



## 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.”***

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

JANUARY 25, 2026

**“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”**



**The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light,  
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death  
light has arisen.**

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Please, send any info for Facebook to  
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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	✝ Barbara Eickolz
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM 10:00AM	✝ Bob and Joan Weaver People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Price
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Price
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Price
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Price



## Lenten Fish Fry

**Carry Out Only!**

**St. Gaspar Parking Lot**

*We need volunteers!*

*Please contact the*

*parish office at 260-854-3100 or Gail  
Martin if you are available to help.*

**Friday, February 20, 2026 4:00-6:30 PM.**

**Friday, March 6, 2026 4:00-6:30 PM.**

**& Friday, March 20, 2026 4:00-6:30 PM.**

### January 18, 2026 Collections

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	\$3,848.00
<b>votives</b>	\$28.00
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	\$833.33
Capital Campaign (online)	\$838.36
<b>Children</b>	\$6.00
Online Giving (Jan 11-17)	\$360.00
<b>Rosary Dues</b>	\$15.00
<b>Nigerian Mission</b>	\$60.00
<b>First offering</b>	\$10.00
<b>Religious Ed</b>	\$40.00
<b>Latin America</b>	\$574.00
<b>Retirement Religious</b>	\$20.00
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	\$80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,712.69</b>

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

### DOROTHY DAY, SERVANT OF GOD

The Dorothy Day Guild invites individuals to join in promoting the cause for the canonization of Dorothy Day. A convert to Catholicism and a mother and grandmother, Day dedicated her life to serving the poor and advancing social justice. She emphasized the Works of Mercy as a path to peace. The Guild shares her witness through conferences, lectures, webinars, study groups and pilgrimages. Membership is free. To learn more or join, visit [dorothydayguild.org/join-us](http://dorothydayguild.org/join-us).

### Nativity Sets from around the World!

The Diocesan Museum is again displaying over 150 nativity sets from around the world during the holidays. Fun for all ages. Diocesan Museum. 1103 S. Calhoun St. (next to the Cathedral). Hours: 10am to 2 pm. Tuesday through Saturday. Now through January 31. (closed January 1-2). Free admission.

## Art Exhibition

February 07, 2026  
St. Therese Parish Hall  
6:00pm

21 and older event  
10.00 entry fee  
appetizers included

Hatfield and Sons  
Cocktails  
for purchase.



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### Northeast Indiana Local March For Life 2026

Join together with pro-life advocates from across Northeast Indiana as we unite in hope and conviction to defend life from Conception to natural death. The Northeast Indiana March for Life is an annual event held near the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe Vs. Wade, bringing people of all ages together to affirm the dignity and value of every human life.

#### EVENT DETAILS

Saturday, January 31, 2026  
Parkview Field, 1301 Ewing St. Fort Wayne, IN.  
Doors open: 12:00 PM  
Pre March Rally: 12:30-1:00 PM at Parkview Field  
March Begins: 1:00 PM  
Parking is available in the Parkview Field Silver lot and the two adjacent lots, all conveniently located in front of the stadium.

**DRESS WARM!!!**

### YOUNG ADULT RETREAT WITH ABLAZE MISSION

Life can be overwhelming, with constant demands and the feeling of missing out, but you are not alone. Join fellow young adults for the "Jesus Calms the Storm" retreat from Friday, Jan. 30, through Sunday, Feb. 1 at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center in Plymouth, IN. This weekend retreat offers time away to rest, learn to trust the Lord, and find peace in Christ amidst life's storms. For more information or to register, visit [ablazemission.org](http://ablazemission.org)

### First Saturday Mass at The Patroness of America February, 7th at 11:00 AM.

Please join us for The Precious Blood Adoration Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Please bring your palm branches from last year. We will be using them for the distribution of ashes on February 18th.

**It's a NEW YEAR! Doesn't your marriage deserve to start healthy?**



It takes work to keep your marriage in the best shape it can be.

*Rediscover the romance and connection to find your perfect rhythm.*

at a Marriage Encounter Experience

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, February 28-March 1**

The Marriage Encounter Experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

This Experience will run all day Saturday, and Sunday morning through late afternoon including meals. Mass is available each day. You can return to the comfort of your own home overnight.

#### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Application

Register online at [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org), or fill out form and email or mail to:  
Jeff ♥ Brenda Myers, 11291 Belleharbour Cv. Fort Wayne, IN 46845  
[jeff@jandbstudio.net](mailto:jeff@jandbstudio.net) Or call Jeff & Brenda at 260-484-1664.





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**TICKETS ON SALE NOW @ REKINDLETHEFIRE.NET**

**RTF Men's Conference Charter Bus**  
*Charter bus transportation is available from Fort Wayne to South Bend for the 2026 RTF Men's Conference.* Reserve a round-trip seat at [rekindlethefire.net](http://rekindlethefire.net) by first purchasing your conference ticket, then selecting *Bus Tickets*. (One bus ticket per person.) A wheelchair-lift-equipped bus is available (riders must be able to transfer to a regular seat).  
**February 21, 2026 | 5:30 AM–6:00 PM (EST)**  
Departing from: **1720 E Wallen Rd, Fort Wayne**



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 Becker, Bob Berghoff, Ed Berleman, Utah Bruns, George Dewald, Dean Domer, Kelli Dukehart, Dan Figel, Terry Gust, Marta Hartman, Charlene Hall, Jay Hayes, Dan & Jane Heingartner, Setsuko Hoooven, Maureen James, Susan Jones, Ed Keil, Beth Klein, Melanie Kocovar, Toni & Kent Kraner, Sandy Krull, Kelly LaHaine, Lanny Leppo, Kiersten Logan, Terry Luebke, Irene Martin, Karen Martin, Nathaniel Murray, Deborah Redd, Sheila Reiter, Joan Robinson, Marilyn Schaefer, Larry Sievert, Dave Singleton, Daniel Staseck, Patty Staseck, Blakely Strong, Kyla Tackett, Jim Taylor, Jeanne Tracey, Pat Vachon, George Vandermeir, Lisa Vandervoort, and Jack Welsh.

**The Christ Child Society** of Fort Wayne's Baby Bottle fundraiser has begun! Please take a bottle and fill it with spare change. 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, 46784. 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. Please return your bottle to the parish on the weekend of February 7 and 8 or February 14 and 15. To learn more about the Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne, please visit [www.christchildsfw.org](http://www.christchildsfw.org).

## PAPER PRODUCTS

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 paper products, then bring it back to the Patroness the first weekend in February 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!**

## TRIVIA

Save the date for Trivia Night Friday, January 30th at 6:00 PM. Ask your friends to join us for the fourth annual Trivia Night. **The theme this year is the 80's.** Bring whatever you would like to drink along with a snack to share and join us for the fun! We need ten people per table. **The cost is \$5.00 per person.** If you can't fill a whole table but still want to participate, PLEASE COME! We will pair you up with others. We will be meeting at Wolcott Mills School. We encourage you to dress up and decorate the tables! This is your chance to get creative! We will give all entry money back. There will be prizes for first and second place and a prize for the best decorated table and the best decorated person. Please text Karen at 260-336-1703 or call the church at 854-3100 to get signed up.

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

# Vatican Proclaims Special Year of St. Francis

VATICAN — Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a “Special Year of St. Francis” in honor of the 800th anniversary of the saint’s death.

The Franciscan Jubilee Year, running until January 2027, offers the faithful a special opportunity for spiritual renewal through the gift of a plenary indulgence.

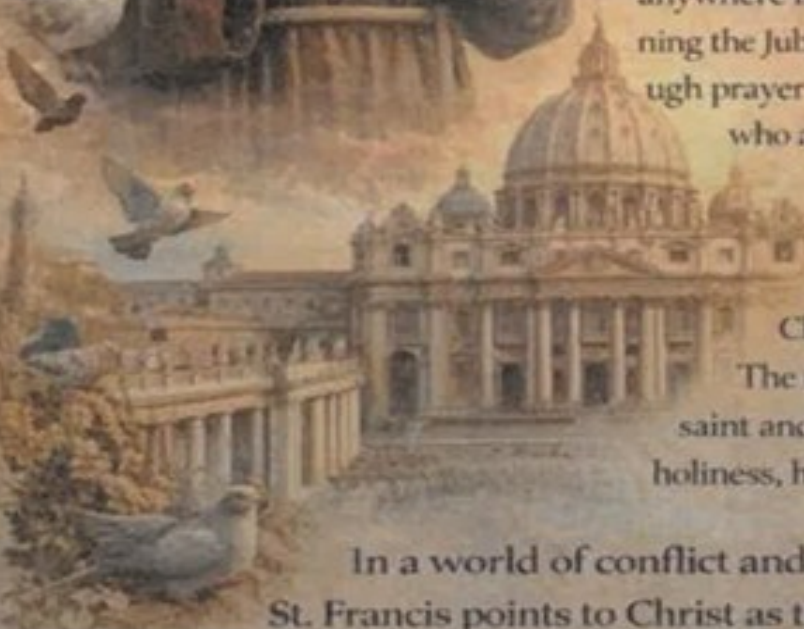
Until January 10 next year, Catholics can obtain a plenary indulgence by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan church or shrine anywhere in the world, or by spiritually joining the Jubilee celebrations from home through prayer and offering of suffering for those who are elderly or sick.

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## Saint Katharina Kasper

February second marks the Feast Day of Saint Katharina Kasper, foundress of the poor maids of Jesus Christ. Born on May 26, 1820 in Dernbach, Germany, she was the third of four children, her father Heinrich and her mother Katharina Fassel. Her father had four daughters from his first marriage to Anna Margaretha Hannappel.

As a child she liked to read and placed a particular emphasis on the Bible and *The Imitation of Christ*. Kasper attended school but was often very sick. She helped her parents with their potato patch while also doing household chores such as spinning and weaving. Kasper also worked in the fields and one of her jobs consisted of splitting stones for road construction in the areas around the field. Kasper often traveled to a Marian shrine and took area children there too. At an early age she decided to consecrate her life to God.

On January 26th, 1842, her father died and in the same year one of her brothers died as well, this became a burden on the household. Her stepsisters received her father's estate. She and her mother had to leave their home. They rented a room at the home of Matthias Müller and she did weaving for a small earning to support herself and her mother. Her mother died sometime after this which left Kasper alone but free to seek her call to the religious life.

She responded to the needs of her time by founding the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1851.

On August 15, 1851 Bishop Blum received the first vows of the group in Wirges church. The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ were established and Kasper was professed as religious.

In 1868, at the invitation of Bishop John Henry Luers, eight Poor Handmaids journeyed from Germany to Hessen Cassel, just outside of Fort Wayne, to minister to German immigrants. Saint Katharina was beautified in 1978 and canonized in 2018. A miracle leading to her beatification was the healing of the sister Maria Herluka, of Kasper's order, from severe tuberculosis in September 1945. The miracle was investigated on December 3, 1968, until its closure on May 29, 1970.

Medical experts confirmed the healing had no possible explanation. The C.C.S. and their theological consultants on November 30, 1976 determined the healing came as a direct result of Kasper's intercession. This later concluded on January 20, 1977 when Paul VI confirmed the healing as a miracle which would allow for Kasper to be beatified.

2026 marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the order, Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, and her Motherhouse is in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

### BE A MISSIONARY IN YOUR DIOCESE

College students and young adults are invited to deepen their spiritual lives through service as part of a 2026 Totus Tuus Summer Missionary Team. Each team is made up of four college-aged missionaries who receive training and travel to six parish sites to lead weeklong summer formation programs for children and youth. Lodging and a \$3,500 stipend are provided. For more information and to apply, visit [diocesefwsb.org/totus-tuus](https://diocesefwsb.org/totus-tuus).

### ENTERING CANAAN: A DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED ABORTION

Women who have experienced abortion are invited to attend a day of prayer and healing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center, Plymouth. The retreat will be led by Theresa Bonapartis, co-founder of the post-abortion healing ministry Entering Canaan. The day includes personal testimony, Scripture meditations, Eucharistic adoration, the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation, and Mass. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required at [diocesefwsb.org/project-rachel](https://diocesefwsb.org/project-rachel).

### WINTER THEOLOGY ON TAP – FORT WAYNE

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to the Fort Wayne Winter Theology on Tap series, titled *Hope Does Not Disappoint*. The weekly series runs Tuesdays from Feb. 3 through Feb. 24 at Classic Cafe in Fort Wayne. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with talks beginning at 7 p.m. Individuals of any faith are welcome. More information is available at [diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw](https://diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw).

## BE AN ADVOCATE WITH THE CHURCH DURING THE 2026 INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The staff and bishops of the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) invite you to sign up for the Indiana Catholic Action Network (ICAN), which exists to form and update the faithful on the Church's legislative priorities to advance the common good. During each annual meeting of the Indiana General Assembly, the ICC brings the teachings of our Catholic faith to Indiana's legislators and needs your help to amplify the Church's witness. Sign up for communications and action alerts by going to [indianacc.org/register](https://indianacc.org/register)



1/2 Martha Dewald  
1/2 Margery Taylor  
1/2 Johnathon Filler  
1/4 Anna Merriman  
1/12 Zachary Zmyslo  
1/16 Tony Starkey  
1/22 Paul Hartman  
1/26 Todd Duesler  
1/28 Austin Farris

1/2 John Edwards  
1/3 Tina Konrath  
1/3 Patty Staseck  
1/9 Michael Scudder  
1/13 Julie Ann Ryne  
1/19 Thomas Beeber  
1/23 Jonathon Bragg  
1/27 Nicholas Klein

January 31-February 1 2026					
Altar Cloth: Mary Krouse			Altar Flowers: Carol Sievert		
Ushers and Greeters			Altar Servers		
4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Regina Ley	Dave Putman	Maddie Lock	Cole & Grant Lake	Sam Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Tony Ley	Cathy Putman	Rebecca 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
Mike Edwards	Sharon Wilsey	Matt Lock	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse
Erik Fowerbaugh		Elena Lock	Gail Martin	Laura Weaver	Mary Krouse
			Dennis Zmyslo	Lori Starkey	Roberta O'Boyle
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
January 27	Elena Lock		January 27	Margaret Baskett	Nancy Goldsmith
February 3	Tim Worman		February 3	Nancy Goldsmith	Roberta O'Boyle
February 10	Mary Krouse		February 10	Mary Krouse	Roberta O'Boyle
February 17	Bob Arnold		February 17	Barb Tatman	Barb Logan
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  
LIFE I. THE HIERARCHICAL CONSTITUTION OF THE  
CHURCH**

883 "The college or body of bishops has no authority unless united with the Roman Pontiff, Peter's successor, as its head." As such, this college has "supreme and full authority over the universal Church; but this power cannot be exercised without the agreement of the Roman Pontiff.

884 "The college of bishops exercises power over the universal Church in a solemn manner in an ecumenical council. But "there never is an ecumenical council which is not confirmed or at least recognized as such by Peter's successor.

885 "This college, in so far as it is composed of many members, is the expression of the variety and universality of the People of God; and of the unity of the flock of Christ, in so far as it is assembled under one head.

886 "The individual bishops are the visible source and foundation of unity in their own particular Churches. As such, they "exercise their pastoral office over the portion of the People of God assigned to them. assisted by priests and deacons. But, as a member of the episcopal college, each bishop shares in the concern for all the Churches. The bishops exercise this care first "by ruling well their own Churches as portions of the universal Church," and so contributing "to the welfare of the whole Mystical Body, which, from another point of view, is a corporate body of Churches. They extend it especially to the poor, to those persecuted for the faith, as well as to missionaries who are working throughout the world.



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