



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.”

23ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



GOD, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Saint Vincent de Paul 260-582-4375

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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

Saturday	4:30 PM	✝ Diane Zmyslo
Sunday	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✝ Bob & Lillian Vodde
Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	8:00 AM	✝ Joseph Costello
Wednesday	8:00 AM	✝ Mary Ellen Kress
Thursday	8:00 AM	✝ Sally Ueber
Friday	8:00 AM	✝ Sandy North

We welcome **Bethlehem Wood Carvings** to our Parish this weekend!
Please take a moment to check out all of the olive wood carvings in the Parish hall.

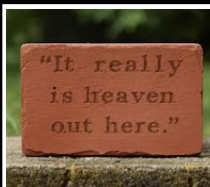
Members of the Rosary Sodality will be on hand if you have any questions about the purchase of the memorial bricks.

There will also be baked good items on the tables for a donation of any amount. Have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend!

August 30, 2026 Collections

Weekly Collection	\$2,796.00
Votives	\$116.00
Capital Campaign	\$20.00
Capital Campaign (online)	\$205.00
Online Giving (August 23-August 29)	\$675.00
Donations	\$150.00
Bishop's Appeal	
Rosary—Bricks	\$100.00
Catholic University	\$664.50
TOTAL	\$4,726.50

Thank you for your generous giving



Rosary Sodality Commemorative Brick Fundraiser

The Rosary Sodality is offering a commemorative/memorial bricks for purchase at **\$100.00 per brick**. Each brick may contain up to 3 lines of text, with a maximum of **14 characters per line** including spaces and punctuation).

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO PURCHASE!

Ideas for your Brick:

- In memory of a loved one
- In honor of a wedding anniversary
- Names of families
- Important dates such as birthday
- A personal message or quote
- Recognition of special life events

Now that we have the expanded narthex and parish hall, please have your after Mass conversations there. Those who want a quiet space for prayer will appreciate your consideration. Thank you.

Lector Workbooks for 2027 are here!

If you are a Proclaimer please pick up your workbook in the sacristy after Mass.

There will be no morning Mass September 22– 25th.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Need assistance with rent/utilities?
Need a ride to church? 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. **Do you know
someone who is sick or homebound? Please
contact us if they would like a visit.**

Join us for BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible study,
Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and
Judgement will begin in October on Monday
evenings and Thursday mornings. This 5 session
study explores why the last things are not to
cause fear, but to inspire hope and deeper trust in
God's promise of eternal life. Cost for the book is
\$16.00. Contact the parish office or Mary Krouse
to participate.

Fifth Annual Walking Pilgrimage

from Kendallville



September 13th
1:00 pm

to Our Lady,
Patroness of
America Center

Concluding with Benediction and a cookout
beginning at 5:00 pm

For details and to RSVP visit: PatronessofAmerica.org

PILGRIMAGE

We are reevaluating our Ireland pilgrimage of
2027 due to a major golf tournament happening
there. It could be rescheduled for October 2027,
but we are considering other pilgrimage sites,
such as Medjugorje or the Holy Land. We would
love to have a group of 20 from St. Gaspar par-
ish. Please contact Father Louis or Mary Krouse
if you are interested in participating.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week our special collection supports the
Catholic Communications Campaign. This
campaign represents a mission of love to
share the gospel message of hope with people
in the United States using the internet,
television, radio, and print media. Half of the
money we collect remains here in the Fort
Wayne/South Bend Diocese to fund local
communications efforts. The other half
supports the communications activities of the
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
and other projects across the United States.
Your help spreads the gospel message! Learn
more at www.usccb.org/cc.

Please join us for **Eucharistic Adoration**
Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM -6:30 PM.

SVdP Walk for Hope

SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
TO HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH 2026

Parkview Field
1301 Ewing Street, Fort Wayne

- 12:30-2:30pm - Tailgate Party
 - Join us for food, fellowship, and music in the
Parkview Field parking lot
- 2:00pm - Walk Registration begins
- 2:40pm - Presentation at Parkview Field
- 3:00pm - Walk/Run Begins
 - Route Options: 3 Miles, 1.25 miles or 1/3 mile

To sign up or donate, visit:
runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/SVdPWalkForHope

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NEIGHBORS IN NEED:



SIGN UP TO WALK:



For event questions,
contact Lara Schreck at 260-456-3561 x120 or
Olivia Conn at olivia@svdpfortwayne.org

Due to a scheduling conflict by Parkview Field,
the Walk for Hope has been rescheduled to
Sunday, September 20, 2026. All event times
will remain the same.

It's not too early to donate or sign up to walk
through the walk website:

[https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/
FortWayne/SVdPWalkForHope?blm_aid=0](https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/SVdPWalkForHope?blm_aid=0)

Please note
change

Personal Hygiene

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 All soaps: dish, laundry shampoo, deodorant and personal hygiene products and bring it back to St. Gaspar the first weekend in October 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!

Registration Open: St. Cyril Institute Fall 2026 Term

Registration is now open for the Fall 2026 term of the St. Cyril of Jerusalem Catechetical Institute. This semester features five courses, including [two ideal for first time students](#) and [one course offered in Spanish](#). Parish staff, catechists, ministry leaders, and anyone interested in growing in their understanding of the Catholic faith are encouraged to explore the course offerings and register.



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, Mary Auman, Georgiana Becker, Joan Brown, Utah Bruns, George Dewald, Dean Domer, Kelli Dukehart, Dan Figel, Carmen G., Terry Gust, Marta Hartman, Charlene Hall, Dan & Jane Heingartner, Setsuko Hoooven, Maureen James, Susan Jones, John & Cheri Kessen, Beth Klein, Melanie Kocevar, Toni & Kent Kraner, Sandy Krull, Kelly LaHaine, Lanny Leppo, Kiersten Logan, Irene Martin, Nathaniel Murray, Ryan O' Fallon, Betty Olry, Deborah Redd, Sheila Reiter, Dave Reynolds, Joan Robinson, Marilyn Schaefer, Carol Sievert, Larry Sievert, Daniel Staseck, John Staseck, Patty Staseck, Jala Stout, Jim Taylor, Jeanne Tracey, Pat Vachon, Lisa Vandervoort, and Jack Welsh.

Come celebrate Our Lady of Fatima with the **Fort Wayne–South Bend Diocesan Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (Blue Army)** at our **Annual Holy Mass & Breakfast!**

Saturday, October 3, 2026 Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Morning Schedule 7:30 AM – Confessions 8:00 AM – Holy Rosary & First Saturday Devotions 9:00 AM – Holy Mass with Bishop Joseph N. Perry, Fr. Glenn Kohrman & Fr. Robert Garrow After Mass, join the **Marian Procession** to the Grand Wayne Center for breakfast and a keynote address by **Bishop Joseph N. Perry**.

Tickets Available Now: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annual-october-breakfast> RSVP (optional): christine@fatimafwsb.org

Christ Renews His Parish

2026 Fall Retreats

Women's September 12-13

Men's October 10-11



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2026 Parish Financials Year end Report

Income		<u>YTD Actual</u>
Collections Totals:		237,237.49
Donations Totals:		17,469.68
Other Church Income Totals:		269.72
Subsidy/Grants Totals:		228.00
Building Funds Totals:		1,483,647.46
Other Funds Totals:		7,296.00
Interest Totals:		24,672.26
Income Totals:		1,770,820.61
Expense		
Parish Administration Totals:		117,424.60
Church Operation Totals:		29,361.47
Parish Hall Operation Totals:		46,904.89
Rectory Operation Totals:		21,484.90
Pk. Lot/Plygrnd/Athl. Op. Totals:		4,543.34
Cemetery Operation Totals:		2,744.25
Other Operation Totals:		3,069.60
Pastoral/Liturgical Totals:		58,877.27
Music Department Totals:		8,153.59
RCIA Totals:		1,169.26
Adult Education Totals:		575.71
Religious Education Totals:		160.48
Social Totals:		5,039.96
		299,509.32
Expense Totals:		
Income - Expense:		1,471,311.29

CAMPAIGN REPORT Yearend 2026

Income

Total Pledged (Beginning) \$ 758,874.07

Double Pledge \$ 457,486.84
\$ 1,216,360.91

Donation \$ 136,314.18

Tippman Match \$ 525,000.00
\$ 1,877,675.09

Amount from Parish Savings
Total Pledges Received \$ \$652,891.96 (coming from savings)
\$ 2,530,567.05

Expenses: \$ 2,596,079.87
Balance Outstanding from Campaign Pledges \$ (65,512.82)



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/2 David Billows
 9/5 Stephanie Fry
 9/12 Michael Roesler
 9/16 Lori Starkey
 9/17 Jeffery Cybulski
 9/18 Joseph Didier
 9/20 Gail Martin
 9/25 Mary Arend
 9/26 Sharon Clevenger
 9/26 Cathy Leppo
 9/27 Paula Whitesell
 9/30 Matthew Kelty

9/5 Krista Duesler
 9/11 David Spoltman
 9/14 Margaret Baskett
 9/17 Kimberly Merriman
 9/18 George Dewald
 9/20 Kathleen Dinges
 9/22 James Dinges
 9/25 Elena Lock
 9/26 Linda Cybulski
 9/26 Bailee Grayless
 9/29 Robert Edwards

Celebrate Your Wedding Anniversary with Bishop Rhoades

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th wedding anniversary are invited to join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for a special Anniversary Mass this fall. Masses will be celebrated on Sunday, September 27, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne and Sunday, October 18, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. Anniversary couples will receive a commemorative certificate and two complimentary tickets to a reception following Mass. **Learn more and register at diocesefwsb.org/anniversary-masses.**

September 12-13, 2026					
Altar Cloth: June Beeber			Altar Flowers: Karen Edwards		
Ushers and Greeters			Altar Servers		
4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4:30 PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Tony Ley	Jim Gunkel	Dave Spoltman	Cole & Grant Lake	Sam Strater	Michael Klein
Regina Ley	Jenny Gunkel	Karen Spoltman	Sawyer Christner		Brayden & Chelsea Siebert
Proclaimers: Saturday and Sunday			Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
4:30 PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4:30 PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Christine Zmyslo	Sharon Wilsey	John Edwards	Dennis Zmyslo	Laura Weaver	Bob Distler
		Terry Gust	Gail Martin	Dave Putman	Meg Distler
			Macharri Vorndran Jones	Robin Aspy	Terry Luebke
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
September 8	Bob Arnold		September 8	Nancy Goldsmith	Mary Krouse
September 15	Sharon Wilsey		September 15	Barb Logan	Barb Tatman
September 22	Maddie Lock		September 22	Terry Luebke	Margaret Baskett
September 29	Tim Worman		September 29	Nancy Goldsmith	Mary Krouse
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 6. MARY - MOTHER OF CHRIST, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

II. DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN
971 "All generations will call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly

honors "the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs.... This very special devotion ... differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration." The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

Thank you to all those who donated blood at our 1st blood drive. With your generous donation we were able to exceed our goal of 17 units. We ended with 24 units! If you couldn't give this time don't worry, we have scheduled our next drive for Friday, November 27th. Mark your calendars and please Help us to save a life!



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