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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.”*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

MARCH 23, 2025

THE PARABLE OF THE BARREN FIG TREE



LUKE 13:1-9

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<https://www.osvhub.com/st-gaspar-church/funds>
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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

Saturday	4:30 PM	✝ Arlene Gran
Sunday	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	✝ Jim and Ginny Neu
Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	8:00 AM	✝ Mary Ellen Kress
Wednesday	8:00AM	✝ Jack Garrett
Thursday	8:00 AM	✝ Rita Garrett
Friday	8:00 AM	✝ William Gephart

March 16, 2025 Collections

Weekly Collection	2452.00
Donations	200.00
votives	33.00
Notre Dame /Campaign	2,500.00
SVDP	40.00
Capital Campaign	2,500.00
K of C Fish Fry	
Catholic Relief	20.00
Black & Indian	60.00
Total	\$7,805.00

Thank you for your generous giving

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\$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 **258,919.97** of the \$400,000. goal. God Bless you for helping St. Gaspar Parish reach our goal!

Have you heard false claims about Catholic Charities' work with migrants and refugees?



"If we didn't help them, who would?"

Luz Ostognai, Director of Immigration Services
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Get the facts at TODAY'S CATHOLIC.org



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE PRECIOUS
BLOOD ADORATION
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, AT 6:00 PM**

THE CHOSEN SEASON 5

Part 1 will be shown at NCG Theater in Auburn on Sunday, March 30th at 3:35 p.m. We will carpool from St. Gaspar's at 2:45. Contact Mary Krouse (260)437-8512 to purchase your ticket. After the movie we will eat at the Paradise Buffett.

LENTEN REFLECTION

Please join us for a Lenten Reflection on the Biblical Foundation of the Eucharist by Dr. Tim Gray on Monday March 24th, at 6:30 p.m. We will watch a DVD explaining Jewish, Pagan, Protestant, and Secularist objections to the Real Presence and how we can become better equipped to address them.

The ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR presents **Do Not Be Afraid: A Concert of Sacred Music.**

Free and open to the public; no tickets or reservations needed. For more information, contact Jessica Schuster,

Director: jessia.schuster.155@gmail.com.

April 26 th at 6:00pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church ~ Garrett, IN

April 27 th at 7:00pm

Oratory of St. Francis, University of Saint Francis ~ Fort Wayne, IN

May 3 rd at 7:00pm

St. Rose Catholic Church ~ Perrysburg, OH

May 4 th at 4:30pm

St. Aloysius Catholic Church ~ Bowling Green, OH

O BEAUTIFUL MOTHER - Saturday, May 10 th from 1:00-2:15pm at Catholic Cemetery on Lake Avenue in Fort Wayne. Join the Ecce Young Adult Choir at the outdoor Marian grotto for the rosary, prayers, and Marian hymns to honor our Blessed Mother and to pray for ALL of our mothers, living and deceased. Bring your own blankets and chairs for sitting on the lawn, and you may bring fresh or potted flowers to place before the statue of Our Lady. There will be reserved parking near the grotto for the handicapped. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Resurrection Mausoleum on site. Email Jessica Schuster with questions: jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com



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 ichooselife.org/springbanquet.

ENCOUNTER THE SHROUD OF TURIN IN OUR DIOCESE

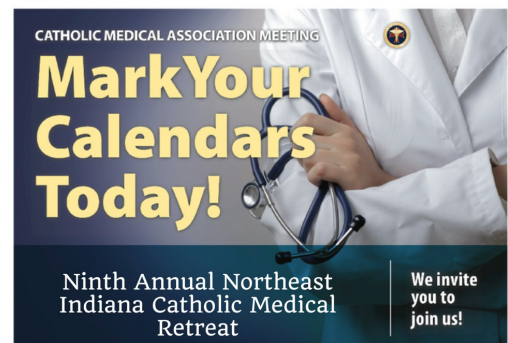
A full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin, the sacred burial cloth believed to have wrapped the body of Jesus after His crucifixion, is coming to our diocese.

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.



FISH FRY

Friday, April 4, 2025
4:00 PM-6:30 PM



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

WHAT: The Seven Last Words of Christ

WHEN: March 29 2025, 8:15-2:30 p.m.

WHERE: St Vincent De Paul Church on Wallen starting with Mass at 8:15 in main church followed by breakfast, talks and lunch in the Life Center and ending with Eucharistic Adoration and prayer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: fortwayne.cathmed.org
260-222-6978



Speaker:
Father Royce Gregerson

The Catholic Medical Guild in Fort Wayne invites anyone in healthcare to come to our annual Lenten Retreat on March 29, 2025. Spouses also welcome. This year's topic will be on Seven Last Words of Christ. This will be presented by Father Royce Gregerson at the St Vincent Life Center. Please RSVP as breakfast and lunch are included and the cost is \$10. However, if unable to RSVP come anyway! See fortwayne.cathmed.org or 260-222-6978 for details. Starts at 8:15 AM with Mass in church.



THANK YOU NOTRE DAME FEDERAL CREDIT UNION! Tom Obergfell from Notre Dame Federal Credit Union dropped by recently to give St. Gaspar Parish a donation of \$2,500.00.



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.



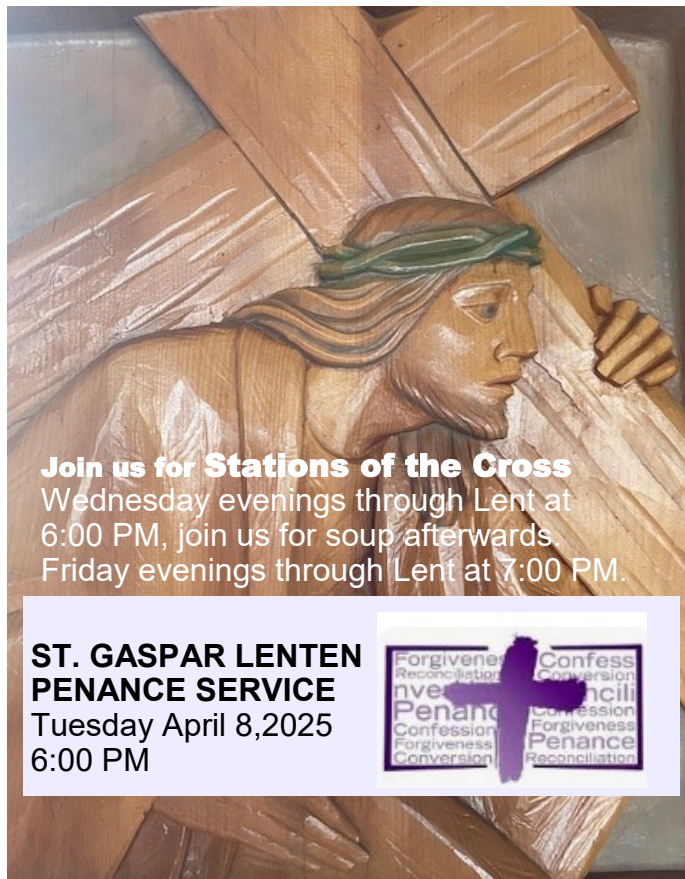
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Wednesday evenings through Lent at 6:00 PM, join us for soup afterwards.

Friday evenings through Lent at 7:00 PM.

ST. GASPAR LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday April 8, 2025
6:00 PM



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Need assistance with rent/ utilities? 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.

IMPORTANT St. Vincent De Paul will meet on Wednesday, March 26 at 5:00 PM instead of 6:00 PM.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week our Parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



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 29-30, 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	Kevin Strater	Deacon Ray Krouse
	Tim Worman	Terry Gust	Margaret Baskett	Laura Weaver	Therese Langsenkamp
			Karen Edwards	Robin Aspy	Al Langsenkamp

Proclaimer Daily Masses

Collections

March 25	Sharon Wilsey		March 25	Margaret Baskett	Nancy Goldsmith
April 1	Maddie Lock		April 1	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
April 8	Elena Lock		April 8	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
April 15	Tim Worman		April 15	Margaret Baskett	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"**

**II. THE CHURCH'S ORIGIN, FOUNDATION
AND MISSION**

The Church - instituted by Christ Jesus

765 The Lord Jesus endowed his community with a structure that will remain until the Kingdom is fully achieved. Before all else there is the choice of the Twelve with Peter as their head. Representing the twelve tribes of Israel, they are the foundation stones of the new Jerusalem. The

Twelve and the other disciples share in Christ's mission and his power, but also in his lot. By all his actions, Christ prepares and builds his Church.

766 The Church is born primarily of Christ's total self-giving for our salvation, anticipated in the institution of the Eucharist and fulfilled on the cross. "The origin and growth of the Church are symbolized by the blood and water which flowed from the open side of the crucified Jesus." "For it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth the 'wondrous sacrament of the whole Church.'" As Eve was formed from the sleeping Adam's side, so the Church was born from the pierced heart of Christ hanging dead on the cross.

A classroom and exhibit dedicated to fifteen year old Saint Carlo Acutis, and the Eucharistic Miracles which he cataloged, is coming to the Diocese! You are invited to Mass and then unveiling and dedication of this special classroom. Date: Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, the day of Carlo's canonization in Rome. Location: St. Felix Catholic Center, 1280 Hitzfield Street, Huntington IN. Mass: 1pm with Fr. Tony Steinacker. Blessing of classroom immediately following. Refreshments, prayer cards, books, and other items will be available. All welcome.



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