



## 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 A

MAY 3, 2026



O MARY,  
WE CROWN THEE  
WITH FLOWERS TODAY,  
QUEEN OF THE  
ANGELS AND QUEEN  
OF THE MAY!

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades  
Diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend  
Pastor - Rev Louis Fowoyo  
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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	† Rose Worman
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	† Sandy North
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	† Pamela Byler
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM	† Kathleen Costello
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	† Joseph Costello
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	† Helen Holbrook

**April 26, 2026 Collections**

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	\$3,705.00
<b>Votives</b>	\$33.00
<b>Children's</b>	\$5.00
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	\$447.78
Capital Campaign (online)	\$800.85
Online Giving (April 19- April 25)	\$811.67
<b>Home Missions</b>	\$793.00
<b>Nigerian Mission</b>	\$195.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,791.30</b>

*Thank you for your generous giving*



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, Ed Berleman,

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

**DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SACRAMENTS THIS SUMMER**

The St. Cyril Institute invites all to enroll in AFF 106: Sacraments summer course exploring the seven Sacraments through a rich Catholic and biblical worldview. This class goes beyond the basic facts of the rites to offer a deeper understanding of how the Sacraments shape the whole Christian life. The course will be held Wednesdays from 6–8 p.m., June 3 through July 29, at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka, and will be taught by Fr. Mark Hellinger. The cost is \$80. Learn more and register at [diocesefwsb.org/cyрил-institute](http://diocesefwsb.org/cyрил-institute)

Did you know that the Rosary is prayed every day before Mass here at St. Gaspar? Join us a half an hour before Mass to draw closer to God through Mary's intercession.

Please join us for The Precious Blood Adoration Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

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

## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: JOIN US IN SEOUL!

Young adults of the diocese: don't miss the opportunity to experience the global Church like never before! Join us for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea (July 29-August 10) and encounter Christ alongside millions of young Catholics from around the world. From Mass with the Holy Father to exploring the rich faith and culture of Korea, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will deepen your faith and expand your vision of the Church. The diocesan pilgrimage includes flights, accommodations, WYD registration, and guided experiences. Ready to go? Learn more and sign up at: [diocesefwsb.org/wyd](http://diocesefwsb.org/wyd).



### 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.**

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions). iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for the collection if you prefer to donate online. **Thank you for your generous giving!**



Give the gift of a happier marriage this Summer!

Give, and receive, the gift of a more passionate, connected, and loving marriage.

Hosted at:

Lindenwood Retreat Center, Plymouth IN

June 26-28th

Begins Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. Overnight stay as well as all meals are included.

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.

Apply at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org), or contact Jeff and Brenda at: [application@wwme-ni.org](mailto:application@wwme-ni.org) or 260-484-1664

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Mother's Day  
Carnations  
May 10th

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## ST. CYRIL INSTITUTE – SUMMER 2026 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is now open for Summer 2026 courses at the St. Cyril of Jerusalem Catechetical Institute, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's flagship program for adult faith formation. Designed for catechists, teachers, DREs and all who desire to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith, the Institute offers rich, in-depth courses to strengthen both understanding and discipleship. Courses are available on both the Fort Wayne and South Bend sides of the diocese. Learn more and register today: [diocesefwsb.org/cyril-institute](http://diocesefwsb.org/cyril-institute).



  
*You're invited*  
 — to a —  
  
**RIBBON-CUTTING  
CEREMONY**

**Celebrate Mass with Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades!**

**Join us at St. Gaspar Del Bufalo Catholic Church  
TUESDAY MAY 12, 2026  
Ribbon Cutting will begin at 6:00 PM, Mass will follow.**

**Dinner will be provided in the NEW Hall after Mass.**  
**There is a sign up sheet next to the bulletins. Please sign up so we know how many will be attending.**

*We Praise Thee*  
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MAY 18TH  
7:00 PM, ST. ANTHONY  
OF PADUA CATHOLIC  
CHURCH





**THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS  
TUESDAY, MAY 12th.**

**MASS AND SOCIAL FOR THOSE  
IN A SEASON OF INFERTILITY**

Mother's Day weekend can be very difficult for those in a season of infertility. If this is your experience, you are invited to attend a special vigil Mass on Saturday, May 9, at 4 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center chapel, located at the edge of Notre Dame's campus (the parking lot for the parish center is located on Moreau Drive). Father Ed Dolphin, CSC will be the celebrant, and the Mass will be followed by a social in the community hall. This event is sponsored by the diocesan ministry, Hope for the Journey. For questions or more information please contact [leverett@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:leverett@diocesefwsb.org) or visit [diocesefwsb.org/hope-for-the-journey](http://diocesefwsb.org/hope-for-the-journey)

**NEW PASTORAL LETTER  
FROM THE BISHOPS OF INDIANA**

The bishops of the Indiana Catholic Conference have released a new pastoral letter, Integral Ecology: A Sacramental Vision. Addressed to all the faithful and people of goodwill, the letter reflects on the beauty of creation, our responsibility to care for it, and the deep connection between our faith and the world around us. All are invited to read and prayerfully reflect on this important teaching, and to explore accompanying resources for discussion and formation. Learn more at [indianacc.org/ecology](http://indianacc.org/ecology)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
BOB ARNOLD!!!  
91 YEARS YOUNG!**



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Bob Arnold	5/2 Alesia Farris
5/2 Adam Merriman	5/3 Stanislaw Koczorowska
5/3 Griffin Kline	5/4 Donna Rauch
5/8/ Cathy Reick	5/10 John Staseck
5/11 Edward 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

## Condiments

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 items such as BBQ sauce, catsup, mustard, other sauces and dressings. and then bring it back to the Patroness the first weekend in June 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!**

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

### May 9-10 2026

Altar Cloth: Carol Sievert

Altar Flowers: Carol Sievert

#### Ushers and Greeters

#### Altar Servers

4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4:30 PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Tony Ley	Kevin Strater	Dave Spoltman	Cole & Grant Lake	Sam Strater	Chelsea Seibert
Regina Ley	Tracy Strater	Karen Spoltman	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	Robin Aspy	Terry luebke
		Elena Lock	Macharri Vorndran Jones	Dave Putman	Roberta O'Boyle
			Karen Edwards	Cathy Putman	Mary Krouse

#### Proclaimer Daily Masses

#### Collections

May 5	Mary Krouse		May 5	Vicki Domer	Laura Weaver
May 12	Bob Arnold		May 12	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
May 19	Sharon Wilsey		May 19	Barb Tatman	Margaret Baskett
May 26	Maddi e Lock		May 26	Barb Logan	Terry Luebke

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**


**III. THE CONSECRATED LIFE**

**Religious life**

925 Religious life was born in the East during the first centuries of Christianity. Lived within institutes canonically erected by the Church, it is distinguished from other forms of consecrated life by its liturgical character, public profession of the evangelical counsels, fraternal life led in common, and witness given to the union of Christ with the Church.

926 Religious life derives from the mystery of the Church. It is a gift she has received from her Lord, a gift she offers as a stable way of life to the faithful called by God to profess the counsels. Thus, the Church can both show forth Christ and acknowledge herself to be the Savior's bride. Religious life in its various forms is called to signify the very charity of God in the language of our time.

927 All religious, whether exempt or not, take their place among the collaborators of the diocesan bishop in his pastoral duty. From the outset of the work of evangelization, the missionary "planting" and expansion of the Church require the presence of the religious life in all its forms. "History witnesses to the outstanding service rendered by religious families in the propagation of the faith and in the formation of new Churches: from the ancient monastic institutions to the medieval orders, all the way to the more recent congregations."



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
FORT WAYNE + SOUTH BEND

**Next weekend,  
May 9-10 there will be a  
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generous support!**



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