



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.”***

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

AUGUST 2, 2026

August 6, 2026



The Transfiguration of the Lord

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Gaspar Del Bufalo
Please, send any info for Facebook to
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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

Saturday	4:30 PM	✝ Diane Zmyslo
Sunday	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✝ Winfield Vachon
Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	8:00 AM	✝ Ron Hess
Wednesday	8:00 AM	✝ Georgia Holmes
Thursday	8:00 AM	✝ Sandy North
Friday	8:00 AM	✝ Joseph Costello

YEARLY MINISTRY TRAINING

**We will begin with Adoration at 6:00 PM
with the training to follow.**

August 6—Eucharistic Ministers

August 13- Ushers

August 20 Lectors

We are pleased to inform you that we have scheduled a training for all liturgical ministers at St. Gaspar Del Bufalo for all current volunteers and anyone new that may be interested! According to the guidelines of our Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the Bishop strongly urges us to participate in one spiritual formation activity per year. Therefore, participation in this annual activity is required for everyone who performs any liturgical ministry at our parish. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!

July 26, 2026 Collections

Weekly Collection	\$3,496.75
Votives	\$124.50
Capital Campaign	\$170.00
Capital Campaign (online)	\$805.85
Capital Campaign (Kitchen)	
Online Giving (July 19-July 25)	\$761.67
Donations	\$300.00
Nigerian Mission	\$20.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$1,000.00
Rosary-Fancy Fair	\$220.00
Rosary Bricks	\$400.00
Retirement for Religious	\$1,214.00
TOTAL	\$8,512.77

Thank you for your generous giving



Rosary Sodality Commemorative Brick Fundraiser

The Rosary Sodality is offering a commemorative/memory bricks for purchase at **\$100.00 per brick.**

Each brick may contain up to 3 lines of text, with a maximum of **14 characters per line** including spaces and punctuation). Rosary Sodality members will be available after each Mass to display a sample brick, answer questions, and distribute order forms.

Ideas for your Brick:

- In memory of a loved one
- In honor of a wedding anniversary
- Names of families
- Important dates such as birthday
- A personal message or quote
- Recognition of special life events

Please join us for The Precious Blood Adoration Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00 PM.

Parish council will meet Tuesday August 4th after The Precious Blood Adoration.

St. Gaspar del Bufalo
Summer Family Festival
 Friday, August 14th from 5pm to 9pm



- Food 5pm to 8pm
- Children's Games 5pm to 7pm
- Live Music 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Corn Hole Tournament starts at 7pm (see sign up sheet in the narthex - or contact Matt Kelty to sign up or to lend your corn hole board for the night (260-418-9771)
- 50/50 - winner will be drawn at 8pm (must be present to win)

*Bring your family and friends and
 enjoy food, fun and fellowship!*

volunteers are needed - please see sign up sheet in the narthex

The Need for Blood

Through the generosity of volunteer blood donors, the American Red Cross helps millions of patients in over 2,600 hospitals across the country each year. Patients receiving treatment for cancer or blood disorders, those undergoing transplant surgery, mothers suffering from birthing complications and premature babies are all examples of patients who need blood. Chances are you know someone who has needed blood. Chances are someone in this parish, or more than one of us, has or will need blood in our lifetimes. In just an hour's time, you can help save up to three lives with a blood donation.

August marks American Adventures Month and Happiness Happens Month. You can do something brave and spread happiness by mapping out your plan to donate.

Every 2 seconds someone in America needs blood.

4,000 units of blood NEED to be collected by the Red Cross each day.

Please consider calling the number on the flyer or scan the QR code on the sheets that are posted around the parish to schedule an appointment.

SVdP Walk for Hope

**SUPPORT THE ST. GASPAR CONFERENCE OF THE
 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2026

Parkview Field
 1301 Ewing Street, Fort Wayne

- 12:30-2:30pm - Tailgate Party
 - Join us for food, fellowship, and music in the Parkview Field parking lot
- 2:00pm - Walk Registration begins
- 2:40pm - Presentation at Parkview Field
- 3:00pm - Walk/Run Begins
 - Route Options: 3 Miles, 1.25 miles or 1/3 mile

To sign up or donate, visit:
runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/SVdPWalkForHope

For event questions,
 contact Lara Schreck at 260-456-3561 x120 or
 Olivia Conn at olivia@svdpfortwayne.org

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 OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED:**



**SIGN UP TO WALK WITH THE
 ST. GASPAR CONFERENCE:**



Celebrate
MORE LIFE. GIVE BLOOD.



Blood Drive **St. Gaspar Catholic Church**

Parish Hall
 10871 IN-9
 Rome City

Thursday, August 27
12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter: STGASPAR to schedule an appointment.



**Come to give blood in August for a \$20 Amazon Gift
 Card by email. Terms: rcblood.org/August.**



Blood donation facts



Why patients need blood

- Cancer
- Childbirth complications
- Trauma
- Sickle cell disease
- Surgeries
- Transplants



A single blood donation may help save more than one life.

You can give blood
every 56 days, up
to 6 times a year.



1 in 7

patients entering a hospital
will need a blood transfusion.

Blood can't be manufactured.

It can only come from generous donors!

Fact:

You don't need to know
your blood type to donate.
All blood types are needed!



Every **two seconds** someone
in the U.S. needs blood.



Type O blood is most requested
by hospitals and is often in short supply.

Only 3 out of 100

Americans donate blood.
That's not enough.

Quick community service:

Blood donation only takes
about an hour.

The Donation Process



Giving whole blood is simple. The donation process, from the time you arrive until the time you leave, takes about an hour. The donation itself is only about 10 minutes. And the satisfaction you get from knowing you've helped change a life? Timeless.

Step 1: Registration

- You will read information about donating blood.
- You will be asked to complete a form with demographic and basic health information.
- You will be asked to show an American Red Cross donor card or positive ID.

Step 2: Health history and mini physical

- A trained staff person will ask you some health history questions during a private and confidential interview.
- You will have your temperature, iron level, blood pressure and pulse checked to protect your health and well-being.

Step 3: Donation

- Staff will cleanse an area on your arm and insert a needle for the blood drawing procedure.
- The actual process of donating blood takes approximately 7-10 minutes.
- When about a pint of blood has been collected, the staff will remove the needle and place a bandage on your arm.

Step 4: Refreshments

- You will spend a few minutes enjoying refreshments so your body can adjust to the slight decrease in fluid volume.
- Enjoy the feeling of knowing you've done something good.



Before you give: Get a good night's sleep, have a good breakfast or lunch, drink extra water and fluids (but avoid tea, coffee or caffeinated beverages), eat iron-rich foods like fortified cereals and broccoli, and avoid fatty foods like hamburgers, fries or ice cream.

While you give: Wear clothing with sleeves that can be raised above the elbow, show the staff "good veins" that have been used to draw blood in the past, and don't forget to relax.

After you give: Enjoy a snack and drink in our refreshment area. Drink plenty of fluids in the next 24 to 48 hours, avoid strenuous physical activity or heavy lifting for about five hours, and eat a well-balanced meal.

Remember: Donors seldom experience discomfort after giving, but if you feel light-headed, lie down until the feeling goes away. If bleeding occurs after you take off your bandage, apply pressure to the site and raise your arm until the bleeding stops. If bruising or bleeding appears under the skin, apply a cold pack. And if for any reason, something doesn't feel right, call the post-donation number at 1-866-236-3276.

Wear your badge of honor proudly! You've earned it!

Boxed Dinners

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 Hamburger Helper, canned ravioli, spaghetti, and macaroni & cheese, etc. and bring it back to St. Gaspar the first weekend in September 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!

FROM THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES: HELP MAKE 75,000 ROSARIES FOR ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN'S BEATIFICATION

On September 24, the Church will celebrate the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Before the Mass, tens of thousands of pilgrims will gather to pray the World Mission Rosary, and more than 75,000 rosaries are needed. Whether you make a few rosaries or many, your contribution will help support this historic celebration and a lasting legacy of prayer.

pontificalmissions.org/worldmissionrosary



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,

Mary Auman, Georgiana Becker, Joan Brown, Utah Bruns, George Dewald, Dean Domer, Kelli Dukehart, Dan Figel, Carmen G., Terry Gust, Marta Hartman, Charlene Hall, Dan & Jane Heingartner, Setsuko Hooven, Maureen James, Susan Jones, John & Cheri Kessen, Beth Klein, Melanie Kocevar, Toni & Kent Kraner, Sandy Krull, Kelly LaHaine, Lanny Leppo, Kiersten Logan, Irene Martin, Nathaniel Murray, Ryan O' Fallon, Betty Olry, Deborah Redd, Sheila Reiter, Dave Reynolds, Joan Robinson, Marilyn Schaefer, Larry Sievert, Daniel Staseck, John Staseck, Patty Staseck, Jala Stout, Jim Taylor, Jeanne Tracey, Pat Vachon, Lisa Vandervoort, and Jack Welsh.

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS YEARS 40TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Registered households should have received a mailing from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades inviting you to consider a donation to this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal, which funds roughly half of our Diocesan operating budget. To make a gift, donate online at diocesefwsb.org/aba, donate in person in the parish office, or donate by returning the pledge card included in your mailing. St. Gaspar extends an invitation to our summer parishioners to help us reach the \$25,343.11 goal for the 40th Annual Bishop's Appeal. Please consider making a contribution by picking up an envelope located on the window ledges in the narthex.

We sincerely appreciate your support!

Catholic Young Adult Town Hall Sessions

Young adults (ages 18–39) are invited to join the Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend for a Young Adult Town Hall. Come connect with other young adults, learn about opportunities to grow in faith and community, and share your ideas for young adult ministry in our diocese.

Fort Wayne: Tuesday, August 11, 6:45-8:15 p.m. at the Archbishop Noll Center

Mishawaka: Tuesday, September 1, 6:45-8:15 p.m. at the Saint John Paul II Center

Fort Wayne Theology on Tap Closing Mass & Celebration

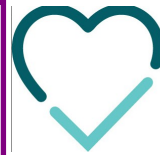
Young adults are invited to conclude the *Built for Communion: The Catholic Social Life* summer Theology on Tap series with a closing Mass and celebration on Tuesday, August 4. Mass is at 6:30 p.m., presided by Msgr. Thomas Shoemaker. A social will follow in the youth center with complimentary pizza and a cash bar. All young adults are welcome.

Learn more at diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw.

The Rosary Sodality will meet Tuesday, August 11th at 4:00 PM. We will be making blankets for SVDP. (bring sharp scissors)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/2 Sara Lake	8/2 Ashley Wetzel
8/3 Therese Langsenkamp	8/4 Matthew Yoder
8/9 Sharon Wilsey	8/10 June Beeber
8/11 Janeen Mayers	8/13 Andrew Filler
8/15 Christopher Lake	8/15 Corey Schamberger
8/16 Leigh Pranger	8/16 Karen Edwards
8/17 Theresa Luebke	8/17 Debra Edwards
8/17 Michael Gephart	8/22 Sherri Recker
8/22 Valerie Ley	8/25 Emily Beckstedt
8/25 Katie Ley	8/25 Samantha Ley
8/26 Ann Bruns	8/27 Teresa Gephart
8/29 Eugene Bruns	8/29 David Singleton
8/29 Carl Beckstedt	8/31 Daniel Heingartner



RIGHT TO LIFE
OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

WORKSHOPS

Learn to speak intelligently and graciously to the most pressing issue of our time-abortion. You'll leave prepared to confidently persuade others by exposing the logical fallacies of the abortion-choice rhetoric without the need for angry dialogue.

Noble County

First Christian Church

September 19, 2026

**National Day of Remembrance
for Aborted Children**

September 12, 2026

Formally called the Memorial for the unborn, we hold a memorial to remember the babies from Northeast Indiana who lost their lives to abortion. Held at Divine Mercy Funeral Home on 3500 Lake Ave. in Fort Wayne.

August 8-9, 2026

Altar Cloth: Sharon Wilsey

Altar Flowers: Margaret Baskett

Ushers and Greeters

Altar Servers

4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4:30 PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Jerry Goldsmith	Jeff Strong	Pam Neu	Cole & Grant Lake	Kaleb Strater	Michael Klein
Nancy Goldsmith	Geri Brown	Marilyn Benedict	Sawyer Christner	Sam Strater	Brayden & Chelsea Siebert

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	Lisa Owens	Deb Sieber	Deacon Ray Krouse	Kevin Strater	Roberta O'Boyle
		Elena Lock	Dennis Zmyslo	Robin Aspy	Therese Langsenkamp
			Margaret Baskett	Lori Starkey	Al Langsenkamp

Proclaimer Daily Masses

Collections

August 4	Bob Arnold		August 4	Laura Weaver	Barb Logan
August 11	Sharon Wilsey		August 11	Barb Tatman	Mary Krouse
August 18	Maddie Lock		August 18	Nancy Goldsmith	Barb Logan
August 25	Tim Worman		August 25	Terry Luebke	Margaret Baskett

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 5. THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS**

**II. THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH OF
HEAVEN AND EARTH**

959 In the one family of God. "For if we continue to love one another and to join in praising the Most Holy Trinity - all of us who are sons of God and form one family in Christ - we will be faithful to the deepest vocation of the Church."
IN BRIEF

960 The Church is a "communion of saints": this expression refers first to the "holy things" (sancta), above all the Eucharist, by which "the unity of believers, who form one body in Christ, is both represented and brought about" (LG 3).

961 The term "communion of saints" refers also to the communion of "holy persons" (sancti) in Christ who "died for all," so that what each one does or suffers in and for Christ bears fruit for all.

962 "We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always [attentive] to our prayers" (Paul VI, CPG # 30).



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