Miller  |
| 12/14 Christopher Hulen | 12/16 Carol Sievert   |
| 12/19 Richard Maroney   | 12/20 Ruth Sieber     |
| 12/21 Thomas Griffiths  | 12/29 Mandy McDonald  |
| 12/29 Richard Arend     |                       |



“Saint Michael the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen”.