



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 IN ORDINARY TIME/YEAR C

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

*I will
sing
your
praises
Lord*



LUKE 5: 1-11

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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

| | | |
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| Saturday | 4:30 PM | ✝ William Gephart |
| Sunday | 7:30AM | People of the Parish |
| | 10:00AM | ✝ Jim & Ginny Neu |
| Monday | 8:00 AM | NO MASS |
| Tuesday | 8:00 AM | ✝ NO MASS |
| Wednesday | 8:00AM | ✝ NO MASS |
| Thursday | 8:00 AM | ✝ NO MASS |
| Friday | 8:00 AM | ✝ NO MASS |

**One-
To-
One
DONOR
MATCH
up to
\$400,000.**

If you are making a donation towards the \$400,000.00 Pledge, Please specify on your check or by writing a note that it goes to that specific pledge. Thank you for your very generous gift giving!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Because of your very generous giving, the matching donor amount doubled so far is **\$192,889.51** of the \$400,000. goal. God Bless you for helping St. Gaspar Parish reach our goal!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Sacramental Presence is related to Easter— **Christ appeared only to those who knew Him** in some way—to Magdalene, Peter, John, all the disciples. But He never appeared to Pilate, Herod, or Caiaphas.

The extra Presence is only for friends who want to become better friends.

Please join us on Wednesdays from 3:00– 6:00 PM. We must have two people in the church at all times.

There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area.

EXODUS 90– Download the App— for MEN over 18. Meet Wednesday evenings after Adoration (5:00-6:00). Contact Deacon Ray Krouse for more information.

February 2, 2025 Collections

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Weekly Collection | 3,586.25 |
| Donations | 100.00 |
| St. Vincent De Paul | 20.00 |
| votives | 16.60 |
| Emergency Fund | |
| Capital Campaign | 324.00 |
| Rosary (cookbook) | 8.00 |
| Copier Rental | 64.28 |
| Flowers | 20.00 |
| Cemetery | 500.00 |
| Total | \$4,639.13 |

Thank you for your generous giving

The Building Committee will meet
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday,
February 11, at 7:00 PM

Support Our Seminarian **Noah Isch**

Mount St. Mary's Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.
Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727
Parish: Sacred Heart Parish Warsaw



TRIVIA NIGHT

\$5.00 per person

SAVE THE DATE:

Please mark your calendars for Friday, February 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM

and ask your friends to join us for the 4Th Annual Trivia Night! Please bring snacks to share with everyone. Bring your own drinks as well. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. If you can't fill a whole table but still want to participate, **please come!** We will place you with others that do not have a full table. The theme is Hawaiian. We encourage you to dress up and decorate the tables in the Hawaiian theme. We will give all entry money back! There will be prizes for first and second place in the Trivia Questions. There will also be prizes for the best decorated table, and the best dressed Hawaiian. Please text Karen at 336-1703 or call the church at 854-3100 to get signed up.



The Knights of Columbus will be serving a pancake and sausage breakfast **THIS** weekend after the 7:30 AM Mass and February 23rd after the 10:00 AM Mass. Please mark your calendars and support our St. Gaspar's Knights of Columbus.



We are excited to bring Mike Spencer (Project-life Voice) to our church hall on March 22 from 9-noon to do a pro-life apologetic workshop!!! Mike teaches us how to approach the topic of abortion in a loving and compassionate way to all individuals (ages 7th grade through adults of all ages.... Never too old to learn!!!) Looking forward to seeing you there!!!



St. Vincent de Paul Society
Need assistance with rent/utilities?
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.



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! Nikki Becker, Utah Bruns, George Dewald, Dean Domer, Kelli Dukehart, Dan Figel, Terry Gust, Marta Hartman, Gerald & Charlene Hall, Jay Hayes, Setsuko Hooen, Maureen James, Susan Jones, Toni & Kent Kraner, Sandy Krull, Lisa Krull, Kelly LaHaine, Therese Langsenkamp, Lanny Leppo, Ladonna Magsamen, Irene Martin, Keith Merriman, Sandy North, Deborah Redd, Sheila Reiter, Joan Robinson, Marilyn Schaefer, Larry Sievert, Patty Staseck, Jeanne Tracey, Pat Vachon, and Jack Welsh.



2025 **REKINDLE THE FIRE** ON SALE SOON!



Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference

When: February 22, 2025

Where: The Coliseum in Fort Wayne

Speakers: Justin Fatica, Mark Hart, Michael Gormley, and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Cost: \$60 Register at Rekindlethefire.net

If you would like to carpool to the coliseum please contact Kevin Strater at 260-894-1073.

They will be meeting in St. Gaspar parking lot at 7:00 AM.

St. Dymphna's Refuge Presents:

Alzheimer's Association

Awareness Presentation

February 17, 2025 @7pm, Gathering Space

ST. Therese Catholic Church 2304 Lower Huntington Rd 46819

Alzheimers:
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Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that affects an individual's memory.

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260-747-9139
sttherescfw.org

A message to the Faithful of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades regarding the work of Catholic Charities in support of Refugees and Immigrants.

Certain news outlets continue to make claims that Catholic Charities participates in illegal immigration and human trafficking, earning large profits while doing so. As your Bishop and Chairman of the Board of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend, I can assure you these are false claims levied against our Catholic Charities agency. In fact, the complete opposite is true. Our diocesan Catholic Charities participates in pathways for legal immigration and supports survivors of human trafficking, while operating those programs at a fiscal deficit.

Inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, Catholic Charities follows the Gospel imperative to serve the most vulnerable among us and in alignment with the truth that we are all created in the image of God. This does not mean that we support open borders and disregard the rule of law. While the Catholic Church recognizes and respects the right of every nation to regulate its borders for the common good, we must balance this with the rights of vulnerable migrants to access protection, and with the fundamental right of all to life and dignity as human persons; as well as the rights of parents and the family, the cradle of life and love, the first and most vital cell of society.

False statements have also been made about the U.S. Refugee Admission Program (USRAP), which our Catholic Charities agency has participated in since inception of this federal program in 1980. USRAP is the formal process by which people are legally resettled in the United States as refugees. Resettlement through USRAP is distinct from the U.S. asylum process. Any person resettled through USRAP is first screened, vetted, and approved by the U.S. government while outside of the United States. They also receive medical evaluations, a cultural orientation, and other services that maximize their ability to successfully integrate and contribute productively to American communities. Economic self-sufficiency (as measured by independence from the public welfare system) and successful community integration are the primary outcome measures of the Program.

Catholic Charities is a contracted resettlement agency working under the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Funds received are used to provide financial support for the first 90 to 240 days after arrival, until the refugee families become economically self-sufficient; provide immigration legal services as they study to become U.S. citizens; as well as to partially pay for the staff that provide those services. In their latest fiscal year, Catholic Charities received \$3.0 million in contract revenue and spent \$3.2 million to administer the program.

For accurate information of the Migration Services provided by our Diocesan Catholic Charities agency, as well as their other good works, please visit their website at <https://ccfwsb.org>. I am grateful for the countless contributions that our refugees and immigrants provide to our communities. During this time in our nation, I particularly ask the Catholic faithful to remember Jesus, Mary, and Joseph — the Holy Family — who were compelled to leave their land and migrate to Egypt. Let us pray to the Holy Family for migrant families compelled to leave their homelands because of violence, extreme poverty, or persecution and are now exposed to grave danger. May the Lord protect them and may the Lord inspire our nation to exercise justice and compassion.

Ladies!



Join us in February for Kingdom Builders

Child of God ~ We often forget the honor it is to call the God of the universe ~ Our Father. Being made in His image means that our lives have the power to echo back His love. Ladies ~ Join us in February to embrace the power, love, and authority given to us His beloved daughters.

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church - Avilla

 *Kingdom Builders*
www.BuildingThroughHim.com

February birthdays



2/1 Geraldine Brown
2/3 Ellen Gephart
2/5 Tamila Kelty
2/5 Madalitso Didier
2/7 Kaleb Strater
2/8 Jacob Lock
2/11 Michael Klein
2/14 Joe Patton
2/14 Regina Ley
2/20 Janet Schoenle
2/22 Traci Blaize
2/23 Laura Berghoff
2/27 Tony Jones

2/1 Leah Baranowski
2/4 James Burns
2/5 Scherrie Hohenstein
2/6 Gerald Hall
2/8 William Creigh
2/9 Tracy Strater
2/13 Robert Berghoff
2/14 Robert Jordan
2/14 Elaina Didier
2/22 George Vandermeir
2/23 Pamela Baker
2/26 Pamela Neu
2/28 Daniel Morris

| February 15-16, 2025 | | | | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| Altar Cloth: Mary Krouse | | | Altar Flowers: Joe Ryne | | |
| Ushers and Greeters | | | Altar Servers | | |
| 4.30PM | 7:30AM | 10:00AM | 4.30PM | 7:30AM | 10:00AM |
| Mike Edwards | Jeff Strong | Rebecca Lock | Cole Lake | Kaleb Strater | Chelsea Seibert |
| Karen Edwards | Dave Putman | Maddie Lock | Sawyer Christner | Sam Strater | 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 |
| Lisa Owens | Tracy Strater | Elena Lock | volunteer | Deacon Ray Krouse | Mary Krouse |
| | Kaleb Strater | Matt Lock | Gail Martin | Kevin Strater | volunteer |
| | | | Karen Edwards | Cathy Putman | volunteer |
| Proclaimer Daily Masses | | | Collections | | |
| February 11 | Sharon Wilsey | | February 11 | Margaret Baskett | Nancy Goldsmith |
| February 18 | Maddie Lock | | February 18 | Mary Krouse | Nancy Goldsmith |
| February 25 | Elena Lock | | February 25 | Laura Weaver | Vicki Domer |
| March 4 | Tim Worman | | March 4 | Margaret Baskett | Nancy Goldsmith |
| 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 1. THE CHURCH IN GOD'S PLAN**

I. NAMES AND IMAGES OF THE CHURCH

751 The word "Church" (Latin ecclesia, from the Greek ek-ka-lein, to "call out of") means a convocation or an assembly. It designates the assemblies of the people, usually for a religious purpose. Ekklesia is used frequently in the Greek Old Testament for the assembly of the Chosen People before God, above all for their assembly on Mount Sinai where Israel received the Law and was established by God as his holy

people. By calling itself "Church," the first community of Christian believers recognized itself as heir to that assembly. In the Church, God is "calling together" his people from all the ends of the earth. the equivalent Greek term Kyriake, from which the English word Church and the German Kirche are derived, means "what belongs to the Lord."

752 In Christian usage, the word "church" designates the liturgical assembly, but also the local community or the whole universal community of believers. These three meanings are inseparable. "The Church" is the People that God gathers in the whole world. She exists in local communities and is made real as a liturgical, above all a Eucharistic, assembly. She draws her life from the word and the Body of Christ and so herself becomes Christ's Body.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser



<https://christchildfw.org/donate>

The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne's Baby Bottle fundraiser Reminder: The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne reminds you to return your baby bottle filled with spare change to St. Gaspar **NEXT WEEK-END**, February 16th. The organization is grateful for your generosity and support. No contribution is too small. If desired, checks can be made payable to: Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne, P.O. Box 12708. Fort Wayne, IN, 46864. Your generosity will go a long way in helping this philanthropic, all volunteer organization, whose mission is to meet the needs of children and their families in our community. To learn more about the Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne, please visit www.christchildsfwy.org.

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