

St. Gaspar del Bufalo Catholic Church

10871 North – State Road 9, Rome City, Indiana 46784 www.stgasparrc.org +1-260-854-3100 or 866-706-5012 Fax 260-854-4083 <u>info@stgasparrc.org</u> *"We must let it be known how the Blood of Christ cleanses the souls and sanctifies them, particularly by means of the sacraments."*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

APRIL 23, 2023

Lord, You will show us the path of Life

Office Hours Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00am to 6:00pm

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 reconciliation by calling the office.

Adoration

Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am Precious Blood Adoration First Tuesday of the Month 6:00pm to 7:00pm

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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 3 "HE WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AND WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY" Paragraph 3. THE MYSTERIES OF CHRIST'S LIFE

II. THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' INFANCY AND **HIDDEN LIFE**

The preparations

522 The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant". He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.

523 St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High", John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom", whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah", John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.524 When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

Ft. Wayne Sacred Music Concert. Due to illness in the Cathedral Choir, the Sacred Music year include Good News! Nights, Evangeliza-Concert scheduled for Thursday, April 27, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience. Remaining

Eucharistic Revival activities for the diocesan tion training, and the cross-diocesan Eucharistic Procession. Go to diocesefwsb.org/ eucharist for more information.

Cross-Diocesan Procession. As the National Eucharistic Revival prepares for a cross-country Eucharistic pilgrimage in the summer of 2024, our diocese is serving as a pilot by hosting our own cross-diocesan Eucharistic procession this

summer, from June 4th through Corpus Christi Sunday June 11th. For information on how you can participate and to register, go to diocesefwsb.org/eucharist.

Evangelization Training. Saturday, May 6th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Vincent Parish in Ft. Wayne. As part of the Eucharistic Revival, become equipped as a Eucharistic missionary to confidently and peacefully share your Catholic faith in the Eucharistic Lord with anyone by

attending one-day evangelization training offered by the St. Paul Evangelization Institute. The program includes a light breakfast and lunch. For more information and to register, go to diocesefwsb.org/eucharist."

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April Pilgrimage Site – St. Pius X Parish – Granger. St. Pius X (1835-1914) was known as the "Pope of the Eucharist" for encouraging frequent Holy Communion, lowering the age for first communion, and reforming the liturgy. Inside the church is a mosaic (to the right of the sanctuary), statue, and stained-glass image of

St. Pius X. And be in awe of the beautiful sanctuary, giving glory to our Eucharistic Lord on the altar and in the tabernacle. For information and how to join the monthly pilgrimage and receive a free Catholic gift, go to

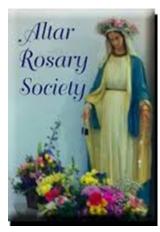
diocesefwsb.org/eucharist.

Eucharistic Reflection for April – Conversion cont. "Receiving the Eucharist presupposes that one is in communion with the Church. If a Catholic were knowingly and obstinately to reject the defined doctrines or moral teachings of the Church, he or she would seriously diminish his or her communion with the Church and should thereby refrain from receiving Holy Communion. Before we receive Holy Communion, we should

Saint for April - St. Catherine of Sienna. She was a third-order Dominican known for her great care of the sick and her profound love of Jesus in the Eucharist. Visions and ecstasies often lasting 3-4 hours took place at Communion. For the seven-year period prior to her death, Saint Catherine took no food into her body other than the Eucharist. She once wrote "O man, what has votion at diocesefwsb.org/eucharist." your God left you? He has left you Himself,

make a good examination of conscience to ensure that we are properly disposed. If we find that we have broken communion with Christ and his Church, the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation provides us with the merciful opportunity to recover the gift of sanctifying grace and to be restored to full communion with God and the church. Read this month's full reflection at diocesefwsb.org/eucharist."

wholly God and wholly Man, concealed under the whiteness of bread. O fire of love! In the excess of Your love for Your creature, You gave to man your whole divine essence..." She was declared a doctor of the church in 1970 and a patron saint of Europe in 1999. Her feast day is April 29th. Learn more about her Eucharistic de-



Please join us for a carry in dinner Tuesday, May 9th at 5:00 pm. This is for any woman in the Parish thinking about or wanting to join the Rosary Sodality. Please call the office at 854-3100 to sign up or you can text to 260-336-1703. Please let Karen Edwards know what you will be bringing (salad, meat dish, or dessert) If you have any

questions about the Rosary Sodality you can contact Laura Weaver at 260-515-5411

THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus for serving Pancakes and sausage! And thank all those who help with cleaning up. We are so grateful for the fellowship!

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR FIRST COMMUNION!

Congratulations to Paige and Natalie **McDonald** as they make their first Holy Communion and Confirmation Sunday April 23rd at the 10:00 am Mass. We are praying each time they receive the Eucharist, they will be reminded of all that Jesus did and how much he loves them!



Please bring your children and grandchildren and join us for an egg hunt May 7th after the 10:00 am Mass. May is the month of Mary so we ask her in prayer to intercede for us. Please join us in the crowning of our Blessed Mother on the weekend of May 7th.

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MASS INTENTIONS					
Saturday	4:30PM	+			
Sunday	7:30AM	+			
	10:00AM	+			
Monday		NO MASS			
Tuesday	8:00AM	+			
Wednesday	8:00AM	+			
Thursday	8:00AM	+			
Friday	8:00AM	+			

Next Week: There will be a Special Collection for Pentecost Sunday. The collection is for Seminary Education. Please be as generous as you can. God Bless you!

April 16, 2023 Collections					
Weekly Collection	2958.00				
Donations	300.00				
Votives	33.50				
Emergency Fund	36.00				
Franciscans of Mary	30.00				
Holy Land	25.00				
Home Missions	10.00				
Total	3392.50				
Thank you for your generous giving					

		April 30 , 2023 MI	NISTRY SCHEDULE				
Altar Cloth: Kathy Pfister			Altar Flowers: Karen Edwards				
Ushers and Greeters			Altar Servers				
4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM		
Jerry Goldsmith	Dave Putman	Sam Lash	Grant Lake	Kaleb Strater	Matt Kelty		
Nancy Goldsmith	Cathy Putman	Pam Neu	Cole Lake	Sam Strater			
Proclaimers: Saturday and Sunday		Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion					
4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM		
Karen Edwards	Tracy Strater	Michelle Barranda	Margaret Baskett	Roberta O'Boyle	Mary Lash		
	Sam Strater	Elena Lock	John Kessen	Kevin Strater	Bob Distler		
			Bob Berghoff	Robin Aspy			
Proclaimer Daily Masses		Collections					
April 25	Elena Lock		April 25	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer		
May 2	Tim Worman		May 2	Roberta O'Boyle	Margaret Baskett		
May 9	Mary Krouse		May 9	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith		
May 16	Sharon Wilsey		May 16	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer		
May 23	Elena Lock		May 23	Roberta O' Boyle	Volunteer		
Please call Karen 260-336-1703, if you are unable to serve. Thanks							