



## 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 A

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

*Then Jesus was  
led by the spirit  
into the desert to be  
tempted by the devil.*

*Matthew 4:1-11*

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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	✠ Father John Hedges
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✠ Joan Pluchar (92nd Birthday)
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	✠ NO MASS
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM	✠ NO MASS
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	✠ NO MASS
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	✠ NO MASS

**February 15, 2026 Collections**

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	\$3,171.34
<b>votives</b>	\$57.00
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	
Capital Campaign (online)	\$938.36
Online Giving (Feb. 8-14)	\$560.00
<b>Sanctuary Flowers</b>	\$90.00
<b>Children's</b>	
<b>Rosary</b>	\$5.00
<b>Black &amp; Indian</b>	\$95.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,916.70</b>

*Thank you for your generous giving*



*Lenten  
Fish Fry  
Carry Out Only!  
DRIVE-THRU*

*St. Gaspar Parking Lot*

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

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

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION**

Today our parish will take up the 142nd 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!

**There will be NO Morning Mass  
February 23- March 11, 2026**

**"RETURN" MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

All are invited to a special Mass and Stations of the Cross to pray for the return of adult children and other loved ones to the faith at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at Christ the King Parish, South Bend, celebrated by Fr. David Smith, C.S.C. Following Mass, at around 7:40 p.m., participants will pray the Stations of the Cross with reflections written for this intention. All are welcome to attend the Mass and/or Stations. Registration is appreciated but not required: [ablazemission.org/return](http://ablazemission.org/return). The event is co-sponsored by Ablaze Mission and the diocesan Office of Life, Marriage & Family Formation.

# CANNED SOUP

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 soup products, then bring it back to the Patroness the first weekend in March 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!**



## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross Fridays, at 7 PM. Please join us on Wednesdays for Stations of the Cross at 6 PM with soup afterwards. Please consider signing up to help with narrating

the Stations of the Cross. There is a sign-up sheet next to the bulletins.

## Soup

If you are available to bring soup there is a sign up sheet next to the bulletins. Thank you to all those who help with this great service to our church community! We are very blessed with some talented cooks!

## St. Gaspar Lent Evening of Confessions

Thursday, March 25, 2026

**Holy Land & Greece**  
16 Days  
Jerusalem • Galilee • Capernaum • Bethlehem • Thessaloniki  
Kalambaka • Philippi • Kavala • Metaxora • Delphi • Corinth  
Athens • Piraeus • Mykonos • Kusadasi (Turkey)  
Ephesus (Turkey) • Patmos • Santorini

Entrusting all our trips to the Maternal Care of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pilgrimages for Catholics and people of all faiths

### Trip Includes

- Flights from anywhere in the United States and flights between countries as per your itinerary (all necessary flights on your trip are included).
- Daily Mass will be scheduled.
- Airport taxes, security fees & fuel surcharges saving you an average of \$400-\$600!
- Transfers as per itinerary.
- Mostly 5-Star Hotels, sometimes 4-Star Hotels.
- Transportation with luxury bus.
- All breakfasts and all dinners. Wine included with all dinners in Greece Only.
- All tips to driver, hotel, and tour guide. If you feel that the tour guide did a great job, offering them extra tips is greatly appreciated.
- Guided tours and tour fees ~ Our tour guides are very caring, licensed, and well educated. Many of our guides have their PhDs.
- Luggage handling (1 suitcase and 1 carry-on per person)
- Single Supplement If the passenger wants a guaranteed room of their own, they have to pay \$1400 for a single supplement. As long as the passenger is willing to room with someone and allows us to provide them with a roommate the single supplement does not apply.
- **Remember:** Our trips are not more expensive during high season ~ Passengers will never be expected to pay extra for anything while on the trip.

Travel with  
**Fr. Fowoyo Louis**  
**October 5-20, 2026**  
**Cost: \$6,099.00**

(Airfare included from anywhere in the U.S.)  
Please refer to trip #1132 when registering.



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## 10TH Annual Northeast Indiana Catholic Medical Retreat

**WHO:** One day retreat for ALL healthcare workers in the Fort Wayne –South Bend area and surrounding areas.

**WHAT:** Man's Final End: Mortality, Happiness, and Beatitude

**WHEN:** February 28, 2026, 8:15-2:30 PM

**WHERE:** St. Vincent De Paul Church on Wallen starting with Mass at 8:15 in Main church followed by breakfast, talks and lunch in Spiritual Center A/B and ending with Eucharistic Adoration and prayer.

**Please RSVP, Price \$10.00, students free**

[fortwayne.cathmed.org](http://fortwayne.cathmed.org)

260-222-6978

Speaker: Father Royce Gregerson

# SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 14, 2026

## SLAINTE TO ST. PATRICK

CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF CHEERS & CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**JOIN US FOR AN EXCLUSIVE INDOOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY:**

- Live Irish Entertainment
- Authentic Irish Cuisine & Drinks
- Exciting Auctions & Raffles in Benefit of Catholic Charities' Mission
- VIP Saints & Spirits Tasting

**WHEN:** March 14, 2026  
Cocktail hour: 5:30 pm  
Program: 6:25 pm to 9:30 pm

**WHERE:** Mirro Center / 10622 Parkview Plaza Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46845

**TICKETS:** Tickets are now on sale at: [www.ccfwfb.org/stpatrick](http://www.ccfwfb.org/stpatrick)

- Standard tickets include dinner + 2 beer/wine drinks
- Tables available

**LEARN MORE & RSVP BY FEBRUARY 27!**

Father Robert Van Kempen, pastor of St. Mary of the Annunciation parish in Bristol, passed away on Thursday, February 12. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, February 17, at Christ the King Catholic Church. You may read about his life and ministry in Today's Catholic. May he rest in the peace of Jesus Christ our Savior.



**Christ Renews His Parish  
Women's Retreat  
March 7-8, 2026**

Questions?  
Call: 260-925-3930  
Email: crhpicc@gmail.com



**Christ Renew's His Parish  
Men's Retreat  
March 21-22, 2026**

Questions?  
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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 Hooven, Maureen James, Susan Jones, Ed Keil, Beth Klein, Melanie Kocevar, Toni & Kent Kraner, Sandy Krull, Kelly LaHaine, Lanny Leppo, Kiersten Logan, Irene Martin, Nathaniel Murray, Ryan O' Fallon, 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.

Have you ever wished your daughters had the opportunity to spend more time around *Jesus's Brides*?  
Join us for a joy filled morning with *Religious Sisters* and share an experience that will foster deeper connections and conversations with your daughters as the years unfold.

**Brunch  
WITH His  
Brides**

**Saturday 28th February**

**The Sacred  
Heart of the  
Bridegroom**

**8:30am**

Holy Mass with Bishop Rhoades  
*Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*

**9:30am - 2:00pm**

Brunch, Reception, Creativity  
& Meaningful Encounters  
*The Grand Wayne Center*

**\$25 Per Ticket**

If you find this cost prohibitive  
please call 260-437-4525



Space limited, please register:

**www.Brunchwithhisbrides.com**

This event is intended for mothers with daughters in 2nd Grade - High School



Are you ready to answer the call to be the hands and feet of Jesus by spending an hour praying outside of Planned Parenthood? The upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign is scheduled for February 18 through March 29. We need your help in shutting down our local abortion referral facility.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful and prayerful effort centered on prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a non confrontational vigil. Your participation could truly make a difference in the lives of mothers, families, and unborn children in our community, and we would be honored to stand by you in this mission. Vigil hours can be reserved by:

\*Visiting <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vigil-hours-signup.aspx?l id=515>

\*Or by contacting [Jordyn@ichooselife.org](mailto:Jordyn@ichooselife.org)



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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 2/1 Geraldine Brown     | 2/1 Leah Baranowski    |
| 2/3 Ellen Gephart       | 2/4 James Burns        |
| 2/5 Scherrie Hohenstein | 2/5 Tamila Kelty       |
| 2/5 Madalitso Didier    | 2/7 Robert Zurbuch     |
| 2/7 Kaleb Strater       | 2/8 Jacob Lock         |
| 2/9 Tracy Strater       | 2/11 Michael Klein     |
| 2/13 Robert Berghoff    | 2/14 Joe Patton        |
| 2/14 Robert Jordan      | 2/14 Regina Ley        |
| 2/20 Janet Schoenle     | 2/22 George Vandermeir |
| 2/22 Dr. Traci Blaize   | 2/23 Pamela Baker      |
| 2/23 Laura Berghoff     | 2/26 Pamela Neu        |
| 2/27 Tony Jones         | 2/28 Daniel Morris     |

February 28-March 1 2026					
Altar Cloth: Karen Edwards			Altar Flowers: NO FLOWERS		
Ushers and Greeters			Altar Servers		
4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Mike Uszak	Geri Brown	Pam Neu	Cole & Grant Lake	Sam Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Melody Uszak	Lisa Owens	Maddie 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
Christine Zmyslo	Sharon Wilsey	Matt Lock	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse	Deacon Ray Krouse
		Elena Lock	Dennis Zmyslo	Dave Putman	Mary Krouse
			Gail Martin	Cathy Putman	Roberta O'Boyle
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
February 24	NO Mass		February 24	Nancy Goldsmith	Margaret Baskett
March 3	NO MASS		March 3	Vicki Domer	Laura Weaver
March 10	Elena Lock		March 10	Nancy Goldsmith	Mary Krouse
March 17	Tim Worman		March 17	Barb Logan	Barb Tatman
<b>Please call Karen 260-336-1703, if you are unable to serve. Thanks</b>					

**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  
II. THE LAY FAITHFUL**

897 "The term 'laity' is here understood to mean all the faithful except those in Holy Orders and those who belong to a religious state approved by the Church. That is, the faithful, who by Baptism are incorporated into Christ and integrated into the People of God, are made sharers in their particular way in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ, and have their own part to play in the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the World."

**The vocation of lay people**

898 "By reason of their special vocation it belongs to the laity to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal

affairs and directing them according to God's will.... It pertains to them in a special way so to illuminate and order all temporal things with which they are closely associated that these may always be effected and grow according to Christ and maybe to the glory of the Creator and Redeemer."

899 The initiative of lay Christians is necessary especially when the matter involves discovering or inventing the means for permeating social, political, and economic realities with the demands of Christian doctrine and life. This initiative is a normal element of the life of the Church: Lay believers are in the front line of Church life; for them the Church is the animating principle of human society. Therefore, they in particular ought to have an ever-clearer consciousness not only of belonging to the Church, but of being the Church, that is to say, the community of the faithful on earth under the leadership of the Pope, the common Head, and of the bishops in communion with him. They are the Church.

**ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR PEACE? THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU**

Are you searching for peace and forgiveness in your life? On Tuesday, March 10 from 6-8 p.m., parishes across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to an existing confession time, our doors will be open for you to return to the mercy and forgiveness of the Father. Learn more at [diocesefwsb.org/light](http://diocesefwsb.org/light).



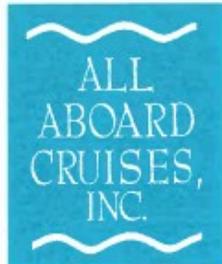
**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Need assistance with rent/utilities? Need a ride to church? Contact

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