



## 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 IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2026**



**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades**  
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<https://www.osvhub.com/st-gaspar-church/funds>  
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Pam Neu: [msnneu@yahoo.com](mailto:msnneu@yahoo.com)

February 1, 2026 Collections	
Weekly Collection	\$4,748.00
votives	\$105.00
Capital Campaign	\$11,102.78
Capital Campaign (online)	\$205.00
Online Giving (Jan 25-31)	\$360.00
Nigerian Mission	\$220.00
First Offering	\$70.00
Latin America	\$70.00
Rosary	\$1,455.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$80.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$50.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$50.00
Holy Land	\$60.00
Home Mission Appeal	\$50.00
Catholic Comm.	\$50.00
Peter's Pence	\$50.00
Retirement Religious	\$150.00
Pentecost	\$150.00
Catholic University	\$65.00
Mission Sunday	\$50.00
Human Development	\$50.00
Catholic Charities (MD)	\$50.00
Catholic Charities (Xmas)	\$100.00
Sanctuary Flowers	\$200.00
Easter	\$200.00
Ascension	\$60.00
Assumption	\$65.00
Thank you for your generous giving	

MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday	4:30 PM	Dominick Sheline
Sunday	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✠ Bill Romsek
Monday	8:00 AM	No Mass
Tuesday	8:00 AM	✠ Kathleen Costello
Wednesday	8:00 AM	✠ Joseph Costello
Thursday	8:00 AM	✠ Suzanne Arnold
Friday	8:00 AM	✠ Rose Worman



## Lenten Fish Fry

**Carry Out Only!**  
**DRIVE-THRU**

*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.**

All Saints	\$65.00
Immaculate Conception	\$65.00
Christmas	\$340.00
TOTAL	\$20,335.78
Thank you for your generous giving	



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## **Statement of Bishop Rhoades Encouraging Holy Hour for Peace Bishop Calls for Fidelity to Catholic Teaching on Human Dignity and Immigration**

January 31, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the midst of the turmoil in our country surrounding the tragic events in Minneapolis, the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Paul Coakley, has invited the bishops and priests across the United States to offer a Holy Hour for Peace during this time. He writes: "Let us pray for reconciliation where there is division, for justice where there are violations of fundamental rights, and for consolation for all who feel overwhelmed by fear of loss."

I am grateful for Archbishop Coakley's invitation and encourage these Holy Hours for Peace here in our diocese.

Through the years, I have spoken and written often about immigration, explaining the Church's teaching on migration, the plight of refugees, and the need for comprehensive immigration reform in the United States. Sadly, such reform has not happened, due to the political polarization in our society. Now we find ourselves in a situation where peace is threatened. We must pray and act for peace in our cities and nation.

This past November, the Bishops of the United States issued a Special Message addressing our concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. We reiterated the Church's teaching on the fundamental dignity of every human person, including immigrants, recognizing, at the same time, our nation's "responsibility to regulate our borders and to establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good."

In our Special Message, strongly supported by our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, we decried "the indiscriminate mass deportation of people." We prayed for "an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement."

Archbishop Bernard Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis has also called for prayers for peace. I concur with the following statement of Archbishop Hebda: "While we rightly thirst for God's justice and hunger for his peace, this will not be achieved until we are able to rid our hearts of the hatreds and prejudices that prevent us from seeing each other as brothers and sisters created in the image and likeness of God. That is as true for our undocumented neighbors as it is for our elected officials and for the men and women who have the unenviable responsibility of enforcing our laws. They all need our humble prayers."

As disciples of Jesus, we must stand up for the life and dignity of every human person. This is not optional for us as Catholics. It is the most fundamental principle of Catholic social teaching. We must reject all dehumanizing rhetoric. Such rhetoric can lead to violence.

I urge everyone to reject ideologies contrary to the Gospel and to the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Church has a large body of teaching on immigration based on principles of social doctrine that are founded in natural law and illumined by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The issues our nation faces regarding its immigration laws and policies are complex and challenging. The Church is a voice in the public square that never ceases to proclaim





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the truth about the dignity of the human person and that calls people to justice, peace, and solidarity. We must be faithful to these moral truths and values. The challenges we face in our nation are not only political. There is also a spiritual crisis when Our Lord's commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves is forgotten.

As we pray for peace, let us also ask our Blessed Mother, the Queen of Peace, to intercede for our nation. I think of the beautiful devotion to Mary of so many of our immigrant brothers and sisters in our diocese. May she intercede for those experiencing fear and anxiety during this time. And may the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the patroness of our diocese, pray for all of us, that we may be united in our commitment to the protection of the life and dignity of all, to the cause of peace, and to the pursuit of justice and the common good!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades,  
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

**Talks and Messages of Bishop Rhoades on immigration, refugees, and political responsibilities of Catholics in general:**

["The Immigration Debate: A Catholic Perspective"](#) – Speech at Ancilla College, October 12, 2012  
["The Political Responsibility of Catholics"](#) – Speech at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne February 21, 2016  
["To Be Authentically Catholic is to be Pro-Life"](#) – Speech at Saint Mary's College, September 18, 2019  
["Faith and Politics"](#) – Talk given at Theology on Tap, Fort Wayne on January 28, 2020, and at Moreau Seminary, February 17, 2020.  
["Faithful Citizenship in a Divided Nation: The Political Responsibility of Catholics"](#) – Speech at Holy Cross College, September 24, 2020  
["Message on the work of Catholic Charities in support of Refugees and Migrants"](#) – February 6, 2025  
[Op-Ed regarding Civil Investigation Demand from the Office of the Attorney General of Indiana](#) – December 2, 2025  
["Religious Freedom and Immigration"](#) – Speech at University of Notre Dame Law School, November 17, 2025  
[Homily on the Feast of the Holy Family](#) – December 28, 2025

**Resources on Church teaching:**

[Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration \(USCCB\) Catechism of the Catholic Church #2241](#)  
[Justice for Immigrants \(USCCB\)](#)  
[Dicastery for Integral Human Development on Migrants and Refugees](#)  
[Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples \(USCCB\)](#)  
[Letter of the Holy Father Pope Francis to the Bishops of the United States of America \(2025\)](#)  
[U.S. Bishops Issue a "Special Message" on Immigration from Plenary Assembly in Baltimore \(2025\)](#)  
[USCCB President Calls for Holy Hour as a Moment of Renewal for Our Hearts and Our Nation \(2026\)](#)

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.



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.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.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.



## 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](http://diocesefwsb.org/project-rachel).

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

## 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](http://diocesefwsb.org/totus-tuus).

## Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center

8220 W. State Rd 48  
Bloomington, Indiana 47404

### ***"Strong Marriage, Strong Parenting"***

Lead By Dr. Ray Guarendi with Catholic Answers and EWTN  
Friday February 20th - Sunday 22nd, 2026

Dr. Ray is a Catholic father of ten, clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio & television host. His radio show, "The Dr. Is In" can be heard on over 500 stations and SiriusXM® Channel 130. His EWTN television series, "Living Right With Dr. Ray" is in its 14th season and airs in 140 countries. Dr. Ray has given over 3,000 talks on various topics including parenting, marriage, family and the Catholic Faith.

He captivates audiences with his humor-laced presentations providing practical advice and proven techniques.

For more retreat information or to register, call: call 812-825-4642 ext: 1

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**FEBRUARY 21, 2026**






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**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**

## ***The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne***

reminds you to please remember to return your baby bottle filled with spare change to boxes located at the entrance of the church. Either the weekend of **February 7 and 8 or February 14 and 15**. The organization is grateful for your generosity and support. 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. To learn more about the Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne, please visit [www.christchildsfwy.org](http://www.christchildsfwy.org).

## **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!**



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 Kocivar, Toni & Kent Kraner, Sandy Krull, Kelly LaHaine, Lanny Leppo, Kiersten Logan, Irene Martin, Karen 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.

## **EVANGELIZED BY CHRIST IN THE CITY**

Co-sponsored by Holy Cross Parish and the University of Notre Dame Institute for Social Concerns, presentations by theologians from Notre Dame and organizers from We Make Indiana will deepen understanding of Catholic social teaching and help participants develop skills to protect and promote the human dignity of neighbors in need. The workshops will be held Thursdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 26 and March 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Near Northwest Neighborhood community room, 1013 Portage Ave., South Bend. The series will culminate with an ecumenical public witness in South Bend in the spring. The gatherings aim to cultivate a faith that does justice and channels love into action. For more information, contact Mike Hebbeler, Holy Cross parishioner, at [mhebbeler@nd.edu](mailto:mhebbeler@nd.edu)





## QUO VADIS

Join us for a movie matinee on Sunday, February 22 at 1:00 PM in the conference room. We will be showing Quo Vadis, a best picture nominee from 1951 detailing the conflict between Roman paganism and early Christianity. Snacks during the show and pizza after will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet next to bulletins. Please sign up so we know how much pizza to order.



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 14-15 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
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	Gail Martin	Deacon Ray Krouse	Mary Krouse
		Elena Lock	Dennis Zmyslo	Dave Putman	NO WINE
			Karen Edwards	Cathy Putman	
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
February 10	Mary Krouse		February 10	Mary Krouse	Roberta O'Boyle
February 17	Bob Arnold		February 17	Barb Tatman	Barb Logan
February 24	Sharon Wilsey		February 24	Nancy Goldsmith	Margaret Baskett
March 3	Maddie Lock		March 3	Vicki Domer	Laura Weaver
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**

892 Divine assistance is also given to the successors of the apostles, teaching in communion with the successor of Peter, and, in a particular way, to the bishop of Rome, pastor of the whole Church, when, without arriving at an infallible definition and without pronouncing in a "definitive manner," they propose in the exercise of the ordinary Magisterium a teaching that leads to better understanding of Revelation in matters of faith and morals. To this ordinary teaching the faithful "are to adhere to it with religious assent "which, though distinct from the assent of faith, is nonetheless an extension of it.

**The sanctifying office**

893 The bishop is "the steward of the grace of the supreme priesthood, especially in the Eucharist which he offers personally or whose offering he assures through the priests, his co-workers. the Eucharist is the center of the life of the particular Church. the bishop and priests sanctify the Church by their prayer and work, by their ministry of the word and of the sacraments. They sanctify her by their example, "not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock." Thus, "together with the flock entrusted to them, they may attain to eternal life."

**The governing office**

894 "The bishops, as vicars and legates of Christ, govern the particular Churches assigned to them by their counsels, exhortations, and example, but over and above that also by the authority and sacred power" which indeed they ought to exercise so as to edify, in the spirit of service which is that of their Master.



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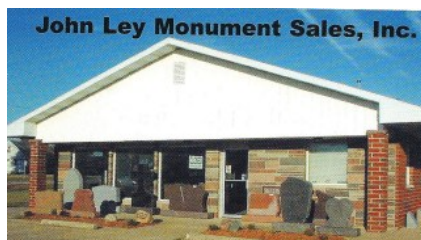
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