



## 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 OF EASTER YEAR C

MAY 18, 2025



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**POPE LEO XIV**  
**ROBERT FRANCIS PREVOST**

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**“PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL”**

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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

<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 PM	✝ Joseph Costello
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM 10:00AM	✝ Jerry Putman People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Jack Welsh
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ William Gephart
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Rose Worman
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Kathleen Costello

### May 11, 2025 Collections

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	\$ 2,963.76
<b>votives</b>	\$45.00
<b>Donations</b>	\$500.00
<b>Children's</b>	\$5.00
<b>SVDP</b>	\$40.00
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	\$970.00
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	\$889.00
<b>Online giving</b>	\$588.13
<b>freight</b>	\$22.00
<b>Religious Education</b>	\$1,174.89
<b>Right to Life</b>	\$282.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,479.78</b>

*Thank you for your generous giving*

**One-  
To-  
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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 **\$268,059.46** of the \$400,000. goal. God Bless you for helping St. Gaspar Parish reach our goal!

### LITURGICAL TRAINING

We are pleased to inform you that we have scheduled a training for all liturgical ministers at St. Gaspar Del Bufalo for all current volunteers and anyone new that might be interested! According to the guidelines of our Diocese of Fort Wayne– South Bend, the Bishop strongly urges us to participate in one spiritual formation activity per year. Therefore, participation in this annual activity is required for everyone who performs any liturgical ministry at our parish

**There is a sign up sheet  
in the gathering area.**

\*\*\*Eucharistic ministers and Lectors—Saturday June 14th at 9:00 a.m.

\*\*\* Altar servers and ushers — Saturday June 14th at 10:00 a.m.

### PLENARY INDULGENCE OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR

As part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, the faithful are invited to receive special indulgences by participating in particular acts of devotion and charity. By fulfilling the required conditions—including confession, Eucharistic communion, prayer for the intentions of the Pope, and more—you can open the door to God's grace and mercy in a profound way. For the specific requirements for obtaining indulgences, visit [diocesefwsb.org/jubilee25](https://diocesefwsb.org/jubilee25).



### **Pro Life Summer Camp**

This 3-day event, open to high school and college-aged students, equips young people to speak confidently and graciously to the most pressing moral issue of our time—abortion. Join Right to Life of northeast Indiana Thursday, June 12— Saturday, June 14th, on the University of St. Francis campus. The registration fee includes meals and snacks., dorm room housing, teaching materials, and a Life Defenders t-shirt. Registration at [ichooselife.org/camp](http://ichooselife.org/camp).

### **Day of Dobbs Celebration**

Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana for an open house and cookout on June 21st from 11 am-3 pm at 3106 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, to commemorate the Dobbs Supreme Court decision anniversary! This is a fun, family-friendly educational event celebrating the gift of life and the return of abortion laws to the states. Learn more at [ichooselife.org/dobbs](http://ichooselife.org/dobbs).



### **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! Utah Bruns, George Dewald, Martha Dewald, Dean Domer, Kelli Dukehart, Dan Figel, Terry Gust, Marta Hartman, Charlene Hall, Kora Havert, Jay Hayes, Setsuko Hooven, Maureen James, Susan Jones, Beth Klein, Toni & Kent Kraner, Sandy Krull, Lisa Krull, Kelly LaHaine, Lanny Leppo, Ladonna Magsamen, Irene Martin, Sandy North, Deborah Redd, Sheila Reiter, Joan Robinson, Marilyn Schaefer, Larry Sievert, Patty Staseck, Jeanne Tracey, Pat Vachon, and Jack Welsh.



*St. Dymphna's Refuge  
Mental Health Peer Support Group  
Meeting May 19, 2025, 7:00pm  
Church Gathering Space St. Therese  
Catholic Church*

**ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE** With praise and thanksgiving, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will ordain Johnathon Hickey, Noah Isch, Samuel Martinez, and Greenan Sullivan to the diaconate through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit. The ordination will take place on Saturday, May 24, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. All are welcome!

PLEASE JOIN US EVERY DAY  
THROUGH THE MONTH OF  
MAY FOR EUCHARISTIC  
ADORATION FROM 3:00 P.M. –  
4:00P.M. WE WILL BE PRAYING  
THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET  
AND PRAYING THE ROSARY.



### **THE CHOSEN**

**WE WILL BE RECEIVING THE CHOSEN DVD SERIES 1-4 SOON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHECK OUT THE DVD'S STOP IN THE OFFICE TO SIGN UP. WE WILL PLAN A DATE SOMETIME IN JULY TO SHOW SEASON 5.**

LIFE DEFENDERS

# SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 12TH-14TH, 2025

HELD AT UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS, FORT WAYNE



REGISTER NOW

[ichooselife.org/camp](http://ichooselife.org/camp)



Save the date!

**Saturday, July 19, 2025**

DIVINE GOLF

**HOLE IN ONE**

CHANCE TO WIN A FREE, 2 YR. LEASE, ON A CAR FROM  
**MAX PLATT FORD, LINCOLN, MERCURY**

**There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area. If you would like to play but do not have a team, please sign up. We will try to accommodate everyone.**

## PIZZA & BOWLING

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an afternoon of bowling at K Vegas bowl in Kendallville on Sunday May 18th from 2-4. This is open to all families. The cost is \$15/person for 2 hours of bowling. This includes the shoes and the Knights are providing pizza and pop.



The Knights of Columbus will be on will meet on May 21st at St. Gaspar, starting with Exemplification at 6:45.

### A Message from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Election of Pope Leo XIV

I welcome the news of the election of our new Pope, Leo XIV, with joyful hope. His first words to Rome and to the world from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica were the words of greeting of the Risen Jesus to His disciples: 'Peace be with you!' These are simple and beautiful words of greeting from our new Holy Father, the successor of St. Peter, who expressed the desire that these words of peace enter our hearts, our families, and our world.

I remember serving in one of the working groups with Cardinal Prevost at the Synod of Bishops in Rome. We sat next to each other, and I enjoyed our conversations. Cardinal Prevost was a very good listener, and, when he spoke, he rather quietly offered his own prayerful insights into the topics we were discussing. I was impressed by his intelligence, kindness, and humility. I was not surprised that, as an Augustinian friar, he quoted these words of St. Augustine in his greeting to us: 'With you, I am a Christian; for you I am a bishop.' Pope Leo has invited all of us to walk together in unity toward the homeland that God has prepared for us. I hope that in an often-divided society and world, we will heed these words and work to build unity in the Church and in the world. It is hard to imagine the weight on the shoulders of our new Holy Father, so I invite all the faithful of our diocese to pray for him. May God bless Pope Leo XIV with the wisdom, grace, and fortitude he will need to serve the Church and the world after the heart of Christ, the Good Shepherd!

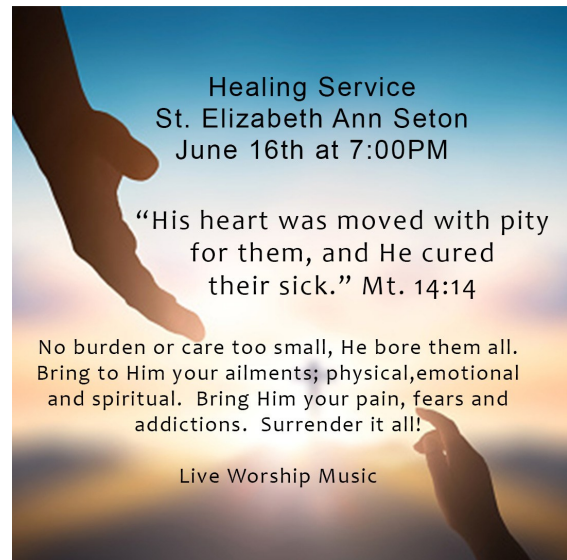


*Jane and Don Farrelly  
would like to thank all  
those who extended their  
prayers, sympathy, and  
support for the loss of their  
son-in-law Brad Beck.*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/1 Bob Arnold	5/2 Sandy North
5/2 Suzanne Bennett	5/2 Alesia Farris
5/2 Adam Merriman	5/3 Stanislaw Koczorowska
5/3 Griffen Kline	5/4 Donna Rauch
5/5 Brian Bowers	5/10 John Staseck
5/11 Edwards Berleman	5/12 John Cazier
5/13 Jane Bowers	5/16 Jim Gust
5/16 Elizabeth Klein	5/17 Kendall Billows
5/21 Floyd Miller	5/21 Rebecca Lock
5/23 Theodore Jacquay	5/24 Catherine Havert
5/24 Janice Berleman	5/27 Jonathan Sieber
5/28 Betty Vandermeir	5/28 Kevin Konrath
5/29 Jan Reeves	5/31 Mycal Mansfield



### May 24-25 2025

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
Tony Ley	Kevin Strater	Bob Distler	Cole & GrantLake	Kaleb Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Regina Ley	Tracy Strater	Meg Distler	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
Sara Lake	Bob Arnold	Ben Schortgen	Gail Martin	Roberta O'Boyle	Deacon Ray Krouse
	Tim Worman	Elena Lock	Margaret Baskett	Dave Putman	Terry Luebke
			Karen Edwards	Cathy Putman	Mary Krouse
			volunteer	Robin Aspy	Lori Starkey
			volunteer	Bob Berghoff	volunteer
			volunteer	Steve Smith	volunteer

#### Proclaimer Daily Masses

#### Collections

May 20	Elena Lock		May 20	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
May 27	Tim Worman		May 27	Margaret Baskett	Terry Luebke
June 3	Mary Krouse		June 3	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
June 10	Bob Arnold		June 10	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer

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 2. THE CHURCH - PEOPLE OF GOD, BODY  
OF CHRIST, TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**I. THE CHURCH - PEOPLE OF GOD**

**781** "At all times and in every race, anyone who fears God and does what is right has been acceptable to him. He has, however, willed to make men holy and save them, not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness. He therefore chose the Israelite race to be his own people and established a covenant with it. He gradually instructed this people.... All these things, however, happened as a preparation for and figure of that new and perfect covenant which was to be ratified in Christ . . . the New Covenant in his blood; he called together a race made up of Jews and Gentiles which would be one, not according to the flesh, but in the Spirit." Characteristics of the People of God

**782** The People of God is marked by characteristics that clearly distinguish it from all other religious, ethnic, political, or cultural groups found in

history:

- It is the People of God: God is not the property of any one people. But he acquired a people for himself from those who previously were not a people: "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation."

- One becomes a member of this people not by a physical birth, but by being "born anew," a birth "of water and the Spirit," that is, by faith in Christ, and Baptism.

- This People has for its Head Jesus the Christ (the anointed, the Messiah). Because the same anointing, the Holy Spirit, flows from the head into the body, this is "the messianic people."

- "The status of this people is that of the dignity and freedom of the sons of God, in whose hearts the Holy Spirit dwells as in a temple."

- "Its law is the new commandment to love as Christ loved us." This is the "new" law of the Holy Spirit.

- Its mission is to be salt of the earth and light of the world. This people is "a most sure seed of unity, hope, and salvation for the whole human race."

- Its destiny, finally, "is the Kingdom of God which has been begun by God himself on earth and which must be further extended until it has been brought to perfection by him at the end of time."



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