



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.”

EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A

APRIL 5, 2026



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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

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| Saturday | 9:00 PM | ✠ Sally Ueber |
| Sunday | 7:30AM | ✠ Rose Worman |
| | 10:00AM | People of the Parish |
| Monday | 8:00 AM | NO MASS |
| Tuesday | 8:00 AM | Ben Schortgen birthday |
| Wednesday | 8:00 AM | ✠ Joseph Costello |
| Thursday | 8:00 AM | ✠ Jack Garrett |
| Friday | 8:00 AM | ✠ Mary Ellen Kress |

March 29, 2026 Collections

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Weekly Collection | \$3,133.50 |
| votives | \$28.00 |
| Donation | \$350.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$5,356.00 |
| Capital Campaign (online) | \$345.00 |
| Online Giving (Mar 22-28) | \$755.00 |
| Fish Fry | \$20.00 |
| Easter | \$200.00 |
| TOTAL | \$10,187.50 |

Thank you for your generous giving



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

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ATTENTION ALL LADIES

of St. Gaspar Parish

Please join us Tuesday, April 14th for a Rosary Sodality meeting at 6:00 PM.

A meal will be provided.

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00 PM.

Please join us for The Precious Blood Adoration on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:00 PM.

Kevin Matthews, legendary former radio broadcaster, will speak about his extraordinary journey, at Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center in Bloomington, IN. on May 20-22, 2026. The title of the retreat is, "**The Broken Mary Project**" Call: 812.825.4642 ext.1 or maryschildren.com

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The First Sunday After Easter

Sunday, April 12, 2026



THE PROMISE

Our Lord Jesus said, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

— Saint Faustina, Diary, 699

WHY IS THIS PROMISE FROM JESUS SO WONDERFUL AND MERCIFUL?

TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT AND SUFFERING:

The Catholic Church teaches that sin has two consequences, or punishments. (CCC 1472). The first is eternal punishment in which the soul loses Heaven and is confined to an eternity in Hell. This punishment is remitted through the forgiveness of sins. The second is temporal punishment, in which a person must expiate, or make reparation for his sins. This temporal punishment remains even after sin is forgiven. This temporal punishment is known as Purgatory.

So, Jesus's amazing promise to St. Faustina amounts to offering all mankind the graces of a COMPLETE PARDON; an opportunity to have all temporal punishment, time in Purgatory, that which would be necessary before entrance into Heaven, completely removed!

THE DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY

"I desire that there be a feast of mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be known as the Feast of Mercy."

THE IMAGE

"I desire that this image be venerated throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I promise victory over its enemies, already here on earth, and especially at the hour of death... I Myself will defend it as My own glory."

THE CHAPLET

"Pray unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation."

THE CONVERSION PRAYER

"If you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith, on behalf of some sinner, I will give that soul the grace of conversion:

'O Blood and Water that gushed forth from the heart of Jesus, as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.'

— Diary 186, 187

Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered."

— Diary 1397

SPREAD OF THE DEVOTION

"Do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. I will make up for what you lack."

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.

Our Lord's promises attached to the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as revealed to Saint Faustina Kowalska

1. "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image (of Divine Mercy) will not perish. I also promise victory over (its) enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory."
2. "The two rays denote Blood and Water... These two rays issued from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father... I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy...whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."
3. "I desire that the Feast of Mercy...be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter...The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion [in a state of grace on this day] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."
4. "Whoever will recite it [the Chaplet of Divine Mercy] will receive great mercy at the hour of death."
5. "Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy... I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy."
6. "The souls that say this Chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death."
7. "Souls who spread the honor of My mercy...at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior."
8. The prayer most pleasing to Me is Prayer for the Conversion for Sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered."
9. "My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world."
10. "To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak."
11. "Through this Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will."
12. "When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one."
13. "When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior."
14. "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony...I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion."

How to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Using the Rosary

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed.

2. Then, on the Our Father beads, say the following:

"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

3. On the 10 Hail Mary beads say the following:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

(Repeat Steps 2 and 3 for all five decades).

4 Conclude with (three times):

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Visit **DivineMercySunday.net** for additional resources.



EASTER FLOWER OFFERING IN MEMORY OF:

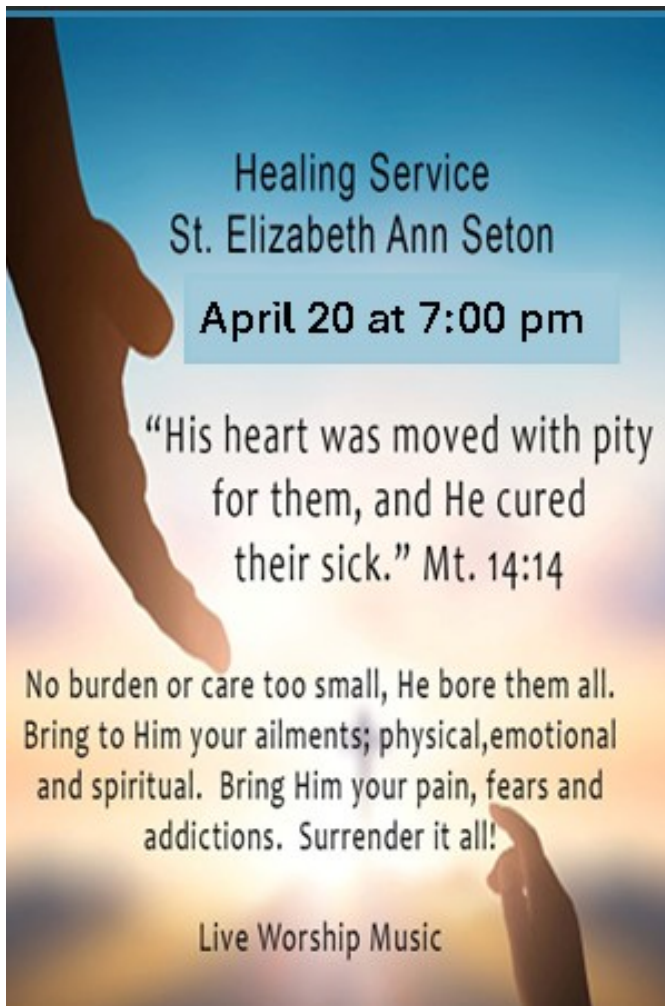


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Thank you to all who donated flowers
for the sanctuary! Have a Blessed,
Happy Easter!



Healing Service
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

April 20 at 7:00 pm

“His heart was moved with pity for them, and He cured their sick.” Mt. 14:14

No burden or care too small, He bore them all. Bring to Him your ailments; physical, emotional and spiritual. Bring Him your pain, fears and addictions. Surrender it all!

Live Worship Music

PIZZA AND A MOVIE

TRIUMPH OF THE HEART

THE PASSION OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

**Join us Sunday, April 19, 2026
1:00 PM**

BASED ON A TRUE STORY

This award winning film filled with the pressures of despair and starvation, appeals to Kolbe's humanity, illuminating hope in the darkest moments.



Congratulations!



Dean and Vicki Domer recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary . The OCIA group celebrated with them on Sunday, March 22, 2026.
Congratulations Dean and Vicki!



The Knights of Columbus are awarding scholarships to graduating seniors. The applicant must be a member of Immaculate Conception, St. Gaspar, or St. Joseph Catholic Churches. If you have a family member or know of someone who attends any of these parishes, please pick up a form from the table by the hymnals. The deadline to turn in is April 30, 2026.

5TH Annual Spring Banquet

April 13 / Doors open: 5:30PM / Kruse Plaza
Featuring Seth Gruber, a nationally recognized pro-life speaker and founder of The White Rose Resistance,. Known for his bold, articulate defense of unborn life and his mission to awaken the Church to courageous action, Seth brings a powerful message you won't want to miss.



4/2 Barb Logan 4/4 Marcia Ringler
 4/6 Marta Hartman 4/7 Benjamin Schortgen
 4/10 Samuel Strater 4/12 Faith Vandermeir
 4/13 Patrick Bragg 4/14 Margaret Distler
 4/17 Theresa Gust 4/18 April Pasquali
 4/19 Bryan Murray 4/19 Erik Fowerbaugh
 4/20 Ruth Singleton 4/23 Gary Shull
 4/23 Nancy Hulen 4/25 Margaret Scudder
 4/26 Robert Wyatt 4/27 Kathleen Bragg
 4/30 Jerome Goldsmith 4/30 Kevin Zmyslo

Boxed & Canned foods

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 boxed and canned food items such as hamburger helper, Hormel boxed meals, ravioli, spaghetti, instant potatoes etc. then bring it back to the Patroness the first weekend in May 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!

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

| April 11-12 2026 | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Altar Cloth: Kathy Pfister | | | 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 | Michael Klein | Cole & Grant Lake | Sam Strater | Chelsea Seibert |
| Nancy Goldsmith | Geri Brown | Maddie 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 | Lisa Owens | Ben Schortgen | Deacon Ray Krouse | Robin Aspy | Al Langsenkamp |
| | | Elena Lock | Gail Martin | Dave Putman | Therese Langsenkamp |
| | | | Dennis Zmyslo | Cathy Putman | Mary Krouse |
| Proclaimer Daily Masses | | | Collections | | |
| April 7 | Sharon Wilsey | | April 7 | Vicki Domer | |
| April 14 | Maddie Lock | | April 14 | Nancy Goldsmith | Mary Krouse |
| April 21 | Elena Lock | | April 21 | Barb Logan | Barb Tatman |
| April 28 | Tim Worman | | April 28 | 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 4. CHRIST'S FAITHFUL -
HIERARCHY, LAITY, CONSECRATED**

III. THE CONSECRATED LIFE

914 "The state of life which is constituted by the profession of the evangelical counsels, while not entering into the hierarchical structure of the Church, belongs undeniably to her life and holiness.

Evangelical counsels, consecrated life

915 Christ proposes the evangelical counsels, in their great variety, to every disciple. the

perfection of charity, to which all the faithful are called, entails for those who freely follow the call to consecrated life the obligation of practicing chastity in celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom, poverty and obedience. It is the profession of these counsels, within a permanent state of life recognized by the Church, that characterizes the life consecrated to God.

916 The religious state is thus one way of experiencing a "more intimate" consecration, rooted in Baptism and dedicated totally to God. In the consecrated life, Christ's faithful, moved by the Holy Spirit, propose to follow Christ more nearly, to give themselves to God who is loved above all and, pursuing the perfection of charity in the service of the Kingdom, to signify and proclaim in the Church the glory of the world to come.

Thank you for supporting **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, as encouraged by Pope Leo. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land, directly making a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region. You become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. **Thank you for your generosity!**



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Leave your name, number and a brief explanation of need. A Vincentian will return your call within 24 hours. Do you know someone who is sick or homebound? Please contact us if they would like a visit.



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