

March 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent



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FAMILY OF PARISHES

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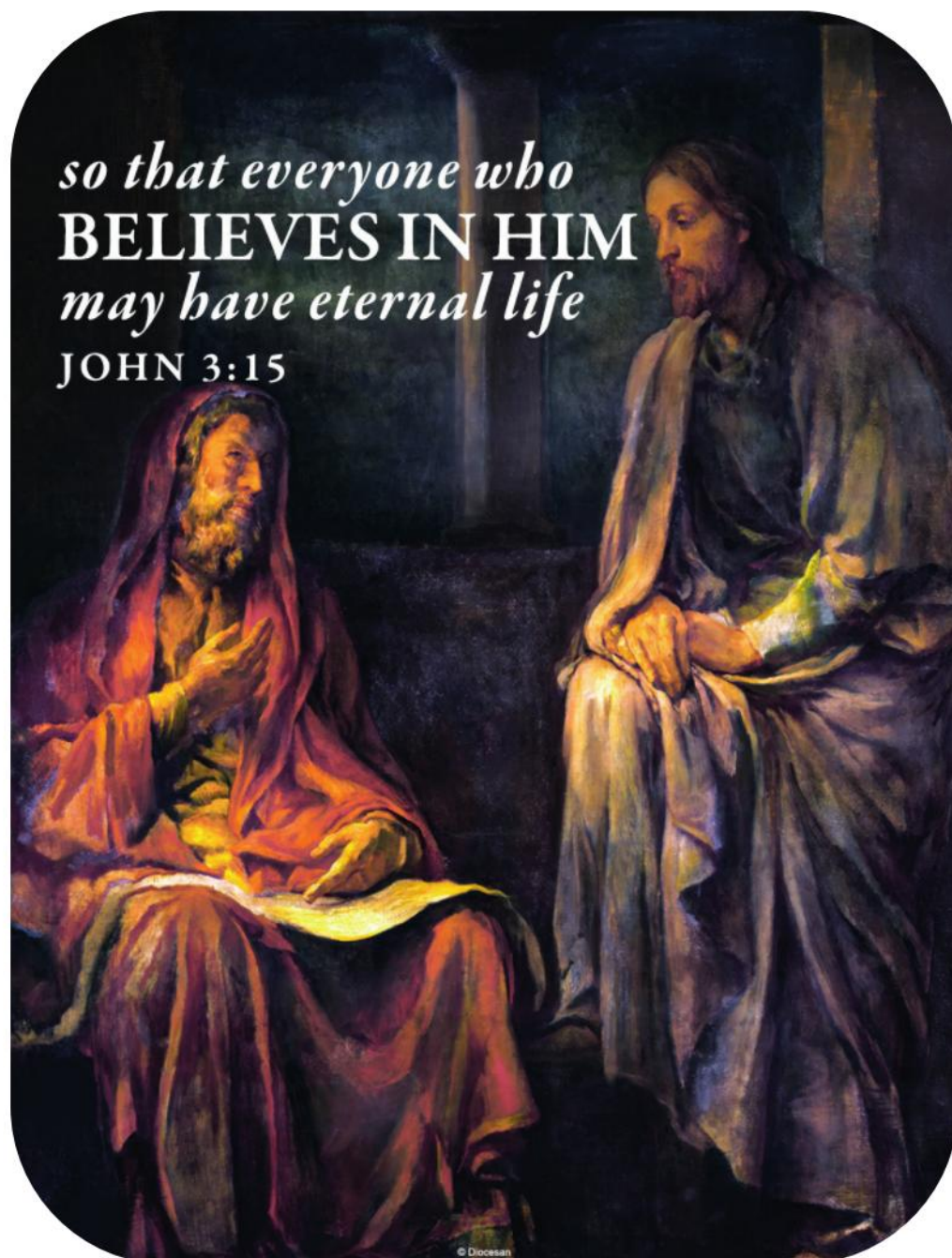
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Saint Rita

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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.



The 4th Sunday of Lent

From Fr. Jim Gaynor, C.P.P.S.

Jesus tells Nicodemus and us, that we must be begotten of water and the Spirit, to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. That is in the chapter 3 of the Gospel of John which we proclaim this 4th Sunday of Lent. It was a wonderful experience being born of our parents and grandparents into this human life, but then one day that life is confronted with death. What then? We are then told by Jesus: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life" (Jn 3,16).

As we advance in our observance of Lent: in prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we need to have Christ before us so these Lenten activities have their true meaning and effect in us.

They could just serve to help us reduce our waistline and weight, which could be good, but they are not the reason for Lenten activities.

The word Lent means "growth". Each Sunday, by way of the Gospel, we are meant to grow in Christ.

The first Sunday, He was confronting the temptations of self-centeredness, self-satisfaction, and self-glorification. He didn't run and hide, but confronted this selfishness as we too are called this lent to live in the world and confront selfishness .

The second Sunday, He showed us His divinity by way of the Transfiguration, growing in knowing who He, Jesus. really was and is.

The third Sunday, He cleansed the temple and encouraged us to cleanse the temple of our persons, the temple of the church and the temple of planet earth.

Now this fourth Sunday Jesus takes us to grow and appreciate our Baptisms in which we were born anew of water and the Holy Spirit. Prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving help us live this new life we have received by water and the Holy Spirit.

Yours In Christ,

Fr. Jim (Santiago) Gaynor, C.P.P.S.

Staff reflections will continue through Palm Sunday.

Welcome to Our Family of Parishes Newly Baptized

@Precious Blood

Carson Ray Pahren, son of Cody & Jessica Pahren

@Emmanuel

Isla Magdalene, daughter of Rhys & Emaline Gast

If you're a first-time parent seeking to have your child baptized, attending a baptism preparation class is a prerequisite. These classes provide essential insights into the significance and rituals of the sacrament, covering both theological and practical aspects. Upcoming dates for baptismal preparation classes and other details can be found on page 13.



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

Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, March 11, 2024

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Andrew Chiovaro
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Mariann Becker
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †James Pettit

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Rita Canty
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Virginia Jette
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Int. of Jesus Muñoz

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †George Muckenthaler
 8:30 am **St. Paul** †Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †James Bauer

Thursday, March 14, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Barbara Stiers Pavelka
 8:30 am **St. Paul** †Pat Smith
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Liv/Dec. Members of the Marx/Schafer Families

Friday, March 15, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Roger Gamblin
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Dec. Members of the Kobylinsky Family
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Liv/Dec. Members of the Schafer Families

Saturday, March 16, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Niehaus Family
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Jack Summers
 4:30 pm **St. Joseph** †Maria Kosir
 4:30 pm **Precious Blood** †Buck Mangen
 5:15 pm **Emmanuel** †Joe Spanel

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Heather Buschur
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †John Weigandt
 9:30 am **St. Rita** †Fr. Gene Schnipke
 10:00 am **St. Joseph** †For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am **Emmanuel** †For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am **St. Paul** †Maurice D'Sa
 11:30 am **Holy Trinity** †For Our Parishioners
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Founding Members of our Parish

Presider Schedule Update

While other parishes may choose to provide a public schedule indicating which priest will be celebrating Mass, it is our decision not to do so. This choice aligns with our commitment to prioritize the communal aspect of worship and to avoid fostering a culture centered on individual priests. Our focus remains steadfastly on encountering Christ and participating in the Eucharist, irrespective of the presiding clergy. Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to uphold the sacredness and universality of the Mass within our parish community.



Download Our Lenten Calendar

We want to make sure you have all the information that is needed this Easter season, so we put together a Lenten and Holy Week Calendar. You can find the calendar in church, scan the QR code or visit: stgasparfamily.org.



Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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

To add the name of a loved one to our prayer list for Men and Women in the Military contact your parish office.

Parish Calendar

Monday, March 11

The Glories of Mary Book Read

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

Tuesday, March 12

Soup and Stations

6:30-8:30 pm · St. Rita/Church

St. Paul Parish Council

7:00-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Wednesday, March 13

Lunch with the Lord

11:45 am –12:45 pm · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Room

Stations of the Cross

12:30-1:00 pm · St. Joseph/Church

NW Dayton SVDP Meeting

6:30-8:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Catholic Life

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

Knights of Columbus 3754

7:30-9:00 pm · St. Rita/Lower Level

Thursday, March 14

The Devout Life Book Read

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

Knights of Columbus 13874

7:30-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Friday, March 15

Friday Hour

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

Drive-Thru Fish Dinner

5:30-7:00 pm · St. Paul/Parking Lot

Stations of the Cross

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel/Church

PraiseFest

7:00-10:00 pm · Emmanuel/Church

Saturday, March 16

CCD

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

Good News Bible Study

9:30-11:00 am · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Room

Trivia Night

7:00-8:30 am · Precious Blood/Gym

Sunday, March 17

Children's Faith Formation

9:00-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

St. Gaspar Family Calendar

It is important that our events are posted on the parish calendar in the bulletin and online. If you are a ministry leader with events that occur on our campuses send information about your events to Joan Macpherson via email: jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org. If you have questions, concerns, or feedback call 937-276-5954.

Reconciliation Services

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

@St. Paul, Thursday, March 14 at 9:00 am

@Precious Blood, Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm

@St. Joseph, March 25, 26 and 27 from 11:00-11:55 am

(extended hours)

@Emmanuel, Tuesday, March 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm

(Novena at 7:00 pm)

Feast of St. Joseph

@St. Joseph, Tuesday, March 19

You are invited to join us for the celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day at our Noon Mass. Mass will be followed with the Blessing of St. Joseph's Table. Bread will be distributed after Mass and a portion of the bread will be shared with the House of Bread in Dayton.



Stations of the Cross

The practice of Stations of the Cross, especially during the Lenten season, holds significant religious and spiritual importance for many Christians, particularly those of the Catholic faith.

Weekdays Throughout Lent

@St. Joseph, Wednesdays after Noon Mass

@Emmanuel, Fridays, 7:00 pm

Live Stations

@Emmanuel, Friday, March 22, 7:00 pm

Through dramatic performances, visual imagery, the youth group brings the Stations of the Cross to life, evoking emotions of sorrow, empathy, and ultimately, hope and redemption. The audience is invited to reflect on the significance of each station and the profound love and sacrifice demonstrated by Jesus.

Soup and Stations

@St. Rita, 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross are followed by a communal soup and bread supper in St. Rita's Gym. Please note the final two dates, and especially the date change for the final Soup and Stations:

Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm

Holy Week 2024

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Precious Blood - 4:30 pm
St. Joseph - 4:30 pm
Emmanuel - 5:15 pm

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Precious Blood - 8:30 am
Holy Trinity - 8:30 am
St. Rita - 9:30 am
St. Joseph - 10:00 am
St. Paul - 10:30 am
Emmanuel - 10:30 am
Holy Trinity - 11:30 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

St. Joseph - 5:30 pm
Holy Trinity - 6:00 pm
Emmanuel - 7:00 pm
Precious Blood - 7:00 pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

St. Joseph - 1:30 pm
Holy Trinity - 2:00 pm
Emmanuel - 5:30 pm
St. Paul - 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30, 2024

Emmanuel - 8:45 pm

Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Precious Blood - 8:30 am
*Holy Trinity - 8:30 am
St. Rita - 9:30 am
St. Joseph - 10:00 am
St. Paul - 10:30 am
Emmanuel - 10:30 am

**No 11:30 am Mass at Holy Trinity on Easter Sunday*

Easter Vigil at Emmanuel

Saturday, March 30, beginning at 8:45 pm

This Easter Season we will be celebrating one Easter Vigil as a Family of Parishes at Emmanuel. For those who are worshipping at Emmanuel for the first time: during the distribution of Holy Communion, Emmanuel uses a communion rail. You have the option to either kneel or stand at the rail. Additionally, you may receive the Eucharist directly on your tongue or in your hand, according to your personal preference and by the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Devotionals

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday

3:30-4:30 pm · St. Rita

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel

PrayerMates-Not Meeting Throughout Lent

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

Saturdays during Lent

Following the Noon Mass · St. Joseph

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.

Vespers

Tuesday evenings during Lent (begins Feb. 27)

6:30 pm · Holy Trinity



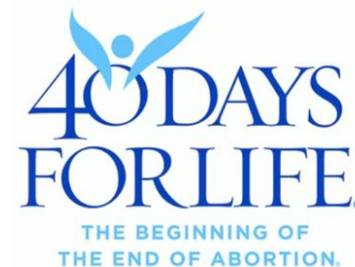
Help Us Build a Culture of Life

Join Us At Our Next Group Meeting

@St. Joseph Center, March 11, from 6:30-8:00 pm

As the united pro-life mission of all six parishes, The St Gaspar Respect Life Group offers a direct and powerful way to fulfill our call to defend life. All are welcome to our next group meeting, Monday, March 11, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, at the St. Joseph Parish Life Center, 411 East Second Street, Dayton. For more information about what we do, contact your Parish Respect Life Coordinator:

Emmanuel - Mark & Nancy Miller, 937-434-8001, markm5704@gmail.com
Holy Trinity - Karen Averbeck, 937-232-3973, kmaverbeck@aol.com
Precious Blood - Rosie Prier, 937-232-7406, mprier1@gmail.com
St Paul - Beth Crouse, 937-836-7625, bcrouse46@yahoo.com
St Rita & St Joseph - Debbie Nieport, 937-829-4646, psalm27.dn@gmail.com



February 14th – March 24th
Outside Women's Med Center
(1401 E. Stroop Rd)
7 am to 7 pm daily
Coordinator: Jenny Belokonny
JKony1@gmail.com

In Vitro Fertilization Is Morally Unacceptable

The Alabama Supreme Court delivered a huge victory for the sanctity of life in a recent holding that frozen embryos resulting from IVF are children. We rejoice that a high court has essentially adopted Catholic teaching:

[What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church say about IVF?

Children are not a given. They are “the supreme gift of marriage” (CCC 2378). When children are created within the confines of a Petri dish, they become a commodity.

As human beings created in the image and likeness of God, we are never to be something bought or sold. God freely gives us life, and we are to cherish that life, never profit from it or purchase it. We must never put a price on a human being, but that is exactly what IVF does. At around \$15,000 to \$20,000 per round of IVF, this medical procedure often sucks bank accounts dry, depletes retirement accounts, and takes advantage of desperate potential parents. And, with a success rate at only about 42% for women under 35—and much less for older women—IVF is no guarantee or easy solution.

Setting cost aside, let's look at what happens when embryos are created in a dish. A doctor will determine which of these embryos have the greatest potential to grow further if implanted, so he will choose those. That leaves the remaining ones to be either frozen or discarded. After a few potential embryos have been selected, the parents can choose how many will be implanted in the mother's uterus. If, for example, five babies were deemed to have the best potential, the mother might choose to have three implanted and save the other two for a future time. If the parents so desire, these remaining embryos will then be frozen. But they have other options as well, including donating them to another infertile couple (CCC 2376), donating them to science for research, and disposing of them. All of these instances are highly immoral. For instance, any of those “extras” – having been fertilized – are human beings. Generally multiple embryos are implanted because not all of them (or any) may “take.” And then – you guessed it – the doctor suggests “extras” be eliminated for the good growth of one or two. Any “disposal” of embryos is an early abortion.

So, none of these options afford a baby the dignity and respect he deserves as a child of God. Furthermore, when we use science to create children, we are usurping the role of God and putting our wants and desires above His. We are telling Him that we do not trust His plans and that we refuse to follow His laws in search of our own selfish desires.

In 2008, in an attempt to address issues related to the dignity of every human being, including IVF, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith wrote *Dignitas Personae*. In it, we read:

“The blithe acceptance of the enormous number of abortions involved in the process of in vitro fertilization vividly illustrates how the replacement of the conjugal act by a technical procedure—in addition to being in contradiction with the respect that is due to procreation as something that cannot be reduced to mere reproduction—leads to a weakening of the respect owed to every human being.”

Babies created in IVF labs are human beings. They are somebody's children. They have souls. To discard them, give them up for research, or to leave them frozen indefinitely is a sickening prospect.] Ciancio, S. (2019, May 22). The Catechism of the Catholic Church on IVF. Human Life International, from <https://www.hli.org/resources/catechism-of-the-catholic-church-ivf/>

Understanding Grief and Loss



Adults may experience many kinds of losses in their lifetime. For example, the current changes occurring in our parishes can create a sense of loss. Successfully navigating these challenges requires understanding yourself, the meaning of the loss and what healthy grieving looks like. All of these issues including understanding disenfranchised and ambiguous losses will be covered in this program.

Speaker: Stephanie Hittle, MS, LPPC

Ms. Hittle is a licensed professional clinical counselor in Centerville, Ohio, with more than twenty years of experience counseling adults for a range of mental health concerns. She specializes in grief and loss and has authored *Understanding When Others Don't*, a book on how to relate to persons who are grieving. She has also written numerous articles on general mental health and grief and loss and is a frequent presenter on these topics.

Saturday March 23, 2024

**St. Joseph's Center
400 E. Second St.**

Located across Second St. from the church.
Parking is available adjacent to the center.

2:30 pm - 4:15 pm
(Prior to 4:30 Mass at St. Joseph Church)

Help us Plan!



This program is free and all are welcome! Please RSVP by Monday Mar. 18, 2024 as seating is limited and light refreshments will be served. For more information and to RSVP contact Patsy Martin at 937-776-8949 or email: plmartin937@gmail.com.

Sponsored by the Health Ministries Team of the downtown Catholic parishes



Trivia Night

With Dean Roll, Trivia Shark!

@Precious Blood, Saturday, March 16

Trivia fun and fellowship continues in the Precious Blood Parish Activity Center on Saturday, March 16, at 7:00 pm! We had a great time at our last gathering, and even more players joined us. We're looking forward to another friendly competition with Dean Roll, the Trivia Shark as our Master of Ceremonies. Study up if you desire, but everyone will be able to contribute as he'll present a wide range of general trivia questions.

Everyone from the St. Gaspar 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 team, a couple, a family, or an individual for a great time and fellowship!

Monthly Meals

For the SVDP Shelter

Would you like to make a meal for the guests at the St. Vincent Shelter? You would be asked to bring a bag of salad and dressing; an entrée (casserole recipe and pan provided); and 2 pies. These items can be brought separately (one per month for 9 months) or all at once (3 times a year).

You can drop off your food items at Precious Blood Church. We will deliver it to the St. Vincent Kitchen on the second and third Tuesdays of the month.

Please consider helping with this ministry. You can call June Schindler on Tuesdays mornings between 9-12 at the P. B. Rectory (937-276-5954) for further details. THANKS!

St. Vincent De Paul Meals

*@ Precious Blood
Tuesday, March 12*

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

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 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.

Pilgrimage

@St. Peter in Chains and the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Thursday, April 18, we will embark on a spiritual journey with Deacon Brian Seibert as we pilgrimage to two majestic basilicas, immersing ourselves in the rich history and profound beauty of our faith.

We will leave St. Paul's parking lot at 7:30 am and return at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes lunch. To RSVP, call St. Paul at 937-836-7535.

Friends of Pulchra Terra

Pruning Tips from Master Gardener Helen Sloan

Because of the mild weather we had in late February, we got a head start in our garden. One of the first things we do is prune the seed heads from our Rose-of-Sharon's. These bloom late, in August & Sept. & this job can also be done in late fall.

You prune down to the next bud (right above) or lower if you are trying to shape your shrub. This prevents seeds from falling on the grass or around the base of the plant. If this is not done, you will have tons of seedlings growing in the ground. This is a form of plant population control.

Our Next Neighborhood Clean Up

Save the date for our next neighborhood clean up, Saturday, April 6 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.



Easter Basket Donations

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



Lenten Soup & Stations

@St. Rita, Two More Tuesdays

We have two more evenings of Soup and Stations. Please note the change to Wednesday at our final soup supper:

Tuesday, March 12,
Wednesday, March 20

Drive-Thru Fish Dinners

@St. Paul, Fridays, throughout Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

The Knights of Columbus will have carry-out Fish Dinners every Friday throughout Lent. The cost is \$12.00 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.

Family Rosary & Potluck

@Precious Blood, Sunday, March 10

from 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Family Rosary takes place on the second Sunday of each month from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The evening begins with the Rosary and is followed by food and fellowship. We provide fried chicken and drinks and invite you to bring casseroles, salads, and desserts to share. There is no need to RSVP. For more information contact Curtis Kneblak, Director of Adult Faith Formation for Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita via email: ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org. Call or text at 937-203-6037.



Senior Program and Lunch

@St. Paul, Wednesday, March 20

From 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Join and enjoy. McGovern Irish Dance. Lunch is provided by Brookhaven.

Reservations are due by noon on Monday, March 18. Call 937-836-7535.



El Salvador Mission

Leaving April 9

Three members of our St. Gaspar Family of Parishes will be going to El Salvador on April 9 to help Father John Ostraski in his 23 parishes near Teotepeque. We will work in the K through 9 school, help the poor through Obris de Caridad (St Vincent de Paul), pray with the people at Masses and bring much needed help for the mothers and infants program in the small towns and rural mountain villages.

Donations Needed

Due April 4

We are seeking donations of vitamins for pregnant mothers and their infants that we can put in our checked bags. Last year we brought 150 lbs. to the Mission Center in Teotepeque. The vitamin packages in the pharmacies here say "Prenatal" and come as pills or gummies. Donations of money are also appreciated, and will allow us to purchase items here. Drop off your gifts at your parish office by Thursday, April 4. Packages should be marked, "El Salvador Mission". If you are able to make a cash donation, make your check payable to: St. Barbabas El Salvador Mission. Thank you so much for your help, Parishioner, Tom Sorna, from St. Paul and Precious Blood Parish, 937-478-5846.





Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

From Music Director Michelle Carner

Laetare Sunday is so called because the first word for today's introit is laetare, which means rejoice: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast" (cf. Isaiah 66:10-11).

Permitted as a solo instrument today—unlike on the other Lenten Sundays—even the organ joins in the gladness of this day.

Music Scholarship:

Dear Emmanuel parishioners, do you or your child sing or play an instrument? Would you like to use that talent to support the music program here? You may be just the person to apply for one of the scholarships offered by the Emmanuel Music Fund! Two winners will be chosen to receive \$300 each toward private music lessons. Application forms for 2024 with all the details may be found on the tables in the back of church or downloaded from emmanuelcatholic.com. Contact Michelle Carner, Music Director, at 937-478-4097 or at michelle@carners.com with any questions.

Spend Some Time with Our Lord This Lent

@St. Joseph, Saturdays, throughout Lent beginning at 12:30 pm

There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays during Lent at St. Joseph Church following the Noon Mass until 4:00 pm. There will be private meditation as well as occasional group prayer as follows:

Come for an hour, or just drop in for a few minutes whenever you can for personal prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. He'll be waiting for you.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt @Holy Trinity

Saturday, March 30 at 12:00 pm

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 30 at noon on the grounds at Holy Trinity. If you would like to help fill plastic eggs for the hunt, please stop by the office at Holy Trinity and pick some up. Please, don't go out and buy them, we have plenty to share.



Evening Prayers (Vespers)

@Holy Trinity, beginning at 6:30 pm

Evening Prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. The most important times are Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God.

Please join the community of faith as we pray Evening Prayer together for four Tuesdays during Lent. We will be praying at Holy Trinity at 6:30 pm, March 5, March 12 and March 19. All are invited to this time of quiet and contemplation as we prepare for the great feast of Easter. All are welcome to join with us in prayer.

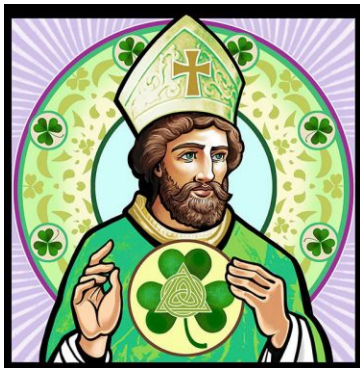
Good News Bible Study

@Holy Trinity, Saturday mornings, beginning at 9:30 am

Enjoy some coffee and the company of your neighbors while you prepare for the Sunday Masses in Lent. Good News! Will take us on 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 Saturday mornings, 9:30-11:00am through March 23rd 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.





St. Patrick's Day

Mass at St. Joseph

@St. Joseph, March 17 at Noon

Join St. Joseph for a special St. Patrick's Day Mass. The choir will start playing traditional Irish songs about 11:30 am. There will be a procession into and out of church with a bagpipe playing. After the bagpipe the cross bearer, the American and

Irish flags, the Knights of Columbus color guard, two dancers in costume carrying Shamrock plants to be put on the railing and then father. This Mass is sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Mary of the Gael Division #1 and the Men's Ancient Order of Hibernians, John F. Kennedy Division #1.

Celebrate with Irish Soda Bread

Before and after Mass we will be selling Irish Soda Bread and Green Carnations. A portion of the sales goes to the Missions and Charities sponsored by the National Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Pipe Organ Renovation Update

@St. Joseph

As we continue our journey of renovation, we do so with reverence for the past and anticipation for the future. We are incredibly grateful for the most recent \$500 and \$5,400 donations towards the project, which have brought us closer to realizing our vision. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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Feast of St. Joseph

@St. Joseph Church

Join St. Joseph Church on Tuesday, March 19 for the celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day at our Noon Mass. Mass will be followed with the Blessing of St. Joseph's Table. Bread will be distributed after Mass and a portion of the bread will be shared with the House of Bread in Dayton.

Easter Flower Donations

@Holy Trinity

We are accepting donations for flowers for the sanctuary for the Easter season. If you are interested in donating in memory of a deceased loved one, a family member or just to beautify the sanctuary for all to enjoy, place your offering in an envelope, along with the names of those you wish remembered. Mark the envelope "flowers" and put it in the collection basket. Thank you.

Rummage Sale Donations

@Holy Trinity

Gather all those goodies together that you no longer need or want for our Rummage Sale on May 4. Drop off dates are April 14, 21 and 28 in Trinity Center from 9:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Donate Your Old Glasses

@Holy Trinity

The Social Action Commission members at Holy Trinity had a vision! In order to fulfill that vision, we need your drawerful of used prescription eyeglasses, prescription sunglasses, and reading glasses including children's glasses, for the Lions Club. Glass cases are acceptable, too!

The Lions Club distributes the glasses to The Ohio State University School of Ophthalmology and also recently to VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity).

So, bring your stash of glasses to church and drop them in the box provided on the steps leading to the choir loft. Let's help others have the opportunity for better vision.

Our Stewardship



Precious Blood, March 3

Sunday Collection \$6,138.50
St. Vincent De Paul \$1,849
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Saint Paul, March 3

Sunday Collection \$4,104
St. Vincent De Paul \$200
Feb. Electronic Giving \$4,085

Saint Rita, March 3

Sunday Collection \$4,363
St. Vincent De Paul \$150
Feb. Electronic Giving \$932

Holy Trinity, March 3

Sunday Collection \$4,656
Electronic Giving \$2,672.30
Outreach \$1,091

Saint Joseph, March 3

Sunday Collection \$6,693.50
Outreach \$204
Pipe Organ \$5,400

Emmanuel, February 18

Sunday Collection \$6,078
St. Vincent De Paul Tithe \$607

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St. Vincent De Paul Tithe \$626

Emmanuel, March 3

Sunday Collection \$5,603
St. Vincent De Paul Tithe \$560

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

Wonderfully Made

@The Presidential Banquet Center

Elizabeth's New Life Center invites you to join us in celebrating the Babies Saved and Lives Changed this past year and look with us to the future. Our Annual Dayton Partnership Celebration, Wonderfully Made, will be held on Thursday, April 11th and Friday, April 12th at the Presidential Banquet Center in Kettering. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting ENLC by hosting a table at the event by inviting new friends to be a part of the work we do. This is an opportunity to be an advocate for life by sharing our ministry with others who might not know about the lives we are impacting. Each table seats 8 people. Interested parties should contact Lori Ernest at 937-226-7414 Ext. 430 or l Ernest@enlc.life to reserve your table(s).

A Night of Wisdom and Wit

@Chesterton Academy, Wednesday, March 20

Chesterton Academy of St. Joseph in Dayton, Ohio is hosting "A Night of Wisdom & Wit." Dr. John Walker, a former Hollywood actor, will be entertaining the audience with his one-man show portraying the life of G.K. Chesterton. John is currently a Professor of theatre at Franciscan University and has a TV series called "Chesterton Station" on EWTN. Call 937-609-5318 for more details. The location of the event is: 138 W. First Street, Dayton.

NAIM

@ST. Francis Parish, Monday, March 11

NAIM members will be "Wearing the Green" in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day at the 1:00 pm meeting in the All Saints Room at St. Francis Parish, 6245 Wilmington Pike. This year prizes will be awarded for the "Best" St. Patrick outfit. Following this gathering of widowed Catholics, cards will be played. If YOU would like to know more about this social & religious organization, contact Sunny Hickey at 937-433-1437.

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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).

Full Page Flyer

Full page flyers for parish events may be included in the featured section of the bulletin and will be considered on a first come, first served basis, with a maximum of one week, unless space allows.

Pulpit Announcements

Pulpit announcements for upcoming events need to be submitted no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday liturgy by Noon. Please contact Joan Macpherson for all submissions: 937-276-5954 or via email: jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.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:

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.

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 3/5/2024

Dave Aivalotis
Julie & Rodney Behrens
Sandy Brinkman
Anne Coleman
Greg Davis
Joanne Davis
Dale Edwards
David Franklin
Michael Gauder
Michael Glackin
David Grooms
Karen Hatton
Helen Henning
Susan Hughes
Joe & Zoa Hunter

Joe Jeckering
Colette Ann Kropp
Paul Limbert
Linda McIntosh
Rosie Marchal
Carolyn Palmer
Lynn Postlethwaite
Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Pat Schlearth Family
Katie Schultz
Dave St. John
Ed Stanziano
Larry Sutherland
Tony Trick
Jan Weigandt
Barbara Wooten

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.

Sympathy for our recently deceased: For St. Paul Parishioner Carol Keck and for St. Rita Parishioner, Mrs. Ann Smith. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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