



## 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.”*

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR B

DECEMBER 31, 2023



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**Chairperson Finance Committee - Cathy Putman**  
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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

6:00pm to 7:00pm



Father Louis blessed the Chalice that was presented to him from the Knights of Columbus.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**NEW YEARS EVE:** Sunday December 31st

**7:30 AM and 10:00 AM** normal Mass schedule

**New Years Day:** Monday January 1, 2024

**MASS IS AT NOON!**

**Ushers:** Alan and Margaret Baskett

**Servers:** Kaleb and Sam Strater

**Proclaimers:** Matt and Elena Lock

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Ray Krouse, Dave and Cathy Putman.

***The Strater Family will be serving Sauerkraut and Dumplings again this year! Bring a dish and join us after Mass at noon, to celebrate the New Year! Hope to see you there!***

**December 24, 2023 Collections**

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	2614.25
<b>Donations</b>	2750.00
<b>Votives</b>	298.00
<b>Christmas</b>	3079.00
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	27.00
<b>Sanctuary Flowers</b>	50.00
<b>Altar &amp; Rosary</b>	100.00
<b>Children Weekly</b>	10.00
<b>Retirement for Religious</b>	20.00
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	892.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>9840.29</b>

***Thank you for your generous giving***

**THEOLOGY ON TAP: WINTER 2024 – FORT WAYNE**

Young people in their 20s and 30s are invited to the Winter 2024 Theology on Tap Series titled “Light in the Darkness.” The series is set to explore mental health and the Catholic tradition, love and intimacy, finances, truth, and evil through engaging speakers from the community. The weekly series runs every Tuesday from January 16 through February 13. The event takes place at 2Toms Brewing Company, located at 3676 North Wells Street. Doors, food, and cash bar open at 7. Weekly talks begin at 7:30 p.m. Come for the food and drink, explore your faith, and invite a friend. Check out the speaker line-up and more info at

[diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw](http://diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw).



**FROM THE CATECHISM:  
PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH  
SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS  
CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST,  
THE ONLY SON OF GOD.**

**Article 4**

**"JESUS CHRIST SUFFERED UNDER  
PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED  
AND WAS BURIED"**

**Paragraph 2. JESUS DIED CRUCIFIED**

**III. CHRIST OFFERED HIMSELF TO HIS  
FATHER FOR OUR SINS**

Christ's whole life is an offering to the Father  
606 The Son of God, who came down "from  
heaven, not to do (his) own will, but the will of  
him who sent (him)", said on coming into the  
world, "Lo, I have come to do your will, O God."  
"and by that will we have been sanctified through  
the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for

all." From the first moment of his Incarnation the  
Son embraces the Father's plan of divine  
salvation in his redemptive mission: "My food is  
to do the will of him who sent me, and to  
accomplish his work." The sacrifice of Jesus "for  
the sins of the whole world" expresses his loving  
communion with the Father. "The Father loves  
me, because I lay down my life", said the Lord,  
"(for) I do as the Father has commanded me, so  
that the world may know that I love the Father."  
607 The desire to embrace his Father's plan of  
redeeming love inspired Jesus' whole life, for his  
redemptive passion was the very reason for his  
Incarnation. and so he asked, "and what shall I  
say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for  
this purpose I have come to this hour." and  
again, "Shall I not drink the cup which the Father  
has given me?" From the cross, just before "It is  
finished", he said, "I thirst."

**ANDREW DINNERS FOR YOUNG MEN  
DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD**

The vocations Office is hosting two Andrew  
Dinners for young men ages 16 to 30 to learn  
more about seminary and the priesthood. The  
dinners will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday,  
January 4, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort  
Wayne, with Holy Hour beginning at 5 p.m., and  
on Friday, January 5, at St. Pius X in Granger,  
with Holy Hour beginning at 5:00 p.m. If you or  
someone you know is interested in  
attending, talk to your pastor for more  
information. RSVP is required by Wednesday,  
December 27 at [diocesefwsb.org/discern-  
priesthood](http://diocesefwsb.org/discern-priesthood) or call [260-422-4611](tel:260-422-4611).



**January Birthdays**

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1/2 Martha Dewald     | 1/2 Margery Taylor    |
| 1/2 John Edwards      | 1/3 Julie Ryne        |
| 1/3 Tina Konrath      | 1/4 Anna Merriman     |
| 1/4 Brooklyn McDonald | 1/9 Michael Scudder   |
| 1/14 Faith Budreau    | 1/15 Richard Schaffer |
| 1/15 Greg Bennett     | 1/16 Tom Kennerk      |
| 12/16 Tony Starkey    | 1/19 Tom Beeber       |
| 1/19 Sydney Grayless  | 1/22 Paul Hartman     |
| 1/23 Jonathon Bragg   | 1/26 Todd Duesler     |
| 1/27 Nicholas Klein   | 1/28 Austin Farris    |

**The Parish Council will meet  
Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:00 PM**

**CUPERTINO CLASSIC: PRIESTS V.  
SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME**

The annual Cupertino Classic priests vs. seminarians  
basketball game will take place on Wednesday, December  
27, at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne. Join  
us for this great night of Catholic fellowship to encounter  
vocations and enjoy the game! The day kicks off with  
Mass at 3:45 p.m. in the Queen of All Saints Chapel,  
located in Bishop Dwenger High School. Adoration will  
follow Mass until 6 p.m. Tipoff is at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is  
invited to this free family-friendly event. Please pray for  
continued vocations to the priesthood. For more  
information, visit [diocesefwsb.org/Cupertino](http://diocesefwsb.org/Cupertino).

**DIOCESAN MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE**  
Young adults are invited to join Bishop Rhoades  
at the Indiana March for Life in Indianapolis on  
January 22, 2024. This one-day pilgrimage  
invites us to focus our efforts on state level  
advocacy and engagement to support pro-life  
legislation within our state, working for local  
efforts to support unborn children and mothers in  
need. The cost is \$65 and includes lunch. For  
more information and to register, go  
to [diocesefwsb.org/march-for-life](http://diocesefwsb.org/march-for-life).

**The Parish office will be closed Tuesday January 2, 2024.**

MASS INTENTIONS		
<b>Saturday</b>	4:30PM	✠ Wanda Maroney
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✠ Jim Neu
<b>New Years Day</b>	12:00 PM	✠ Dennis Hogan
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	NO MASS

**NOTRE DAME FOLK CHOIR TO PERFORM IN FORT WAYNE** The Notre Dame Folk Choir will begin a tour of the Midwest in January that will bring them to Fort Wayne. They will perform a concert at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, January 15, at 11:30 a.m. For more information about the choir, visit [folkchoir.nd.edu/events](http://folkchoir.nd.edu/events). The Notre Dame Folk Choir is one of the principal liturgical choirs on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, and performs every Sunday during the academic year at the noon liturgy in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. A graphic is attached for use in advertising the performance.

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**Please join us for The Precious Blood Adoration January 2, at 6:00 PM**

**First Saturday Mass at Patroness of America January 6, 2024 at 11:00 AM.**

January 7, 2023 MINISTRY SCHEDULE					
Altar Cloth: Kathy Pfister			Altar Flowers: Mary Krouse		
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	Dave Putman	Tom Pfister	Paige McDonald	Kaleb Strater	Matt Kelty or
Sara Lake	Cathy Putman	John O'Boyle	Natalie McDonald	Sam Strater	George Vandermeir
<b>Proclaimers: Saturday and Sunday</b>			<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>		
<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
Gail Martin	Sam Strater	Michelle Barranda	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse
	Tracy Strater	Ben Schortgen	Karen Edwards	Laure Weaver	Al Langsenkamp
			Maragret Baskett	Roberta O'Boyle	Terese Langsenkamp
<b>Proclaimer Daily Masses</b>			<b>Collections</b>		
January 2	No Mass		January 2	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
January 9	NO MASS		January 9	Margaret Baskett	Roberta O'Boyle
January 16	NO MASS		January 16	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
January 23	NO MASS		January 23	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
<b>Please call Karen 260-336-1703, if you are unable to serve. Thanks</b>					