



## 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.”***

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

MARCH 9, 2025



*Be with  
me, Lord,  
when I  
am in  
trouble.*

**LUKE 4:1-13**

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades  
Diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend  
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Gaspar Del Bufalo  
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	✝ Jack Garrett
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM 10:00AM	✝ Lynn Funk People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Erma Curtis
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00AM	✝ Lorene Schlemmer
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Kathleen Costello
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	✝ Rita Garrett

**One-  
To-  
One  
DONOR  
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 **250,544.51** of the \$400,000. goal. God Bless you for helping St. Gaspar Parish reach our goal!

### Stations of the Cross

Wednesday evenings through Lent at 6:00 PM  
Join us for soup afterwards.  
Friday evenings through Lent at 7:00 PM.

**JOB OPENING** St. Mary School in Avilla has an open teaching position for the 2025-2026 school year. Contact Joni Lazoff @ 260-897-3481

**Attention Rosary Sodality and Knights of Columbus:**  
We need volunteers to read a paragraph from *The Way of the Cross* for Stations of the Cross on Wednesday's and Friday's. There is a copy in the gathering area. The paragraphs are highlighted. If this is something you could help us with, please sign your name on the date you would like to read.

**Thank you for sharing your talents!**

### March 2, 2025 Collections

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	4,330.00
<b>Donations</b>	200.00
<b>votives</b>	102.55
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	4,388.78
<b>First offering</b>	40.00
<b>Copier rental</b>	66.47
<b>SVDP</b>	20.00
<b>Flowers</b>	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,197.80</b>

**Thank you for your generous giving**

### CHOSEN SEASON 5

Please join us to watch The Chosen season 5 at NCG Theater in Auburn. Part 1 will be shown Sunday, March 30, @3:35 p.m., Part 2 on Sunday, April 6 @ 2:40 p.m., Part 3 on Sunday, April 13, @ 2:10 p.m. After the movie we will eat at the Paradise Buffet. Tickets cost \$11.00 for each movie. Contact Mary Krouse at 260-437-8512 if you want to sit together as a group.



### FISH FRY DATES

**Friday, March 21, 2025 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**  
**Friday, April 4, 2025 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**





## NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Today, our parish will take up the 141st annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support!



**Kaleb Strater has signed a letter of intent to play football for Bluffton (Ohio) University. Kaleb will be studying electrical engineering. Congratulations Kaleb! We are rooting for you!**

**Graduates** There are SCHOLARSHIP forms in the gathering area for a K of C \$500.00 Scholarship. Pick up a form and fill it out. Due Date April 30th.

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

A jubilee year marks a time of renewal in the Church, encouraging the faithful to enter more fully into a life of prayer. Together, let us walk the pilgrimage of this Jubilee Year of Hope! As Pope Francis writes, "For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus." During the Jubilee Year of Hope, there are nine pilgrimage churches in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and each will offer a special Jubilee Mass. All the faithful are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to one or more of these churches during this Jubilee Year of Hope. The nine Jubilee Churches are the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne; St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend; Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Fort Wayne; SS. Peter and Paul Church, Huntington; St. Anthony of Padua Church, Angola; St. Pius X Church, Granger; St. Michael the Archangel Church, Plymouth; and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw. You can find the dates and times of the Jubilee Masses at [diocesefwsb.org/jubilee25/](https://diocesefwsb.org/jubilee25/).

*Ladies!*

Join us in March for Kingdom Builders

*Raising Our Gaze ~ God is seeking to know us and to be known by us. He is calling us to a deeper intimacy with Him. Come and experience the warmth of His gaze and the depth of His embrace. Ladies ~join us at a Gathering as we behold the Face of Love.*

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm**  
**St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church - Avilla**

Kingdom Builders  
[www.BuildingThroughHim.com](http://www.BuildingThroughHim.com)



### 40 Days for Life– Spring Campaign

Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Tuesday, March 4th at 5:30 PM in front of Planned Parenthood for a brief prayer and message to begin our 40 Days for Life spring campaign. Planned Parenthood is located at 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at the Right to Life office on 3106 Lake Ave. The spring campaign runs from March 4th to April 13th. For more info please visit [www.ichooselife.org/40days](http://www.ichooselife.org/40days) or call 260-471-1849.



### Legislative Forum

Join the Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Saturday, March 8th at 8:30 AM for breakfast and our 23rd Annual Legislative Forum to hear updates on pro-life legislation from elected officials. The Forum will be held at Indiana Tech University in the Multi-Flex Theater, 1600 E. Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46803.

### Spring Banquet

Join the Right to Life of Northeast Indiana for the 4th Annual Spring Banquet. Come celebrate our 51st year of defending innocent human life on Saturday, April 12th, hosted this year at Mirage Banquet Hall in Decatur. Doors open at 5:30 pm, and the program begins at 6:30 pm. To purchase a table, visit [ichoose-life.org/springbanquet](http://ichoose-life.org/springbanquet).

**The Knights of Columbus Fr. Dominic Duehmig Council #14214 in Avilla, IN would like to invite you to attend our Guest Speaker and Adult Faith Formation series.**

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dr. Ray Guarendi will give a talk on **"Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent"**  
7pm in the church

Adult Education Video Series to follow Dr. Ray's talk:

- Mar. 9th – "Wives do What?"
- Mar. 16th – "Jesus the Bridegroom"
- Mar. 23rd – "The Woman at the Well and the Love of Christ"

Videos are by Dr. Brant Pitre. All videos are in the school in the 6th grade classroom at 9am.



St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church  
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Contact Mike Hudecek at 260-410-0301 with any questions.



**NOBLE COUNTY**

 **RIGHT TO LIFE**  
WORKSHOP

**MARCH 22, 2025**

ST. GASPAR'S DEL BUFALO  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
10871 IN-9, ROME CITY, IN 46784

*Mike Spencer, ProjectLifeVoice,  
will equip you to speak confidently and  
graciously to the most pressing moral issue  
of our time: abortion.*

Scan the QR Code or register at  
[ichooselife.org/romecityWS](http://ichooselife.org/romecityWS)

**9:00AM –Noon**

260-471-1849 | \$5 COST  
ADULTS & STUDENTS 7TH GRADE & UP.



### **ENCOUNTER THE SHROUD OF TURIN IN OUR DIOCESE**

A full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin, the sacred burial cloth believed to have wrapped the body of Jesus after His crucifixion, is coming to our diocese. Diocesan Museum in downtown Fort Wayne will permanently display this powerful relic in a free, ecumenical exhibit inviting prayer and reflection. This Lent, as we launch this exhibit, Join Dr. Cheryl H. White, a renowned expert in Shroud studies, for one of three free talks on March 26 and 27 as she explores the Shroud's history, science, and spiritual significance. You are invited to a personal pilgrimage to encounter Christ in the world's greatest mystery. For more details on the exhibit, lecture schedule, and museum, visit [diocesefwsb.org/shroud](http://diocesefwsb.org/shroud).







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! Nikki Becker, Utah Bruns, George Dewald, Martha Dewald, Dean Domer, Kelli Dukehart, Dan Figel, Terry Gust, Marta Hartman, Gerald & Charlene Hall, Jay Hayes, Setsuko Hooven, Maureen James, Susan Jones, 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, Jack Welsh, and Mike Whitesell.

## March Birthdays



3/1 Ann Fordeck	3/4 Ken Baranowski
3/4 Albert Langsenkamp	3/5 Vanessa Roloff
3/7 Raymond Krouse	3/9 Terry Gerardot
3/9 Karen Martin	3/10 Nanette Barker
3/11 Mary Auman	3/11 Elizabeth Farris
3/12 Jenny Gunkel	3/12 Tim Gephart
3/12 Brittany Bowers	3/14 David Johnson
3/14 Angela Filler	3/15 David Putman
3/16 Jerry Schoenle	3/18 Fred Auman
3/19 Karl Seibert	3/19 Brayden Seibert
3/20 John Higginbotham	3/20 Megan Ley
3/21 Joanna Wyatt	3/22 Glen Griffiths
3/22 Jane Heingartner	3/23 Sharon Gillian
3/27 Patrick Filler	3/27 Cole Grim
3/28 Marilyn Wiant	

March 15-16, 2025					
Altar Cloth: Carol Sievert			Altar Flowers: No Flowers /Lent		
Ushers and Greeters			Altar Servers		
4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Sara Lake	Jeff Strong	Tom Pfister	Cole Lake	Kaleb Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Chris Lake	Dave Johnson	Matt Lock	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
Erik Fowerbaugh	Bob Arnold	Elena Lock	Gail Martin	Deacon Ray Krouse	volunteer
	Tim Worman	Terry Gust	Margaret Baskett	Laura Weaver	Al Langsenkamp
			Karen Edwards	Robin Aspy	Therese Langsenkamp
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
March 11	Mary Krouse		March 11	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
March 18	Bob Arnold		March 18	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
March 25	Sharon Wilsey		March 25	Margaret Baskett	Nancy Goldsmith
April 1	Maddie Lock		April 1	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
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"**

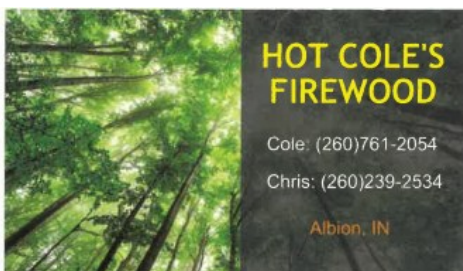
The Church - foreshadowed from the world's beginning

760 Christians of the first centuries said, "The world was created for the sake of the Church. "God created the world for the sake of communion with his divine life, a communion brought about by the "convocation" of men in Christ, and this "convocation" is the Church. the Church is the goal of all things, and God permitted such painful upheavals as the angels' fall and man's sin only as occasions and means for displaying all the power of his arm and the whole measure of the love he wanted to give the world: Just as God's will is creation and is called "the world," so his intention is the salvation of men, and it is called "the Church."

The Church - prepared for in the Old Covenant  
761 The gathering together of the People of God began at the moment when sin destroyed the communion of men with God, and that of men among themselves. the gathering together of the Church is, as it were, God's reaction to the chaos provoked by sin. This reunification is achieved secretly in the heart of all peoples: "In every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable" to God.

762 The remote preparation for this gathering together of the People of God begins when he calls Abraham and promises that he will become the father of a great people. Its immediate preparation begins with Israel's election as the People of God. By this election, Israel is to be the sign of the future gathering of All nations. But the prophets accuse Israel of breaking the covenant and behaving like a prostitute. They announce a new and eternal covenant. "Christ instituted this New Covenant."

**MEN'S REGIONAL CHRIST RENEWS RETREAT** All men 18 and older are invited March 22-23, 2025 at Immaculate Conception Church . Register by email to [dmfischer5@frontier.com](mailto:dmfischer5@frontier.com). **Christ Renews Retreat** weekend is an opportunity to refocus, setting aside everyday life. It gives you a chance to enter a quiet and prayerful atmosphere focused on reconnecting with the Lord.



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