

February 2, 2025, Presentation of the Lord



# SAINT GASPAR

## FAMILY OF PARISHES

### *Our Vision Statement*

We will be a vibrant, worshipping, sacrificial Catholic family who loves God and sees dignity in all humanity. As we are fed by the Eucharist and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we will grow in our relationship with Jesus and serve those in our community.

### **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**

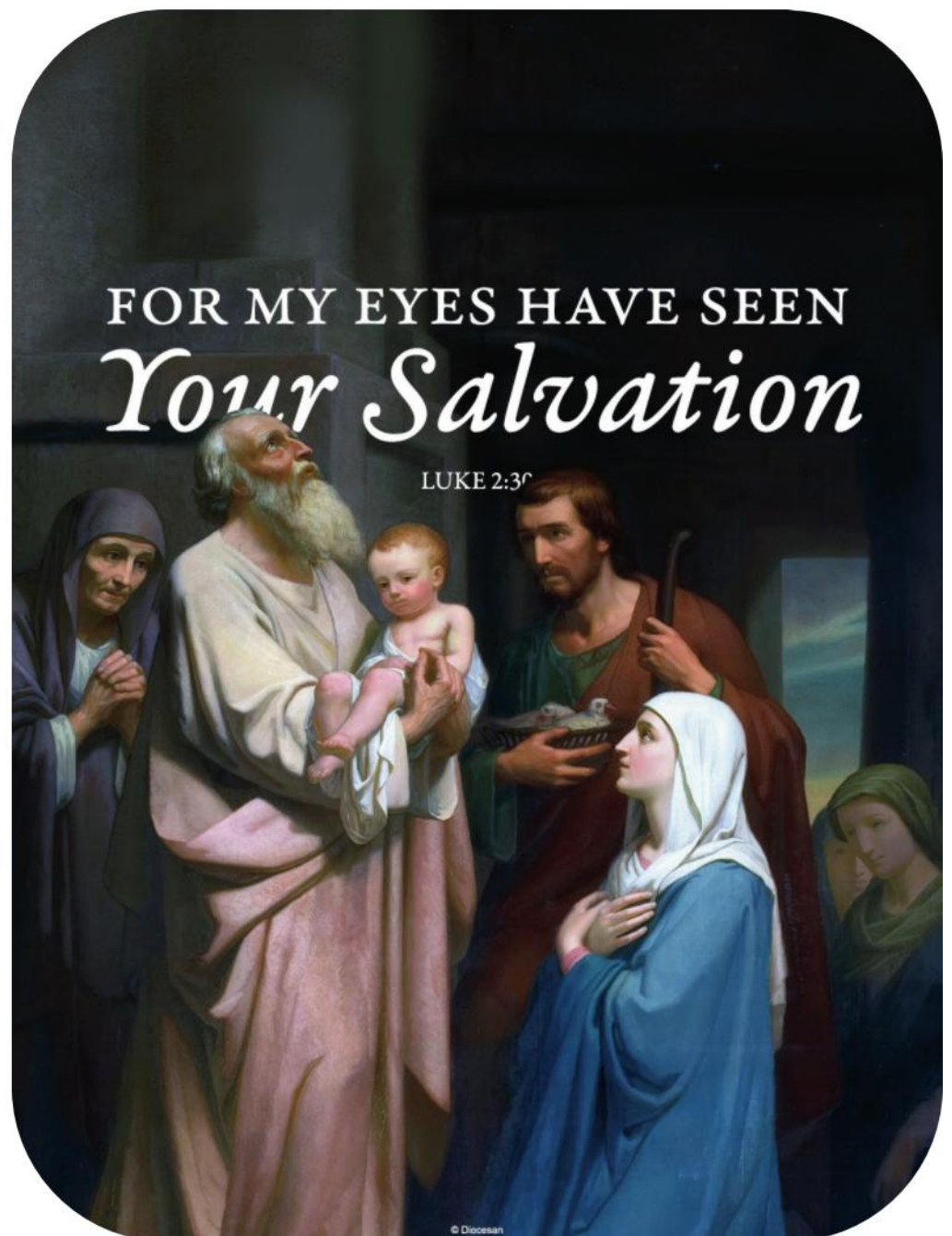
411 East Second Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.9272

### **Saint Paul**

1000 W. Wenger Road  
Englewood, OH 45322  
937.836.7535

### **Saint Rita**

5401 N. Main Street  
Dayton, OH 45415  
937.278.5815





# St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

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

"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord."

Mary and Joseph were obedient to the mosaic Jewish law. Sure it would be easy for them to stay at home and not present the Child Jesus in the temple. Their religion asked them to present Jesus in the temple, so they did it. Christ asks us to go into the whole world and baptize all nations and peoples. But some Christians do not have their children baptized. Some adults are not baptized. There are many reasons for this. Maybe the parents do not agree with Catholic Church teaching. Maybe the parents and adults believe that they can find Christ outside of the Catholic Church. Maybe the parents and adults believe that they do not have to receive sacraments in order to draw close to Christ. Maybe some parents and adults are lazy.

I have found that people's reasons for staying away from the Catholic Church are not well grounded. Their reasoning is lacking and they do not know the whole story about our Catholic faith. Baptism is the door that we must enter in order to be in relationship with Christ and his church.

I have found that some people are missing key ingredients in regards to the knowledge of their faith. But you and I are called to be obedient followers of Christ. The Catholic Church is Jesus's church. We offer sacraments in the Catholic Church. Whether I feel like it or not, I should always be obedient to God's commands. Mary and Joseph went with their best thinking. We should do the same.

**I say this many times, "My feelings do not govern me. My feelings are up and down like a yo-yo. Right judgment governs me."**

Jesus is the head and the church is the body of Christ. Jesus is the bridegroom and his bride is the church. Jesus works through the church and his sacraments. The sacraments are God's way of blessing us and giving us his grace. Why would we ever separate ourselves from the sacraments?

God bless you all,

Fr. Tony Fortman

## Welcome

### Newly Registered

@St. Joseph

Welcome to our newly registered member:  
Elise Deerwester



## Confession Schedule

### Monday Saturday

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

### Saturday

4:00-4:45 pm | Emmanuel

4:00-4:20 pm | St. Joseph

3:30-4:20 pm | Precious Blood

### Sunday

8:00-8:25 am | Holy Trinity

JUBILEE 2025  
**Pilgrims  
of Hope**



### Extended Hours at Emmanuel

Emmanuel is one of three Archdiocese of Cincinnati sites for the 2025 Jubilee, with extended pilgrimage hours.

**Extended Weekday Hours:**

Emmanuel Church will be open for 1 hour after each weekday Mass.

**Extended Weekend Hours:**

Emmanuel Church will be open for 2 hours prior to each weekend Mass.

*Tours can be scheduled by contacting Deacon Rusty Baldwin*

## Mass Times & Intentions

**Monday, February 3, 2025**

7:30 am .....**Holy Trinity** ..... Celebrant’s Intention  
8:30 am .....**Precious Blood** ..... †Mariann Becker  
12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025**

7:30 am .....**Holy Trinity** ..... Celebrant’s Intention  
8:30 am .....**St. Rita** ..... Sharla Walker  
12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †Sam Bitonti

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025**

7:30 am .....**Emmanuel** Liv/Dec. Members of the Esselstein Family  
8:30 am .....**St. Paul** ..... Celebrant’s Intention  
12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... Celebrant’s Intention

**Thursday, February 6, 2025**

7:30 am .....**Emmanuel** ..... †Mildred Sadauskas  
8:30 am .....**St. Paul** ..... †Celebrant’s Intention  
12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †Rita Hoying

**Friday, February 7, 2025**

7:30 am .....**Emmanuel** ..... †Winifred Ferguson  
8:30 am .....**Precious Blood** ..... Celebrant’s Intention  
12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †Frank Blum

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

7:30 am .....**Emmanuel** ..... †Mary Ann Robinson  
12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... Poor Souls  
4:30 pm .....**St. Joseph** .. †Liv/Dec Members of the Brokamp Family  
4:30 pm .....**Precious Blood** ..... †Kathy Osterday  
5:00 pm .....**Emmanuel** ..... For Our Parishioners

**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

8:30 am .....**Holy Trinity** ..... For Our Parishioners  
8:30 am .....**Precious Blood** ..... †Merdella Schwierterman  
8:30 am .....**St. Rita** ..... †Laura Keefe  
10:30 am .....**Emmanuel** ..... Int. for Gabriel Factora  
10:30 am .....**St. Joseph** ..... For Our Parishioners  
10:30 am .....**St. Paul** ..... For Our Parishioners



**Scripture Readings**

**For the Week of February 2, 2025**

- Monday** Heb 11:32-40, Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday** **Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**  
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday** **Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**  
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday** **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

## Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military

Yves Benihana	Nicholas Kern
Michael Borgert	Morgan Konsdorf
Nicholas Butler	Connor “Bakir” Magill
John Carner	Greg Marcus
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Brittany Maurer
Jon Chachula	Zachary McIntyre
Laura Chachula	David Musgrove
Eric Justin Dino	Diane Nyirasimbi
Eric Raymond Dino	Anthony Pelfrey
Caleb Fowler	Gage Plasenthal
Jacob Gutwein	Matt Shulten
Christopher Harman	Luis Torres
George Hinton	Susan Varmuza
Ryan Hulsman	Justin Williams

# Parish Calendar

## Monday, February 3, 2025

### Chair One Fitness Program

4:00-4:30 pm · St. Joseph/Parish Center

Final Day

### Our Lady of the Precious Blood Group

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

## Tuesday, February 4, 2025

### Prayer Mates Sacred Reading

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

### Knights of Columbus Council 500

7:30-9:00 pm · Bainbridge Hall/Mtg. Room

### Emmanuel Bible Study

8:00-9:30 pm · Emmanuel/School

## Wednesday, February 5, 2025

### Lunch with the Lord

11:30 am-12:30 pm · Holy Trinity/Rectory

### Widower Meeting

2:00-3:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

### Catholic Life

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

## Thursday, February 6, 2025

### Adoration and Benediction

6:00-7:30 pm · Precious Blood/Church

### Splendor of Truth Book Read

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

## Friday, February 7, 2025

### Friday Hour

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

### Emmanuel Healing Mass

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel/Church

## Saturday, February 8, 2025

### CCD

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/School

### Good News! Bible Study

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

### Emmanuel Bible Study

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/School

## Sunday, February 9, 2025

### Children's Faith Formation

9:00-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

### Donut Sunday

After Mass · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

After Mass · St. Joseph/Parish Center

## Bulletin Deadline

**Bulletin Date:** February 16, 2025

**Articles Due:** February 6, 2025

Ministry leaders should send articles to the Communications Manager, Joan Macpherson, via email: [jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org).

# St. Gaspar News

“Trust in the LORD  
with *all* your heart.” - Proverbs 3:5a



2025 **CMA** CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CMA SUPPORTS:**

Seminary and Vocations · Catholic Charities and Catholic Social Services  
St. Rita School for the Deaf · Retired Archdiocesan Priests & Senior Clergy  
New Evangelization · Campus, Hospital, and Prison Ministries



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[CatholicAOC.org/CMA](https://CatholicAOC.org/CMA)



## 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

### Commitment Weekend

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Join us in supporting these ministries!

## Parish Goals

Additionally, 50% of all pledges in excess of our parish goal will stay in our parish in the support our ministries and activities.

Emmanuel: \$16,800

St. Joseph: \$22,500

Holy Trinity: \$16,220

St. Paul: \$16,300

Precious Blood: \$34,500

St. Rita: \$12,500

If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you brought your completed pledge card to place in the offertory today, thank you! To make a gift online, visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](https://CatholicAOC.org/CMA).

## Prepare for Lent Bible Study

### Confession:

#### The Only Key to Living Forever

*@St. Paul, Tuesday, February 18 from 7:00-8:30 pm*

*@St. Joseph, Tuesday, February 25, from 7:00-8:30 pm*

The St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is excited to announce a special pre-Lent Bible Study hosted by Deacon Brian Seibert and Fr. Jim Gaynor, C.P.P.S. This engaging study will take place on February 18 and 25, with the program offered twice at two different locations to ensure everyone in our Family of Parishes can participate.

### Exploring "The Fountain of Youth" by David Durand

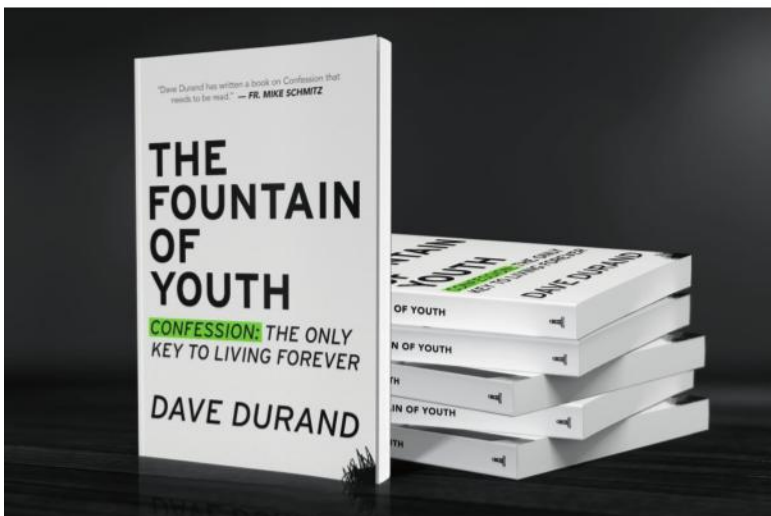
At the heart of this Bible study is the inspiring book *The Fountain of Youth* by leadership expert David Durand. Described as a book for all Catholics, *The Fountain of Youth* delivers a powerful message about embracing spiritual truth and stepping boldly into a life of faith. It challenges readers to break free from spiritual complacency and embrace a journey toward greatness, offering a candid perspective on the battle for our souls.

#### A Call to Catholic Men

Durand's work emphasizes the unique role of men in the spiritual battle for their families and communities. Husbands and fathers, in particular, are called to be leaders who boldly guide their loved ones toward Christ. This message is the foundation of Durand's "12 Men movement," which seeks to empower men to take an active and courageous role in their faith.

#### Who Should Attend:

Open to everyone, with a special emphasis on Catholic men and their spiritual leadership. Don't miss this chance to deepen your faith and prepare for Lent with fellow parishioners.



## Prayer Life

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday

11:30 am -12:30 pm · St. Rita

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel

*Doors open at Emmanuel at 6:00 pm*

### PrayerMates

Tuesday Evenings

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)

Saturday

4:30 pm · Emmanuel (before 5:00 pm Mass)

Sunday

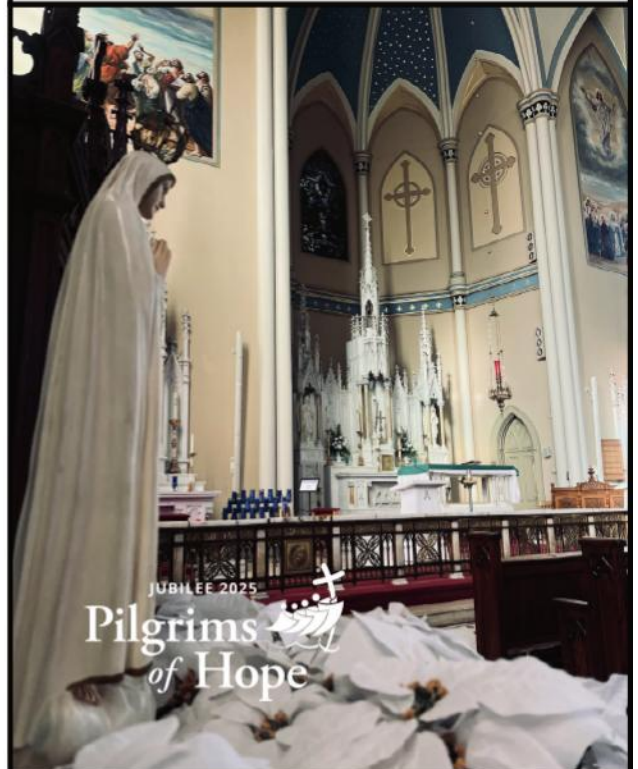
10:00 am · St. Joseph (before 10:30 am Mass)

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

8:00 am · St. Rita (before 8:30 am Mass)

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

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



# Featured in Our Family of Parishes



## CHAIR ONE FITNESS

At the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

Chair One Fitness is a fun chair-based dance fitness program with activities of daily living incorporated into all their cool dance moves. They not only keep people moving, but smiling too.

### **A fitness program for all ability levels:**

- Caters to anyone who has complications with standing during a fitness regimen.
- Good for senior citizens, people with balance deficits, chronic pain, injuries, disabilities, suffering from obesity, or someone just looking for a new, fun workout and more.
- Delivers fun, interactive exercise that uplifts people while providing a total body workout.

### **Health Benefits:**

- Improved cardiovascular capacity
- Improved overall muscular strength and endurance
- Improved bone density
- Preserved, restored and/or improved flexibility
- Improved range of motion
- Improved posture
- Improved cognitive function
- Improved caloric expenditure - weight control and weight loss
- Improved ability to perform pain free activities of daily living (ADL's)

### **JOIN US!**

**Dates:** Monday's Feb. 10 – Mar. 17, 2025 (Six week series)

**Time:** 4:00 – 4:30 pm

**Location:** St Joseph Parish Center, E. Second St., Dayton

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person; minimum of 10 registrants is needed to hold the class.

**Pre-registration is required!** Contact Sharon Becker for more information and to **register by 2 pm,**

**Sunday, Feb. 9th.** at 937.776.2942, or by email to [sharonbecker6@gmail.com](mailto:sharonbecker6@gmail.com).



# EVANGELIZATION PANEL

**What:** Panel Q&A on evangelizing family and friends.  
*Bring your questions!*

**Where:** Emmanuel Catholic Church

**When:** 1 pm–2:30 pm  
Sunday, February 23rd, 2025

**Other details:** Light lunch provided after the 10:30 mass  
at Emmanuel in the school building

Free Babysitting provided during the panel!

All are welcome!



# Featured in Our Family of Parishes



## Because it's How we Roll

### Join the Knights of Columbus Council 500 for a Night of Fun, Food, and Frustration

*@Bainbridge Hall, Saturday, February 8, from 6:00-10:00 pm*

All you have to do is roll three dice. It's that easy.

267 Bainbridge St, Dayton, OH

Bring a dish to share

Drinks available

50/50 Raffle

Door prizes and cash winnings

\$10 Per person (pay at the door)

RSVP – [kofc500gk@gmail.com](mailto:kofc500gk@gmail.com)

100 player limit

Must be 18 to play

Multiple ways to win!

## Renovating Bainbridge Hall

This event will help the Council renovate the hall. The Knights of Columbus are always raising money for charity, we have never updated our hall. To stay competitive and survive as a council, we have to update our hall. What better way of bringing the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes together than a game night.

Because That's How We Like To ROLL!

## Knights of Columbus Council 500 Monthly Meeting

*@Bainbridge Hall, Tuesday, February 4 from 7:30-9:00 pm*

The monthly council meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm. Please contact Sir Knight Drew Hilgeford, Grand Knight, at [kofc500gk@gmail.com](mailto:kofc500gk@gmail.com) for further particulars.

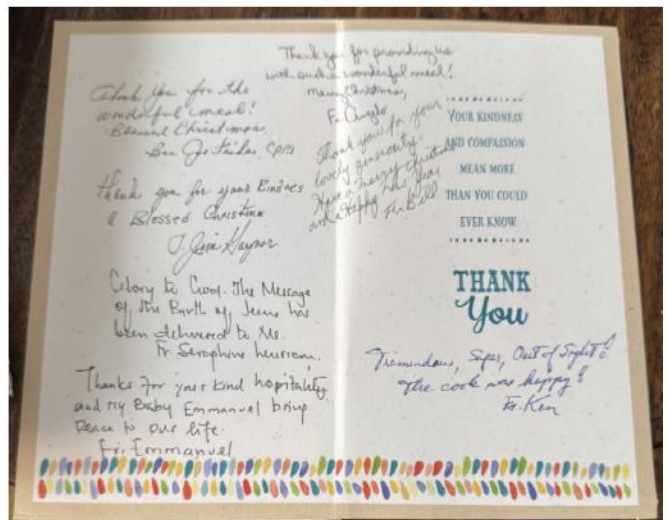
Dayton Council #500 has been serving the downtown Dayton and surrounding area Catholic parishes since 1900. New members are welcome to join us in the council's 125 th anniversary year as we continue our mission of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Dayton Council #500 is a proud and devoted sponsor of the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes bulletin. Vivat Jesus!

## Priests Thank You

Advent/Christmas Thank You a little late..

First, I hope your holiday season was filled with lots of love and laughter making many wonderful memories with the people you love! I apologize for the lateness in getting this thank you in the bulletin, but time has a funny way of running away with itself and here we are.

I would like to thank EVERYONE on behalf of our wonderful priests who gave/donated money, gifts, prayers, food and gift cards to show their appreciation to our brothers who take care of our spiritual needs daily! They were all THRILLED and SO SURPRISED by your generosity and LOVE. I can say it was definitely a Christmas they will remember! Thank you, Pam Marx.





# Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita

## Senior Program & Lunch

### From Ohio to Africa:

### My Wild Beginning

*@St. Paul, Wednesday, February 5, Noon-2:00 pm*

Please join us on Wednesday, February 5, for a presentation by Wild Hearts African Farm titled "From Ohio to Africa: My Wild Beginning." Please make reservations by noon on Monday, February 3 by calling, 937-836-7535.

### Adoration & Benediction

*@Precious Blood, Thursday, February 6*

*From 6:00 to 7:30 pm*

Spend Time with the Lord. Please come away for some quiet, peaceful time with our Lord Jesus during our next Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. Come and pray with our Lord for peace for our world, the protection and nurturing of all human life, care for God's Creation, and for the blessing of our loved ones, and the poor and the oppressed in our world.

### Family Rosary and Potluck

*@Precious Blood, Sunday, February 9, 5:00-6:30 pm*

The evening begins with the Rosary, followed by food and fellowship, making it a wonderful opportunity for families to come together in prayer and community. We provide fried chicken and drinks, and we invite you to bring casseroles, salads, and desserts to share. It's a perfect way to end your weekend with spiritual nourishment and quality family time. No need to RSVP. Family Rosary is also available at St. Joseph on the fourth Sunday of the month. First Communion, Fish Fry, and the Holiday Bazaar. Helping with baking or donating treats is a wonderful way to contribute to the life of the parish and bring a little extra joy to these special occasions.

## Lawn Crew Thank You

*Thank You to our Wonderful St. Rita Lawn Crew!*

Have you ever wondered who have been taking such good and expert care of St. Rita's lawns, gardens, and our grounds? I am listing below the names of these men and woman who have selflessly given of their time and efforts each Wednesday morning from later March to mid-November. Our volunteer lawn crew maintains and constantly upgrades the beauty of the church grounds. Please offer your heartfelt thanks to these good people: Mary Krueger, Larry Heinz, Bruce Oswald, Ed Kimball, Fred Fields, Dave Nieport, and their leader, Joe Bachmann. Kudos and hearty thanks to all of these persons! May our good God richly bless you and your families.

Peace, Matt Ruttler

## ST. PAUL PARISH

# FISH FRY



## MONTE CARLO NIGHT

**Friday, February 28, 2025**

**Adults Age 21 and older**

*From 6:00 to 10:00 pm in Pilliod Hall*

Tickets are \$20 each (Eat-In) and \$15 each (Carry-out)  
Carry-outs are only from 5:30 to 6:00 PM

### Menu:

North Atlantic Cod Fish Loin from King Kold Meats,  
Sausage from Winner's Meats in Greenville, OH

- Cole Slaw
- Baked Beans
- French Fries
- Sauerkraut

Home made cookies from Cookie Connection parishioners!

***Games of Chance beginning at 6:30 pm:***

Horse Race, Black Jack and Showdown, Raffles: Prize Raffle, 50/50 Raffle and Booze Raffle

Come support one of the major fund-raisers to help St. Paul Parish educational programs, community, outreach/food pantry and building upkeep.

Tickets for sale at St. Paul Parish Office (937-836-7535) and from St. Paul Fish Fry Committee Members:

Kathy Wirrig, Mark Casdorff, Barb Franz, Beth Langenkamp, Julie Borger and Linh Nguyen.

# Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph



## Holy Trinity Fish Fry

### Save the Date!

**Friday March 7th (1st Friday in Lent)**

Carry Out: 4:40 - 5:30 pm  
Doors Open: 6:00 pm  
Games: 7:00 pm-11:00 pm

#### Food:

Fish  
French fries  
Mac-N-Cheese  
Slaw  
Desserts

#### Drinks:

2 Drink tickets (beer, wine, soda pop)

#### Prices:

\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

**Ticket sales begin next weekend, February 9**

## Coffee After Mass

### St. Joseph

**Sunday, February 9, after the 10:30 am Mass**

Coffee & Donuts will be held on Sunday, February 9, in the Parish Life Center after the 10:30 am Mass. All are welcome to join us for good food and fellowship!

If you want to try a new recipe or have a favorite dish to share, items can be dropped off before Mass, starting at 10:00 am.

### Emmanuel

**Sunday, February 16, after the 10:30 am Mass**

Coffee and Donuts will be held on Sunday, February 16 after the 10:30 am Mass. All are welcome to join us in the school.

## Join the Cleaning Brigade

**@St. Joseph, second Wednesday of every month**

On the second Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am, the cleaning brigade cleans the church. Please consider joining the crew on February 12.

## Notes

### from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

***Celebrating Candlemas***

Today is Candlemas, or the Feast of the Presentation, or the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary—a day of great joy! You may know that the Christmas season can be said to extend to this day; in fact, we may still sing our Advent/Christmas seasonal Marian antiphon, Alma Redemptoris Mater, one last time. We'll also sing the canticle of Simeon, known as the "Nunc Dimittis."

## Help Bag Lunches for SVDP

### Sign up to donate an item by February 9

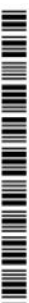
**@Holy Trinity, volunteers needed February 16**

We will be packing lunches for St. Vincent's on Sunday, February 16, at 9:45am in the Trinity Center and we could use your help. Details and a list of items needed are available here: <https://bit.ly/3WCv6Rz>

**Please sign up by February 9, 2025: the link has been updated!**

Donated items may be turned in to the parish office at Holy Trinity on Sunday, February 9 from 9:45-11:00 am. We thank you for your help in the past and appreciate your continued support throughout the year. You are truly a blessing to those in need. If you need assistance with the sign-up link, please contact Leslie 937-901-5468 or Janet 937-623-9272.

Sponsored quarterly by the Holy Trinity Social Action Ministry.



# Emmanuel St. Vincent De Paul



St. Vincent de Paul  
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## EMMANUEL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Emmanuel, St. Joseph, and Holy Trinity parishes collaborate in the Emmanuel St. Vincent de Paul Conference. We serve those in need in the 45402 zip code encompassing Downtown Dayton and the inner West side, parts of the 45403 and 45410 zip codes, as well as parishioners regardless of their address.

4th Quarter, 2024 (October - December)

Issue No. 13



Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

We are currently in need of the following items for those we serve at our pantry:

- Canned Tuna
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Bean & Bacon Soup
- Cream of Mushroom
- Dried Pinto Beans
- Hamburger Helper
- Saltine Crackers
- Pasta Sauce
- Mayonnaise - small jars
- Pork & Beans
- Sugar (2 pound bags)
- Egg Noodles
- Manwich
- Canned Mandarins
- Deodorant

*Thank you!*

### A Good Fit

Several months ago we were given a lovely, queen-size bed frame. We had no idea at the time what we were going to do with it. We don't deal much with queen beds because the SVdP store doesn't carry them, and a lot of our neighbors' apartments and homes aren't large enough to accommodate them. But sometimes we accept an item we don't have an immediate need for, and we simply trust that we'll be guided to do the right thing with it.

About a month ago, we received an urgent request for a queen bed. The neighbor calling us explained that both she and her husband were disabled and used walkers, and that the bed they currently had was "in shambles". After speaking to the neighbor, we decided this might be the perfect place for the queen frame we had in storage. . . . But now we needed a mattress. A very nice, gently-used queen mattress and box spring was spotted on Marketplace for \$50. It was a longshot, but - by the grace of God - we got it.

Our moving crew arrived in mid-December to make the delivery. But before we could move the "new" bed in, we had to get the old one out. The old mattress - which was indeed broken down and "in shambles" - had been atop two box springs on the floor in an attempt to elevate it; but it was still too low to the floor, making it hard for our neighbors to get in and out of - especially with their health issues.

After the old bed was removed, the new bed was brought in piece by piece, and our neighbors greeted each piece with great joy. As it was assembled, the husband beamed, quietly murmuring "thank you, Jesus" over and over. He marveled at the height of the new bed and the tall, sturdy frame - grateful that this bed would be so much easier for him and his wife to navigate. We made up the bed with sheets and a comforter from our stash and brand new pillows. As we left, we were convinced that the lovely queen frame was where it was meant to be.

### This Quarter by the Numbers

During the months of October through December, we assisted our neighbors in need with:

- \$6637.00 in rental assistance to keep 39 families in their homes
- \$6002.95 in utility assistance to keep 54 families' electricity, gas & water on
- \$3678.27 in furniture and appliance assistance to improve our neighbors' quality of life; our moving crew made deliveries to 33 households
- We also provided food to 198 people from 109 households, and we made 26 food deliveries to those who were unable to physically come to our pantry.

*We thank you for your support! We couldn't do it without you!*

# Our Stewardship

## Emmanuel, January 19, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$7,270

St. Vincent De Paul Tithe.....\$727

## Holy Trinity, January 19, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$

Holy Trinity collection totals will be available at a later date

## Precious Blood, January 19, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$4,387

St. Vincent De Paul.....\$1,920

## Saint Paul, January 19, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$3,320

St. Vincent de Paul.....\$30

## Saint Joseph, January 19, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$7,431

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# Area News

## NAIM

### Valentine Party

**@St. Francis, Monday, February 10, beginning at Noon**

Widowed and want a reason to celebrate Valentine's Day? Why not join Naim members (Widowed Catholics) as they meet on Monday, February 10, at Noon for a Valentine party in Friendship Hall at St. Francis of Assisi, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville. The regular meeting & cards will follow.

Want to know more about this social & religious organization, contact Sunny Hickey @ 937-433-1437

### Host a Table at our Annual Partnership

**@Elizabeth New Life Center**

Elizabeth's New Life Center invites you to take a stand for life in a new way this year. We ask that you prayerfully consider hosting a table for our Annual Partnership Celebration on Thursday, April 3 or Friday, April 4 at the Presidential Banquet Center.

As a table host, you will invite friends and family who share your values of faith, family, and life, to join you in learning more about the work that we do. Each table seats 8 including the host and there is no registration fee for the event.

It is through God's love that we are brought together and are able to make a tremendous impact on the lives of those we serve. Colossians 3:14 says, "And over all these virtues, put on love, which bonds them all together in perfect unity". We invite you to put on love and take a stand for life with us. More than ever, we need your voice to help us reach more hearts and minds, to join us in building a culture of life. We look forward to celebrating with you!



## Sisters of the Precious Blood

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# St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Directory & Parish Information

## Parish Information

### 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.

### Communion for the Homebound

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 six months in advance to begin required pre-nuptial preparation.

### OCIA and Catholic Life

For those adults wishing to enter the Catholic Church. St. Gaspar Family of Parishes has two programs:

#### Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

Catholic Life meets at Precious Blood Church on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The program is year round and you can join at any time. Contact Curtis Kneblak for more information: 937-276-5954 ext. 2111 or via email: ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org.

#### Thursday Evenings at 5:30 pm

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults), offers a welcoming pathway for individuals embarking on the journey of joining the Catholic Church.

Contact Lynda Middleton for more information: 937-228-1223 or via email: lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com.

### Live Stream Mass

Precious Blood Church, Sunday, 8:30 am

Visit: <https://northwestdaytoncatholic.org/livestream/>

St. Joseph Church, Sunday, 10:30 am

**St. Joseph's Stream is not available until further notice due to the completion of the new organ installation.**

Hearing Aid Receivers available at St. Joseph. Are you having difficulty hearing the Mass? If so, we have hearing aid receivers available for your use. Just ask an usher and they will get you one. You can keep the hearing aid receiver to use each week. When you no longer need to use it just return it to an usher.

## Staff Directory

### Pastoral Staff

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### Parish Communications

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### Bulletin Submissions

Submissions for the bulletin are due

Thursdays at Noon, 9 days before the

publication date of the bulletin.

### Full Page Flyer

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# 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 1/27/2025

Jane Adkins

### **Darryl Allen**

Mary B.

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### **Marty & Eleanor Blasko**

### **Ron Boeckerman & Family**

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### **John D'Agostino & Family**

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Gabby Elders

### **Jodi Fisher**

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Fran Franchina

Kay Gallihar

Janet Rudy-Gerrard

Jeffrey Glackin

Michael Glackin

Hilda Glaser

John & Joan Jankowski

Margaret Krisher

Colette Ann Kropp

Baby Emmett Lawson

### **Barb Mangen**

Mary Lou McDaniels

### **Liz Medisch**

Diane Meier

Sharon Linda Neaz

Sydney Penno

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr

Debbie Shively

Bill Waddle

Sue Wiedeman

Catherine Winkler

### **St. Gaspar Family of Parishes**

#### ***Adding a name to the prayer list:***

*The St. Gaspar Family of parishes prayer list is faithfully maintained by staff member Nancy Burton. If you would like to add a name to the prayers list you may call your parish office or email Nancy directly at:*

*[nburton@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:nburton@preciousbloodchurch.org)*

**With Sympathy for those we have lost:** For Precious Blood Parishioner Bill Penno and St. Rita parishioner Cincy Lance. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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