

February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# SAINT GASPAR

## FAMILY OF PARISHES

### Emmanuel

149 Franklin Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.2013

### Holy Trinity

272 Bainbridge Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.1223

### Precious Blood

4961 Salem Avenue  
Dayton, OH 45416  
937.276.5954

### Saint Joseph

411 East Second Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.9272

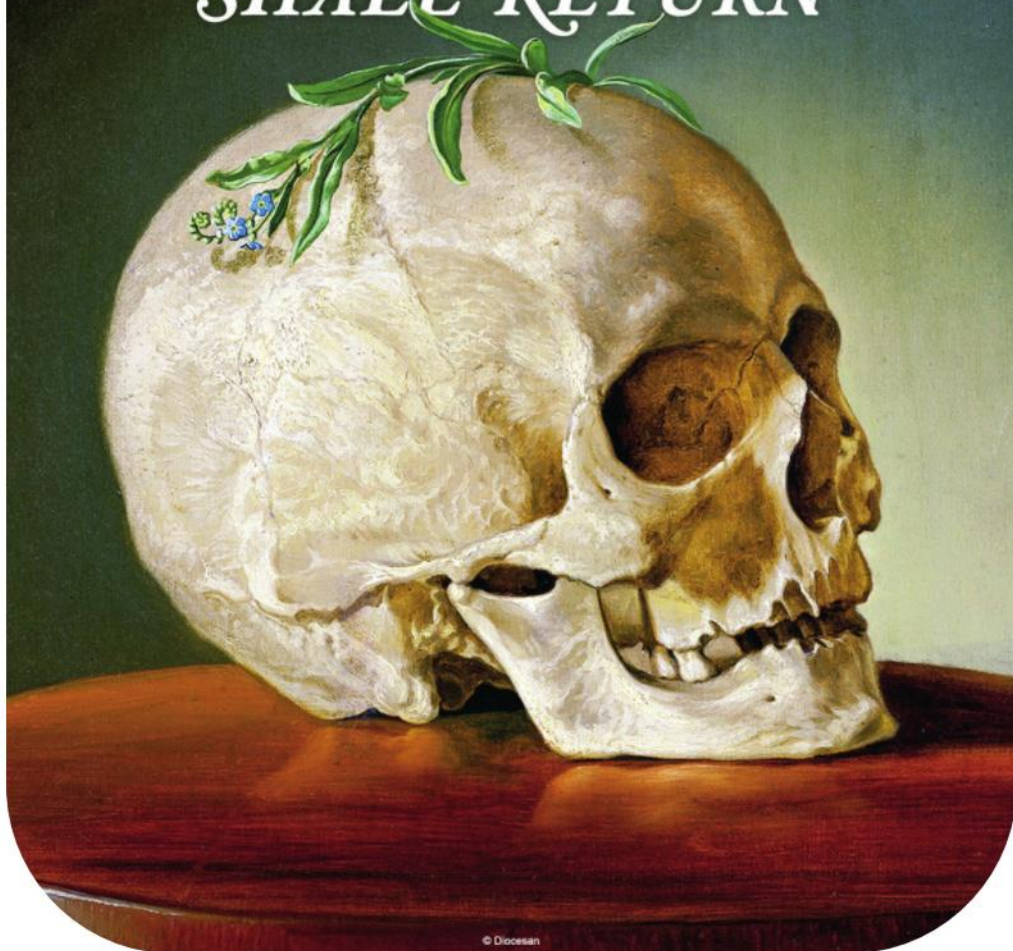
### Saint Paul

1000 W. Wenger Road  
Englewood, OH 45322  
937.836.7535

### Saint Rita

5401 N. Main Street  
Dayton, OH 45415  
937.278.5815

FOR YOU ARE *DUST*  
AND TO DUST YOU  
*SHALL RETURN*



# St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Pastor, Fr. Anthony Fortman, C.P.P.S.

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Seraphine Lesiriam, C.P.P.S., Parochial Vicar Fr. Jim "Santiago" Gaynor, C.P.P.S.



## Pastor's Desk

### Healing the Sick

In the first reading and the gospel we see the focus on leprosy. Leprosy is not such a big deal today because of medicine. But, in Jesus' time, it was a big concern. Overtime leprosy can destroy the extremities of the body. This could cause one's face or body to be disfigured. If one had leprosy in Jesus' time, one would have to separate themselves from others. One would declare themselves unclean. Jesus wants to heal this man with leprosy. He wills it to happen. Jesus heals the man and Jesus tells the man not to proclaim the healing publicly. But the man did proclaim the healing publicly. This made it difficult for Jesus to move from one town to the next.

I often asked myself, "why would Jesus not want people to know about his healings?" I believe Jesus had a plan in place to bring the kingdom on earth. But he had to be very careful and intentional and precise when publicly healing and

proclaiming his teaching. He knew that there would be ramifications from every action or word he would speak.

### Breaking Free of Sin and Healing

What do you need to be healed of in your life? What is separating you from other people? I believe you need to ask the Lord for healing. I believe you need to have faith in Christ's ability to heal. Sometimes we can be too comfortable with our sin or sickness. We would not know how to act if we didn't have the sin or sickness in our life. So, we make that sin or sickness a part of ourselves. Some people are in prison and when they are released, they do not know how to deal with the freedom. So they go back to prison.

Jesus promises a new life but that comes with making better decisions and drawing closer to Him.

The reason Jesus heals is to draw people close to Him. What matters most is not the healing but the person's soul drawing close to Christ. Do you want to draw closer to Christ?

Thank you very much,

Fr. Tony Fortman, C.P.P.S.

## Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Emmanuel: 7:30 am  
Precious Blood: 8:30 am  
St. Joseph: 12:00 pm  
St. Rita: 12:00 pm

Emmanuel: 5:15 pm  
St. Paul: 7:00 pm  
Holy Trinity: 7:00 pm

## Newly Registered in Our Parish Family

**@St. Joseph**

Michael & Cynthia Whitley

**@Holy Trinity**

Trisitan, Emmalee and Thomas Janini

Nathalie Bidwell

## Recently Baptized in Our Parish Family

**@St. Joseph**

Foster Drew Haas, son of Kevin & Chelsey Haas

Cooper Sullivan Kertis, son of Daniel & Megan Kertis

*Baptism preparation classes are listed on page 13 of our bulletin.  
Please call your parish office to schedule.*



## Confession Times

Monday - Saturday  
11:30 - 11:50 am | St. Joseph

Saturday  
4:00-5:00 pm | Emmanuel  
4:00-4:20 pm | St. Joseph  
3:30-4:20 pm | Precious Blood

Sunday  
8:00-8:25 am | Holy Trinity

Lenten reconciliation times  
may be found on page 5.

# Mass Times & Intentions

## Monday, February 12, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Ron Bird  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Diane Dodd  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Jannel Johnson

## Tuesday, February 13, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Norbert, Sylvia and Geoff Ferry  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †St. Brigid of Kildare

## Wednesday, February 14, 2024

### Ash Wednesday

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Precious Blood** ..... †Celebrant's Intention  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Int. of Cecilia Madison  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Rita** ..... For Our Parishioners  
 5:15 pm ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Int. of Sr. John Madgalene  
 7:00 pm ..... **St. Paul** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
 7:00 pm ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †For Our Parishioners

## Thursday, February 15, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Niehaus Family  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Celebrant's Intention  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Tim Collins

## Friday, February 16, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Liv/Dec. Members of the Subler Family  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Celebrant's Intention  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... Int. of Joni Kaliney

## Saturday, February 17, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Tim McCrate  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Grace Lee  
 4:30 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
 4:30 pm ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Charles & Roseann Dettwiller  
 5:15 pm ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Liv/Dec. Members of the Enochs Family

## Sunday, February 18, 2024

### First Sunday of Lent

8:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Fran & Lou Lengerich  
 9:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Purgatorian Mass  
 10:00 am ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Philip Wetzel  
 10:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
 10:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Celebrant's Intention  
 11:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Dec. Members of the Busse Family

## Mass Books Are Open For 2024

Call your parish office to schedule Mass intentions for 2024.

## Mass in an Incense Free Chapel

**@Maria Joseph Center, February 15, at 11:00 am**

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 15 at 11:00 am in the Maria Joseph Center (formerly the Precious Blood Sisters Motherhouse) located at 4830 Salem Ave., Dayton. This is an INCENSE-FREE chapel open to the public for Mass at 11:00 am on the third Thursday of each month.



## Scripture Readings

### For the Week of February 11, 2024

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18                   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Memorial of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, Religious</b><br>Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32 |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>First Sunday of Lent</b><br>Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mt 4:4b; Mk 1:12-15                          |

## Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military

Yves Benihana  
 Michael Borgert  
 Nicholas Butler  
 Jessica Calicoat  
 John Carner  
 Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles  
 Jon Chachula  
 Laura Chachula  
 Eric Justin Dino  
 Eric Raymond Dino  
 Caleb Fowler  
 Jacob Gutwein  
 Christopher Harman  
 George Hinton

Nicholas Kern  
 Morgan Konsdorf  
 Connor "Baktir" Magill  
 Greg Marcus  
 Brittany Maurer  
 Alex McGarvey  
 Zachary McIntyre  
 David Musgrove  
 Diane Nyirasimbi  
 Anthony Pelfrey  
 Gage Plasenthal  
 Matt Shulten  
 Luis Torres  
 Susan Varmuza  
 Justin Williams



## Parish Calendar

### *Monday, February 12*

#### **The Glories of Mary Book Read**

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood/Mtg. Room

### *Tuesday, February 13*

#### **Bible Study, Hebrews**

8:00-9:30 pm · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

#### **St. Paul Parish Council**

7:00-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

### *Wednesday, February 14*

#### **Catholic Life**

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood/Mtg. Room

#### **Knights of Columbus 3754**

7:00-9:00 pm · St. Rita/Basement

#### **St. Vincent De Paul NW Dayton Conference**

6:30-8:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

### *Thursday, February 15*

#### **The Devout Life Book Read**

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood/Mtg. Room

### *Friday, February 16*

#### **Friday Hour**

9:30-11:00 am · Precious Blood/Mtg. Room

#### **Drive-Thru Fish Dinner**

5:30-7:00 pm · St. Paul/Parking Lot

#### **Praise Fest**

7:00-10:00 pm · St. Joseph

### *Saturday, February 17*

#### **CCD**

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

#### **Bible Study, Hebrews**

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

#### **Fish and Sausage Fry**

6:30-8:30 pm · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Room

### *Sunday, February 18*

#### **Children's Faith Formation**

No Class, President's Day Weekend

#### **Youth Pancake Breakfast**

9:30 am · 1:00 pm Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

# St. Gaspar Family News

Lent.

A SEASON OF RENEWAL



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*A comprehensive calendar of events for Lent is included as an insert in this Sunday's bulletin. Additionally, you can access the Lenten Calendar at [stgasparfamily.org](http://stgasparfamily.org).*



The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe serves essential pastoral needs in more than 25 countries.

SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

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## Ash Wednesday Collection

Your gift to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe makes a difference for those living in former communist countries. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year.

## Stations of the Cross

*@St. Joseph, beginning February 14 after the Noon Mass*

St. Joseph will host Stations of the Cross after confession and Noon Mass on Wednesdays during Lent through March 27.

*@Emmanuel, beginning February 16 at 7:00 pm*

Emmanuel will host Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent through March 29 with the Living Stations on March 22.

## Soup & Stations

*@St. Rita, beginning February 20 at 6:30 pm*

For five Tuesday evenings we gather for the Stations of the Cross followed by a soup supper. Many volunteers are needed to make this happen, see page 9 for more information.

# St. Gaspar Family News

## Lenten Reconciliation Services

Our regular confession schedule remains in place, with additional opportunities for confession or reconciliation offered throughout the Lenten season:

Thursday, March 14 at 9:00 am-St. Paul  
Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm-Precious Blood  
March 25, 26 and 27 from 11:00-11:55-St. Joseph (extended hours)  
Tuesday, March 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm-Emmanuel (Novena at 7:00 pm)

## Good News!

### Lenten Bible Study

*@Holy Trinity, beginning Saturday, February 24 through March 23 from 9:30-11:00 am*

Got the Winter Blahs? Wake up. Get up. Enjoy some coffee and the company of your neighbors while you prepare for the Sunday Masses in Lent. Good News! We will take a Lenten journey of faith, hope, and joy as we explore the Gospel readings for each Sunday together. No preparation is needed. Just come and explore what God has in store for you this Lent.

Good News! Sessions are on Saturday mornings, 9:30-11:00 am, beginning February 24, 2024, through March 23, 2024, in the Holy Trinity Rectory. Bring your Bible and bring your heart. Prepare to learn, laugh, and love. Lynda Middleton will be leading the discussion. A light breakfast will be provided.

## Fish Dinners During Lent

During Lent, Catholics cast their nets wide, not only for spiritual reflection but also for an abundance of fish fry dinners. These dinners multiply faster than loaves and fishes. In the world of Catholic traditions, there's no such thing as having just one fish fry.

### Marion Council Carry-Out Fish Dinners

*@St. Paul, beginning February 16 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm*

The Knights of Columbus will have carry-out Fish Dinners every Friday throughout Lent. The cost is \$10.00 per dinner and includes Fried Fish, French Fries and Coleslaw. No need to make a reservation. Just drive up and place your order to take home.

### Holy Trinity Fish & Sausage Fry

*@Holy Trinity, Saturday, February 17*

Carry-out from 5:30-6:15 pm

Serving: 6:30-8:30 pm

Games: 7:00-11:00 pm

Holy Trinity will host a Fish & Sausage Fry that will include games, raffles and silent auctions. More information can be found on page 10.

## Devotionals

### *Miraculous Medal Novena*

Monday

3:30-4:30 pm · St. Rita

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel

### *PrayerMates*

Tuesday

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood

### *Benediction and Adoration*

First Thursday of the Month

6:00-7:30 pm · Precious Blood

Third Sunday of the Month

12:45 pm · Holy Trinity

### *Pray the Rosary*

Monday-Saturday

12:45 pm · St. Joseph (after the Noon Mass)

Friday

3:00 pm · Precious Blood Adoration Chapel

Saturday

4:45 pm · Emmanuel (before 5:15 pm Mass)

Sunday

9:30 am · St. Joseph (before 10:00 am Mass)

8:00 am · Precious Blood (before 8:30 am Mass)

8:55 am · St. Rita (before 9:30 am Mass)

10:00 am · Emmanuel (before 10:30 am Mass)

10:00 am · St. Paul (before 10:30 am Mass)

### *Pray the Rosary for Life*

Second Sunday of the Month

8:30 am · Holy Trinity (after 8:30 am Mass)

We pray the rosary for pro-life issues.



## Featured in Our Family of Parishes

PulchraTerra



### Lenten Clean Up Project

@the old Elder Beerman

Saturday, February 17

Lent is all about prayer, repentance and offering up sacrifices for our Lord Jesus Christ. Join the friends of Pulchra Terra in a neighborhood clean-up in the St. Rita's area of town. We will gather at the corner of Philadelphia and Siebenthaler at the Old Elder Beerman store on Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Join us in a spirit of prayer and offering up sacrifice for our neighborhood community. Trash bags will be offered with trash grabbers. We will recycle cans, bottles, and plastic. RSVP to Curtis Kneblak: ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org or via text: 937-203-6037.

*Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us litterers.*

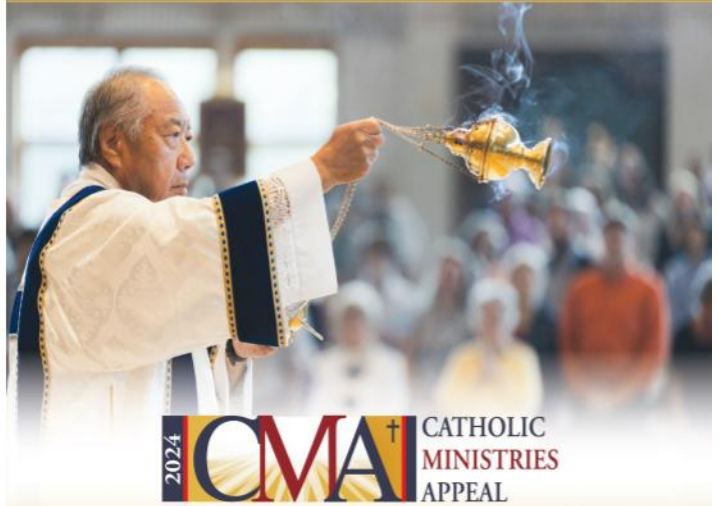
### Friends of Pulchra Terra

*Tips from Pulchra Terra Member,*

*Master Gardener Helen Sloane*

Valentine's Day is fast approaching. If you are an orchid lover, buy one that has multiple buds on it, in addition to blooms. The blooms will last 4 months or longer & when done, the buds will open for an extended period of bloom, as well. I am not an expert, but still learning about these plants.

"As the Father has sent Me,  
so I send you." - John 20:21

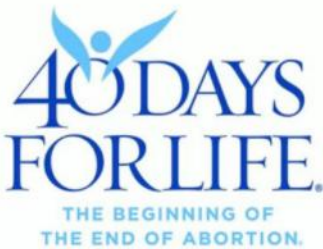


2024 CMA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



Archbishop Schnurr sends his thank you to our Family of Parishes for pledging to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so. If you brought your envelope with you today you may drop it in the offertory basket. You will find extra pledge envelopes in the back of church. For more information visit: <https://catholicaoc.org/cma/about-cma>

## From the St. Gaspar Respect Life Group



### 40 Days for Life Opening Rally

@1401 E. Stroop Rd., Kettering, Sunday, February 11, beginning at 2:00 pm

Please join us for our opening rally featuring guest speaker, Margie Christie, Executive Director of Dayton Right to Life. The rally will take place across the street from the Women's Med Center. Come and be encouraged! God has given us the victory.

The 40 Days for Life Spring Prayer Vigil begins February 14. You can sign up to pray by visiting: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/dayton>

### Question: When is it Illegal to Call Suicide "Suicide"?

Both legislative and judicial actions in recent years have resulted in more states allowing assisted suicide. It is important to understand how this works in practice when it is proposed for our state. An organization of nurses in Ohio has already come out in favor of assisted suicide.

The Patients Rights Council has produced a paper on the dangers of assisted suicide, contrasting the promises from the proponents with the reality on the ground, as well as the dangers of legalizing a physician provided service that is cheaper than just about any medical treatment. You can find the answer to this question and much more at: [patientsrightscouncil.org](http://patientsrightscouncil.org).

## St. Joseph Church Pipe Organ Update

### The Temporary Organ

There have been several developments regarding the pipe organ over the past few months. You likely noticed that the temporary digital organ in front of the church was removed in early December. What you may not have realized is that the organ currently being used at St. Joseph in the balcony is not our actual pipe organ, but another temporary digital instrument. This temporary organ was set up to create a sense of normalcy as we undertake the task of addressing the main pipe organ, which has sat silent since September.



### The Pipe Organ Committee and Inspection

Under the direction of a Pipe Organ Committee, we had three pipe organ builders inspect our current instrument and submit bids to fix and refurbish the organ. After reviewing the inspection reports and bids, the committee was made aware that the current pipe organ cannot adequately provide what is demanded of it: the electrical control system has failed, structural issues were identified in the main chest of the organ, pipes were discovered to be collapsing and foreign materials were used to temporarily fix structural and tonal issues, and the overall voicing of the current organ was overpowering and shrill in tone.

### The Recommendation

The Pipe Organ Committee unanimously recommended to the St. Joseph Parish Council and Finance Committee a full rebuild of the pipe organ to both honor the historical legacy of the pipe organ at St. Joseph Church and provide a quality instrument for future generations. This recommendation, along with the selected organ builder, were unanimously approved by members of both the Parish Council and Finance Committee. A signed contract was sent to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and is awaiting the Archbishop's signature.

### The New Pipe Organ

The new pipe organ will address all the issues uncovered during the inspection and once completed, will be an incredibly artistic and musical instrument: both striking in sound and aesthetics. A rendering of the new pipe organ, along with its specifications, can be found on a display board at the entrance of the church.

- The new pipe organ console will have updated and computerized electrical systems.
- The internal structure will be rugged and utilize time-tested methods to ensure structural integrity and longevity.
- The organ will increase from 15 ranks of pipes to 40 ranks of pipes and will be voiced so that the organ can provide volumes ranging from a whisper to a full organ without overpowering the congregation.
- The façade and casework will blend harmoniously with the Italian Byzantine architecture of the church.

## Become a Pipe Organ Donor

### The Total Cost of the New St. Joseph Pipe Organ is \$280,000

If you would like to help financially with this project, you can do so in a number of ways:

#### Use the Designated Envelope

Special envelopes for the pipe organ project are located at the entrances of the church and can be placed in the collection basket.

#### Mail in Your Donation

St. Joseph Church  
411 E. Second St.  
Dayton, OH 45402

*Please be sure to clearly state "Pipe Organ Donation"*



#### Donate Online

Visit: [www.myEoffering.com](http://www.myEoffering.com)  
Please be sure to clearly state "Pipe Organ Donation". You can also scan the QR code with your phone to start the donation process.



"...the pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendor to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up man's mind to God and to higher things." - Sacrosanctum Concilium 120

## The Steubenville Conference

*For High School Students, June 21 through June 23*

**RSVP by February 24, 2024**

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5. This summer, St. Gaspar Family of Parishes will be going to The Steubenville Conference June 21-23. We will need to reserve our space by Feb. 24. Please let us know if your high school student plans on attending. A \$50 deposit is due to hold your reservations. The total cost will be \$235 per person. RSVP to Tanya Lee at 937-885-7432. Visit: <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/> for more information.



### Free Pancake Breakfast



With a free-will offering

**Sunday, Feb. 18**

Sunday, Feb 18  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Emmanuel School Building.

All donations will be used to help offset the cost of Catholic summer camps (Catholic Youth Summer Camp, Steubenville Conferences, etc.) for teens from .St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

**Teens needed for the pancake breakfast!**

**Contact Tania Lee:  
937-885-7432.**



## Lenten Service Project

*@St. Paul, donations due March 17*

The Children's Faith Formation program is sponsoring a Lenten project to benefit the Northwest Dayton St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry. We will be making Easter baskets for the food pantry to distribute. Donations can be brought to class on Sunday mornings and given to the teachers. The last Sunday to bring in donations is March 17th.

Items needed: Candy, small toys such as coloring books, crayons, yoyos, bubbles, side walk chalk, jump ropes, and Easter Baskets. (We will put items together in baskets.)



## Teen Retreat Our God is Bigger!

*@Spiritual Center in Maria Stein,  
March 22-24*

The Life in the Spirit Seminar is built for all levels of faith as an opportunity to be inspired by

Christ's love and example. Throughout the weekend there will be opportunities for Adoration, Reconciliation and Holy Mass as well as praise and worship and many other activities. Come with an eager and open heart ready to experience a new prayer life and to build relationships with other brothers and sisters in Christ as we are all witnesses to a God who is bigger than all of our problems.

For more information contact Tanya Lee, 937-885-7432.

Visit: <https://www.lifeinthespirit-seminar.com/>



## Lenten Almsgiving

### Sharing the Lenten Journey: Helping our Neighbors in Need

*For St. Vincent De Paul NW Dayton Conference*

*Our project this year will help our Pantry and our Fill the House ministry. Please be generous donating the items below.*

**Look for our totes in the Cascia Center at St. Rita, the Gathering Space at Precious Blood, and the Vestibule at St. Paul so that you may drop off your donations at any parish.**

Personal Care Items that our pantry is out of:

- Bar Soap
- Men's & Women's Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Shaving Cream
- Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items that are often requested:

- Body Lotion
- Bodywash
- Cleaning Supplies
- Conditioner
- Dental Floss
- Laundry Pods
- Mouthwash
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Fill the House items for our ministry:

- Twin & Full Blankets
- Handheld Can Openers
- Everyday Drinking Glasses (plastic or lucite)
- New Bed Pillows
- Pots & Pans
- Everyday Dishes

## St. Vincent De Paul Meals

*@ Precious Blood  
Tuesday, February 13*

- Group A: Entrée
- Group B: Pies
- Group C: Salad
- Group D: Off

St. Vincent meals may be dropped off at the Precious

Blood Rectory office on Mondays between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm and Tuesdays between from 9:00 am and 11:30 am or to Precious Blood Church the Sunday before and given to an usher before Mass.

Frozen entrees can be dropped off at the Precious Blood rectory anytime during regular office hours.

## Cooks and Bakers Needed for Lenten Soup & Stations

*@St. Rita, Tuesdays During Lent*

We need parishioners to make 12 crockpots of homemade soups and baked, fresh breads each week to be served at our Lenten soup and bread suppers held after the Stations of the Cross at St. Rita Church every Tuesday during Lent. Servers and helpers are also needed! Please RSVP to Mary Krueger at 937-241- 1947 or Kruegm8@aol.com, or to Matt Ruttle at 937-278-5815 (ext. # 102) or mruttle@preciousbloodchurch.org . Thank you! God bless.



## Our Next Trivia Night

*@Precious Blood, Activity Center (gym)*

*Saturday, February 17, beginning at 7:00 pm*

Trivia fun and fellowship continues in the Precious Blood Parish Activity Center! We had a great time at our first gathering, and we're looking forward to another friendly competition with Dean Roll, the Trivia Shark as our Master of Ceremonies, he'll present a wide range of general trivia questions. Everyone from the St. Gasper community is invited! Donation is \$5.00 per person, used to help defray the cost of prizes. You are welcome to bring snacks and drinks if you desire, and we'll provide some too. Come and join us as a team, a couple, or an individual for a great time and fellowship!

## Widow's Group

*@St. Paul, Wednesday, February 21*

*from 2:00 to 3:00 pm*

The Widow's group meets monthly at St. Paul in Rosary Hall. If you would like more information please call Jane Marx at 937-832-9753.

## Senior Program & Lunch

### Drum Fit Class

*@St. Paul, Wednesday, February 21,*

*from 12:00 to 2:00 pm*

*Lunch and program sponsored by Cypress Pointe.*

Experience a Drum Fit Class, wear comfortable clothing that will allow you to move.

Reservation deadline is noon on Monday, February 19.



### Brigid's Path Almsgiving Project

@Holy Trinity

Our Lenten Almsgiving project this year is for donations to Brigid's Path. Brigid's Path was founded in 2014 to care for babies and mothers in crisis with grace, love and hope.

### Following are the requested items:

Items can be left behind the first pew in church.

- Clorox or Lysol Disinfectant wipes
- Bottle Brushes
- Liquid Scent-free Laundry Detergent (such as Dreft)
- Paper Towels (rolls)
- Preemie Size Diapers (Huggies or Pampers)
- Baby teethingers
- Diapers – Pampers Swaddlers Sensitive (Newborn and Size 1)
- Baby saline nose drops
- Desitin Diaper cream (purple box)

We thank you in advance for your generosity. Learn more about Brigid's Path: <https://brigidspath.org/>

## Coffee & Donuts

### Served with Love

@St. Joseph, Sunday, February 11

Coffee and Donuts will be held on Sunday, February 11 in the Parish Life Center after the 10:00 am Mass. Do you have a favorite dish you would love to share? Items can be dropped off before Mass, starting at 9:30 am. It would be sweet if you could join us! Everything will be served with love!

## Join the Cleaning Brigade!

### Many Hands Make Light Work

@St. Joseph, second Wednesday

We are going to start cleaning the church on the second Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited to join the cleaning brigade on Wednesday, February 14.

## Inquiries

### For the Permanent Diaconate

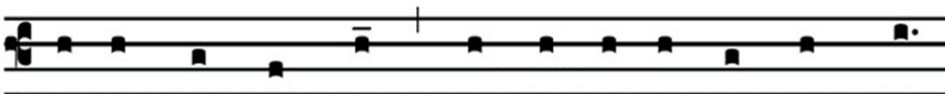
Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, pre-requisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513.263.6641 or [deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org](mailto:deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org).



## Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

From Music Director Michelle Carner

Demystifying chant notation, part 2: Let's look at some of the marks surrounding the square notes. Sometimes there's a dot to the right of a note; this means to hold that note longer. Unlike in modern notation, it is not mathematically precise; the exact length is left to our musical judgment. Other times, there is a horizontal line above a note (or even a few notes); this, too, means to lengthen the note according to good musical judgment. (Vertical lines do not change a note's length.)



Un-to you, O Lord, have I lift-ed up my soul;

## Online Giving

@Emmanuel

Emmanuel now has online giving! Scan the QR code to give or visit: <https://osvhub.com/emmanuel-church/giving/funds>.

If you have any questions, please contact Brother Matt: [brothermattcpps@gmail.com](mailto:brothermattcpps@gmail.com) or call 937-228-2013.



## Fish & Sausage Fry

*@Trinity Center, Saturday February 17*

*Doors open at 6:15 pm*

### Holy Trinity Fish & Sausage Fry

**Saturday, February 17, 2024**

#### Trinity Center

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Doors open at 6:15 pm

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If you have any new items that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction at the Fish and Sausage Fry, you may drop them off at the parish office.

We will also need your delicious baked goods.

*Don't miss out – purchase your tickets now after Mass  
or call the parish office 937-228-1223.*



## Contribution Statements for 2023

### *From Holy Trinity*

Your 2023 contribution statements for tax purposes are available by calling the parish office.

## Spring Cleaning for a Cause

### *From Holy Trinity*

Gather all those goodies together that you longer need or want for our Rummage Sale on May 4. More info to follow.

## Abolish the Death Penalty

### *From Holy Trinity's Social Action Commission*

In 2018, #2267 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church was revised to state that the death penalty was inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person. Currently in Ohio there are two bills, House Bill 259 and Senate Bill 101 that have been introduced to abolish the death penalty in Ohio. Please contact your state senators and representatives in support of these bills. To find your state senator go to

Ohioenate.gov to find your representative go to [ohiohouse.gov](http://ohiohouse.gov). Together we can stop the death penalty in Ohio.

## Critical Need for Blood

### *From Holy Trinity's Health Ministry*

Solvate Blood Center (formerly Community Blood Center) is in critical need of multiple blood types due to recent high usage and low collections following the holiday period. Help meet this urgent need by donating and supporting the critical mission of National and Ohio Blood Donor Awareness Month. Make an appointment to donate with Solvita on the Donor Time app, by calling (937) 461-3220, or at [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com).

## Funeral Lunches

### *From Holy Trinity*

Retirees, if you could be on call to help with funeral lunches, we would appreciate hearing from you. Lunches are not a regular occurrence, but when they do happen, help is needed to meet with the caterer and be welcoming to those attending. Please call the parish office.

## Our Stewardship

This week we are getting caught up with our offertory reporting for the New Year. If you are interested in online giving please contact your parish office. Thank you for your generous contributions.

### **Precious Blood, February 4**

Sunday Collection.....\$5,595.50  
St. Vincent De Paul .....\$1,159  
January Electronics.....\$8,413

### **Saint Paul, February 4**

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January Electronics.....\$4,622

### **Saint Rita, February 4**

Sunday Collection.....\$3,685  
St. Vincent De Paul .....\$120  
January Electronics.....\$1,035

### **Holy Trinity, February 4**

Sunday Collection.....\$5,514  
Electronic Giving .....\$2,511  
Outreach .....\$1,186

### **Saint Joseph, February 4**

Sunday Collection.....\$6,822  
Outreach .....\$203

### **Emmanuel, January 28**

*Offertory for Emmanuel will appear next Sunday*

Sunday Collection.....\$7,265  
St. Vincent De Paul Tithe.....\$726

### **Emmanuel, February 4**

*Offertory for Emmanuel will appear next Sunday*

Sunday Collection.....\$6,803  
St. Vincent De Paul Tithe.....\$680

As an added convenience all of our parishes offer online giving. If you are interested in online giving call your parish office:

Emmanuel: 937-228-2013  
Holy Trinity: 937-228-1223  
Precious Blood: 937-276-5954  
St. Joseph: 937-228-9272  
St. Paul: 937-836-7535  
St. Rita: 937-278-5815

## Area News

### Catholic Men's Conference

*@East Central High School Performing Arts Center, St. Leon, Indiana, February 17, 2024*

Tickets are on sale now for the E6 Catholic Men's Conference in St. Leon, Indiana. The event is at the East Central Performing Arts Center from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Our speakers this year are Sean Casey, Tim Staples, Fr. John Hollowell, and Nathan Crankfield. Tickets are only \$45 and include breakfast and lunch.

### Study Group

*@St. Albert the Great, beginning February 20*

All are invited on Tuesdays, February 20 through April 2, 2024, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Spirit Center at St. Albert the Great, 3033 Far Hills Ave., Kettering, hosted by the Legion of Mary. Discussion on books Behold the Handmaid of the Lord (\$14) and Preparation for Total Consecration (\$10) with free coffee/tea. To purchase or borrow the books, contact [legionofmarystalbert@yahoo.com](mailto:legionofmarystalbert@yahoo.com) or Gloria Dodd (937) 999-1263 by February 16.

dead.

### Lenten Vespers

*@Calvary Cemetery, Thursday, February 29*

Please join us for Vespers on Thursday, February 29, at 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery Chapel. All are welcome. We will chant the psalms for the second week of Lent. Chanting is reciting the words to a simple, 2-3 note melody. Anybody can do it. This little bit of music helps us to understand the words better, and the echo in the chapel brings peace and a real experience of God's presence. For more information, please visit our website: [daytonvespers.org](http://daytonvespers.org).



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## Parish

## Information

### Live Stream Mass

**@Precious Blood Church**

The 8:30 am Sunday Mass at Precious Blood Church is live streamed.

Visit: <https://northwestdaytoncatholic.org/live-stream/>

**@ St. Joseph Church**

The 10:00 am Sunday Mass at St. Joseph is live streamed. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/DaytonCatholic/>

## Baptisms

Call your parish office to schedule. If this is your first child or if you have never attended a baptism class, please call your parish office to register for a baptismal preparation class.

## Baptismal

### Preparation Class

You may attend class at any of our Family of Parishes. Registration is required. To register contact your parish office.

**Upcoming Classes and locations:**

March 2, 2024 at 10:00 am, Holy Trinity

May 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm, St. Paul

## Care of the Sick

### and Elderly

Parishioners, who are confined to their homes and wish to receive Communion, please call your Parish Office.

## Marriage

Please call your Parish Office at least seven months in advance to begin required pre-nuptial preparation.

## RCIA or Catholic Life

Those adults, wishing to enter the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), contact your parish office.

## Bulletin Submissions

Submissions for the bulletin are due Thursdays at Noon, 9 days before the publication date of the bulletin.

**St. Gaspar South:** submit to Mary

Beemsterboer emmparishoffice@gmail.com (via email).

**St. Gaspar North:** submit to Joan Macpherson:

jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org (via email).

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If you are sending a full page flyer for the bulletin, please understand that we may not be able to run a full page and may have to alter the flyer.

## Pulpit Announcements

Pulpit announcements for upcoming events need to be submitted no later than Friday by Noon. Please contact Joan Macpherson for all submissions:

jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org.

# St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Prayer List

Our six parishes have combined their prayer lists into one, symbolizing our unity and shared faith. Names in bold represent new additions.

## St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Prayer List as of 2/6/2024

Dave Aivalotis  
Julie & Rodney Behrens  
Benito & Family  
**Kevin Corey**  
Colleen Crolley  
Alma Davis  
**Greg Davis**  
**Joanne Davis**  
**David Franklin**  
Michael Glackin  
Mea Greenwood  
Karen Hatton

Joe & Zoa Hunter  
John & Joan Jankowski  
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Carol Keck  
Marge Krisher  
Colette Ann Kropp  
David & Susan Lawrence & Family  
Connor Magill  
**Carolyn Palmer**  
Kevin Plieman  
Janet Rudy-Gerrard  
Kathy Sadlier  
Pat Schlearth Family  
Jeanette Schreck  
Katie Schultz

Joe & Angela Seyfferle  
Jim Sipos  
Ed Stanziano  
Larry Sutherland  
Karen Thomas  
Scott & Meghan Tygett & Family  
Jack & Ann Wolf.

Names remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless we are notified otherwise.

To add a name to the prayer list please contact your parish office, or email Nancy Burton at [nburton@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:nburton@preciousbloodchurch.org).

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mary Kraft whose funeral Mass was offered at St. Joseph on January 29. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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