



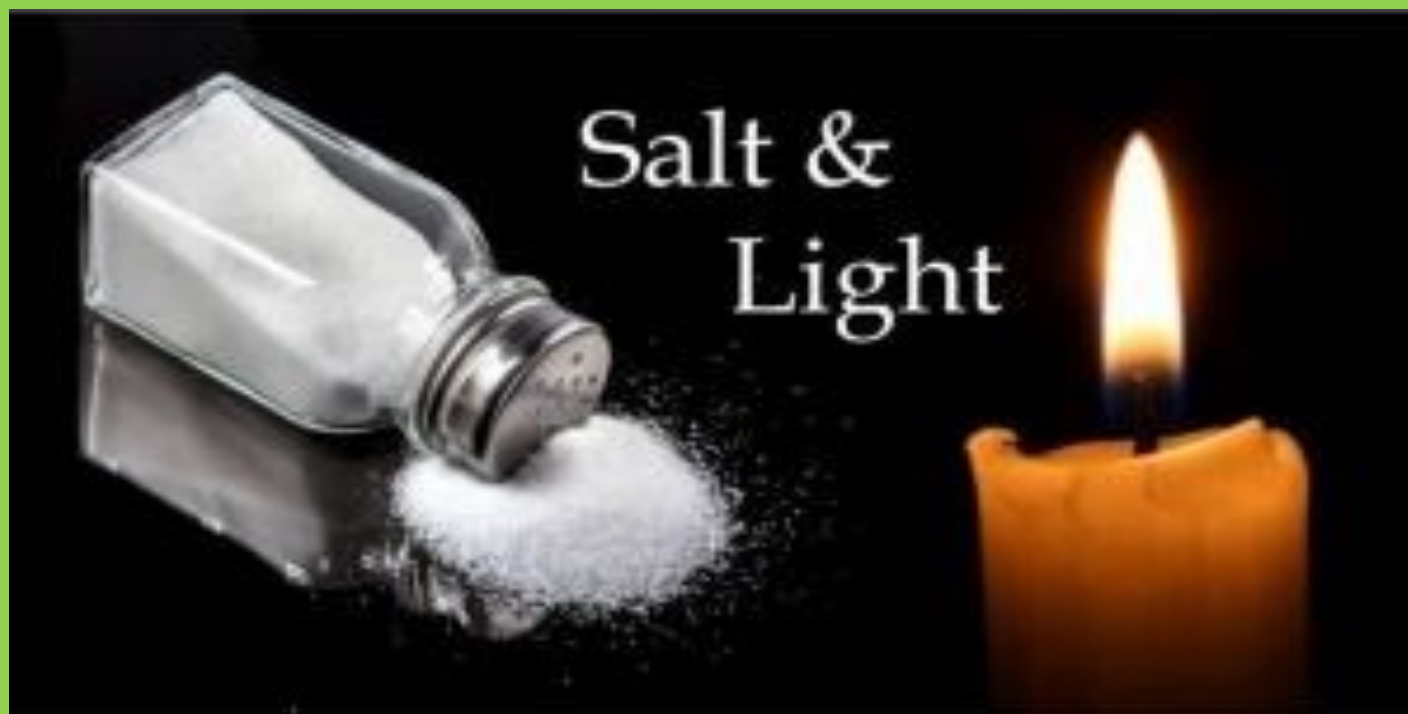
## St. Gaspar del Bufalo Catholic Church

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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.”*

FIFTH SUNDAY YEAR A

FEBRUARY 5, 2023



# Salt & Light

### Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

### 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 confession by calling the office.*

### Adoration

Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am

First Tuesday of the Month  
6:00pm to 7:00pm

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**Diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend**

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**Pianist – Angie Baczynski**

**Housekeeping – Tom Pfister**

**St Gaspar On-Line Giving Site:**

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

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**READING 1: Isaiah 58:7-10**

Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 112:4-5,6-7,8-9**

**R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (or: Alleluia).**

Light shines through the darkness for the upright; he is gracious and merciful and just. Well for the man who is gracious and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.

**R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (or: Alleluia).**

He shall never be moved; the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.

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**READING 2: 1Corinthians 2:1-5**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came

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**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city

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guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

An evil report he shall not fear; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

**R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (or: Alleluia).**

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear.

Lavishly he gives to the poor;

His justice shall endure forever;

his horn shall be exalted in glory.

**R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (or: Alleluia).**

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to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

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set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

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**PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**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 2. "CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY"**

**Mary's virginity**

496 From the first formulations of her faith, the Church has confessed that Jesus was conceived solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, affirming

also the corporeal aspect of this event: Jesus was conceived "by the Holy Spirit without human seed". The Fathers see in the virginal conception the sign that it truly was the Son of God who came in a humanity like our own. Thus St. Ignatius of Antioch at the beginning of the second century

says: You are firmly convinced about our Lord, who is truly of the race of David according to the flesh, Son of God according to the will and power of God, truly born of a virgin,. . . he was truly nailed to a tree for us in his flesh under Pontius Pilate. . . he truly suffered, as he is also truly risen.

497 The Gospel accounts understand the virginal conception of Jesus as a divine work that surpasses all human understanding and possibility: "That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit", said the angel to Joseph about Mary his fiancee. The Church sees here the fulfilment of the divine promise given through the prophet Isaiah: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son."

St. Gaspar Parish would like to announce the proposed marriage:

GROOM: Curtis A. Roloff Residence: Wisconsin, U.S.A Parents: Eric Fredrick Roloff & Marjorie Alice Papcke  
And

BRIDE: Vanessa B. Barcarse Residence: Abagao, Lai-lo, Cagayan Parents: Sosonte Barcarse & Rosario Bolanio  
They will be married in the Philippines on April 29, 2023

***We need volunteers!* The February Pilgrimage Site for Eucharistic Revival is St. Gaspar del Bufalo.**

Please consider signing up (two hours) on Tuesday or Thursday through the month of February to welcome other parishes to our church. They will learn about the history of St. Gaspar and St. Gaspar Parish. They will also learn about our churches beautiful stained glass windows that depict the seven sacraments and the seven lettings of the precious blood of Jesus. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area. Thank you!

There will be a Rosary Sodality Meeting February 14, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Weather permitting.

**Trivia Night**

**We need YOU!**

Please join us for Trivia Night February 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Dress up in your favorite Mardi Gras attire, and bring an appetizer to share. The cost is \$100. 00 per table (10 people per table) Please Call the office at 854-3100, text Karen at 336-1703 or contact Kevin Strater at 260-894-1073.

**EUCCHARISTIC SAINT FOR FEBRUARY: ST. PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

St. Peter Damian (988-1073) was born in Italy in 988 AD. He lost both parents at an early age and was treated cruelly by his eldest brother. He was a devout young man and an excellent student. He joined the Benedictine monks and became a prior in 1043. He was an ardent defender of the faith and was elevated to Cardinal in 1057. In 1053, he described a Eucharistic miracle that he directly witnessed. A sorceress asked a woman to bring her a consecrated Host. The woman went to Communion and hid the Host in her handkerchief. The priest stopped the woman, who then opened her handkerchief. To their surprise, they saw that half of the Host had been transformed into Flesh. St. Peter Damian died in 1072 or 1073 and is recognized as a doctor of the Church. His feast day is February 21.

**EUCCHARISTIC REFLECTION FOR FEBRUARY: TRANSFORMATION IN CHRIST**

We are impelled by the Eucharist to hear the cry of the poor and to respond in love. As Christians, we bear the responsibility to promote the life and dignity of the human person and to love and protect the most vulnerable in our midst: the unborn, migrants and refugees, victims of racial injustice, the sick, and the elderly. We must consider our every neighbor without exception as another self. We are also called to hear the cry of the earth and, likewise, respond with loving care. We look forward to the day when all evils will be eliminated, when the Kingdom of God is established in its fullness. God has called us out of sinful indifference to do whatever we can to contribute to the coming of the Kingdom. Through Christ, He has given us the grace we need to do this.

MASS INTENTIONS		
<b>Saturday</b>	4:30PM	† Dennis Hogan
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM	† People of the Parish
	10:00AM	† Gerald & Joyce Vandermeir
<b>Monday</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00AM	† Rita Garrett
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00AM	† Rose Worman
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00AM	† Dennis Hogan
<b>Friday</b>	8:00AM	† Suzanne Arnold

January 29, 2023 Collections	
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	2284.43
<b>Donations</b>	475.00
<b>Votives</b>	26.75
<b>Adult Religious Ed</b>	30.00
<b>Emergency Fund</b>	50.00
<b>Copier</b>	38.84
<b>First Offering Env.</b>	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,915.02</b>
<i>Thank you for your generous giving</i>	

George and Betty Vandermeir recently returned home from a Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. If anyone would like to speak with them about their trip, they would be happy to share their experience with you! Contact them at (765)206-1003

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**  
**September 18-28, 2023**  
**Pick up information in the gathering area**

FEBRUARY 2023 MINISTRY SCHEDULE					
Altar Cloth: Mary Krouse			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>
Chris Lake	Lynn Weaver	Bob Distler	Grant Lake	Kaleb Strater	George Vandermeir
Sara Lake	Laura Weaver	Meg Distler	Cole Lake	Sam Strater	
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>
Karen Edwards	Tim Worman	Kelly Payne 2/5 (both ) 2/12 & 2/19	Margaret Basket	Cathy Putman	John Cazier
	Dan Tatman	Ben Shortgen 2/12 & 2/26 (both readings)			
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
February 7	Tim Worman		February 7	Mary Krouse	Roberta O'Boyle
February 14	George Vandermeir		February 14	Margaret Basket	Nancy Goldsmith
February 21	Sharon Wilsey		February 21	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
February 28	Elena Lock		February 28	Margaret Basket	Roberta O'Boyle
March 7	Tim Worman		March 7	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
<b>Please call Karen 260-336-1703, if you are unable to serve. Thanks</b>					