

March 16, 2025, Second Sunday of Lent



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

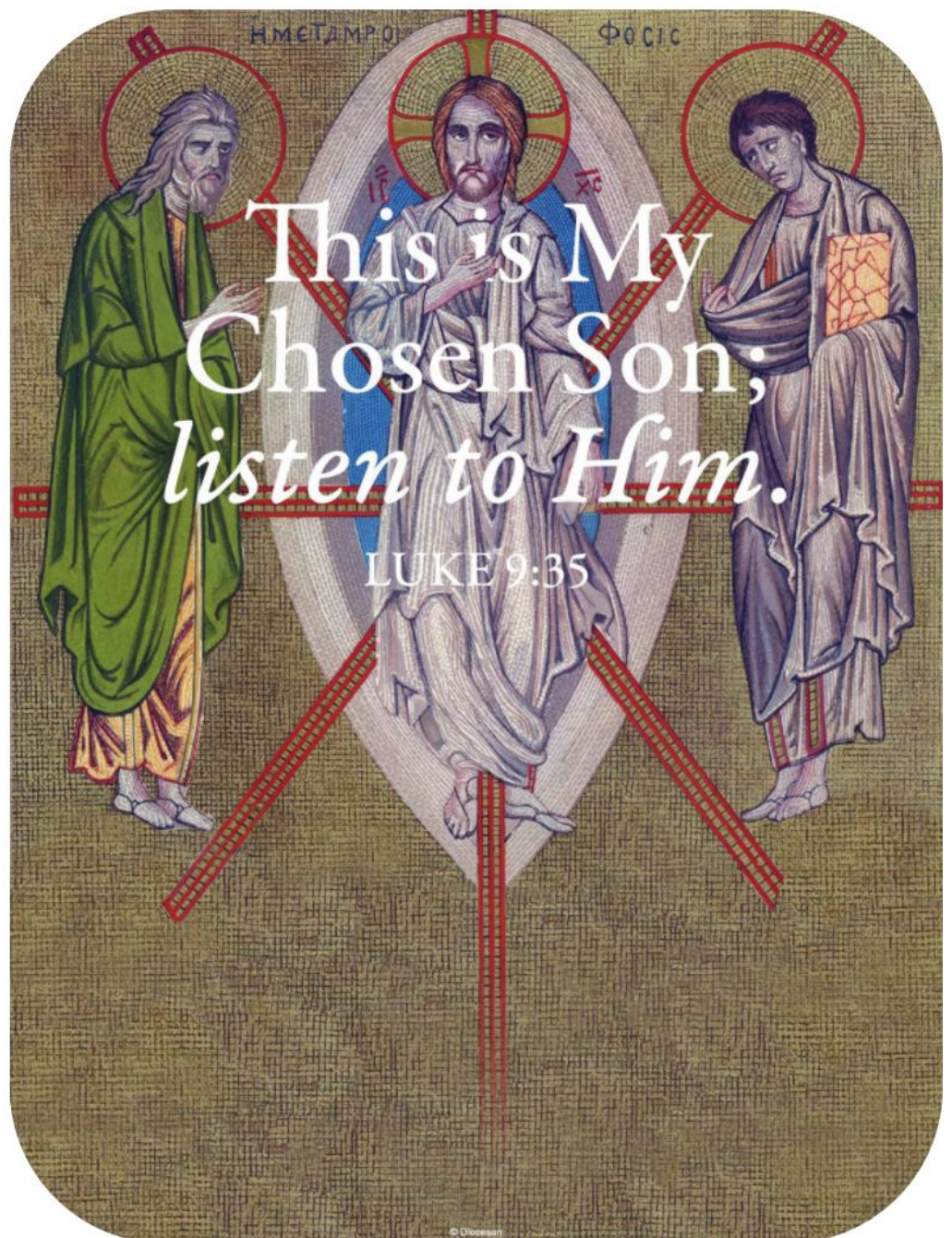
411 East Second Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.9272

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

In today's gospel, we see the transfiguration of Jesus Christ. Jesus is portrayed in dazzling white. He is speaking to Moses, who represents the law, the ten commandments. He is also speaking to Elijah. Elijah represents the prophets and how Jesus is both the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

Peter, James, and John see this dazzling spectacle and Peter tells Jesus that he wants to build three tents.

"Master, it is good that we are here;
let us make three tents,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking,
a cloud came and cast a shadow over them,
and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

Peter wants to stay on the mountain. He wants to stay in that spiritual ecstasy. But that is not the way of discipleship.

It is good that we pray and go to Eucharistic adoration and adore our Lord in the Eucharist. But we have to leave there and be Christ to others.

That is why Peter did not know what he was saying, as we hear in today's gospel.

Then we hear God, the Father, testifying about who Jesus is. "This is my chosen son; listen to Him." Peter, James, and John see the miracles of Jesus. They also hear God, the Father, acknowledging Jesus as His son. But they still doubt and fall short of being Jesus' apostles. This is the human condition. You and I have that same human condition. It is still lent. Don't give up because of your lack of faith also.

Lent is a time to grow and understand your weaknesses.

God bless you all,

Fr. Tony

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Visit: StGasparFamilyDayton.flocknote.com

Text: GETGASPAR to 84576



If you need assistance with signing up contact:

Joan Macpherson at 937-276-5954.



Photo of the Week

@St. Joseph

St. Joseph updated their monthly donut Sunday to "Brunch with Us Sunday". More photos from their most recent brunch can be viewed by scanning the QR code:



Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, March 17, 2025

7:30 am**Holy Trinity** Int. for the Godchildren of Mary Izor
 8:30 am**Precious Blood** Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pm**St. Joseph** †Founding parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

7:30 am**Holy Trinity**For the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes
 8:30 am**St. Rita** †Scott Tygett
 12:00 pm**St. Joseph** †Dr. Ann Habenicht

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

7:30 am**Emmanuel** †Joyce Schulze
 8:30 am**St. Paul** †Juanita Astorino
 12:00 pm**St. Joseph** †Deacon Mike Leo

Thursday, March 20, 2025

7:30 am**Emmanuel** †Betty Jean Triplett
 8:30 am**St. Paul** †Mary Lou McDaniels
 12:00 pm**St. Joseph** †Charlie Hoying

Friday, March 21, 2025

7:30 am**Emmanuel** †Stanely Dague
 8:30 am**Precious Blood** †Charles Willima Schnindler
 12:00 pm**St. Joseph** †Louie Hoying

Saturday, March 22, 2025

7:30 am**Emmanuel** †Niehaus Family
 12:00 pm**St. Joseph** †Julia Elisabeth Frey
 4:30 pm**St. Joseph** For Our Parishioners
 4:30 pm**Precious Blood** †Renee Nussman
 5:00 pm**Emmanuel** For Our Parishioners

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:30 am**Holy Trinity** For Our Parishioners
 8:30 am**Precious Blood** †Jane Adkins
 8:30 am**St. Rita** For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am**Emmanuel** †Anna Polo
 10:30 am**St. Joseph** †Rita Jurassich
 10:30 am**St. Paul** †Carole Sue Greenwell

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

Incense Free Mass

@Maria Joseph Chapel, Thursday, March 20

An incense free Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 20 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 the 3rd Thursday of each month.

For more information call Carol Parete 937-214-1714.



Scripture Readings

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 16, 2025

Monday Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday **Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday **Third Sunday of Lent**
 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
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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, March 17, 2025

Walk with Mary (join at any time)

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

Emmanuel Winter Bible Study: Book of Revelation

8:00-9:30 pm · Emmanuel/School

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

PrayerMates: Stations and Lenten Practices

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood/Church

Soup & Stations

6:30-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Church & Mtg. Room

Encyclical Book Read

7:30-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Lunch with the Lord

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

Senior Program and Lunch

12:00 pm-2:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Stations of the Cross

After Noon Mass · St. Joseph/Church

Catholic Life/OCIA

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

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Splendor of Truth Book Read

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

Friday, March 21, 2025

Friday Hour

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

Knights of Columbus Drive-Thru Fish Fry

5:30-7:00 pm · St. Paul/Parking Lot

Stations of the Cross

7:00-9:00 pm · Emmanuel/Church

Saturday, March 22, 2025

CCD

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/School

Good News! Bible Study

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

Emmanuel Winter Bible Study: Book of Revelation

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/School

Lenten Adoration and Benediction

12:00-4:00 pm · St. Joseph/Church

Catholic Teaching on End of Life Care

2:30-4:30 pm · St. Joseph/Parish Center

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Children's Faith Formation

9:45-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Family Rosary and Potluck

5:00-6:30 pm · St. Joseph/Parish Center

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin Date: March 30, 2025

Articles Due: March 20, 2025

Ministry leaders should send information to the Communications Manager, Joan Macpherson via email at: jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org.

St. Gaspar Highlights



Rite of Sending

Preparing Hearts for the Rite of Election

Last Sunday at Holy Trinity, we celebrated the Rite of Sending as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). This special rite, held on the first Sunday of Lent, allows the parish community to affirm and send our catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (already baptized) to the bishop for the Rite of Election. Pictured from left to right:

Ivan Mardova (Candidate)

Angela Gibson

Cathy Gough

Aerora Robinson (Candidate)

James Stewart (Candidate)

Nathan Cyr

We also took a moment to hear from our candidates about what they love most about the Church:

Ivan Mardova: *"I love the sense of community that brings people together."*

Aurora Robinson: *"I love its beauty and the warm, welcoming atmosphere. I also enjoy learning about Jesus and feeling accepted with love and joy by everyone."*

James Stewart: *"It feels like a small family where everyone is connected and supportive."*

Please keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers as they continue their journey toward the sacraments this Easter.

Photo credit: Kresensia Kurniawati

St. Gaspar Health Ministry



Catholic Teaching on End of Life Care

Saturday, March 22 at 2:30 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center

Bob Wurzelbacher, Director of the Office for Respect Life Ministries, will present on Catholic teaching concerning medical decision making at the end of life, from cancer treatment to artificial feeding decisions. He will also discuss how to prepare yourself or your loved ones by answering questions related to living wills and healthcare power of attorney.



St. Joseph's Parish Center
411 East Second St., Dayton
2:30 - 4:15 PM
(Prior to 4:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph Church)

This program is free.

Help us Plan! Please RSVP by Tuesday March 18, '25 as light refreshments will be served.

Contact Lynn Wilmes at 614.296.4572 or
email: lynnwilmes3@gmail.com

Bob Wurzelbacher has been the Director for the Office for Respect Life Ministries since 2017. He holds a National Catholic Certification in Healthcare Ethics, and has walked with his father and father-in-law through end-of-life decision making. He is married and has 2 teenage daughters

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LENT

Fast + Pray + Give



Stations of the Cross During Lent

Join the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes in a meaningful Lenten tradition by participating in the Stations of the Cross.

Emmanuel, Fridays, through April 11, at 7:00 pm

St. Joseph, Wednesdays, through April 16, after Noon Mass

Tuesday Night Soup and Stations

@St. Paul, Tuesdays, through April 8, 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross are followed by a communal soup and bread supper at St. Paul on Tuesday evenings. If you would like, bring a soup to share. In addition to Soup and Stations at St. Paul, Fr. Jim Gaynor will be leading a group discussion on the encyclical "Dilexit Nos" ("He Loved Us") is an encyclical issued by Pope Francis on October 24, 2024.

Knights of Columbus Drive-Thru Friday Night Lenten Dinners

@St. Paul, through April 11, 5:30 PM - 7:00 pm

The Knights will offer Friday night drive-thru dinners of fried fish, french fries and coleslaw during Lent.

The cost is \$12 each plate, additional pieces of fish can be purchased. Credit Cards are accepted.

Encyclical Letter Read

Following Soup and Stations

@St. Paul, Begins March 18, 7:30 pm

"Dilexit Nos" ("He Loved Us") is an encyclical issued by Pope Francis on October 24, 2024, during the twelfth year of his pontificate. This document invites the faithful to deepen their devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, emphasizing its transformative power for personal spirituality and the Church's mission in a divided and materialistic world.

Please email Fr. Gaynor so that he knows how many books to order: sgaynor2012@gmail.com or text: 419-852-6516.

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Joseph, Saturdays, March 8-April 12

Join us after the Noon Mass until 4:00 pm at St. Joseph

Lent calls us to deepen our relationship with Christ, and Eucharistic Adoration offers a time for silent prayer and contemplation in His presence.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way to prepare for Easter by receiving God's mercy and healing.

St. Rita: Tuesday, April 8, after 8:30 am Mass

Precious Blood: Thursday, April 10, 6:00 pm, Communal

Emmanuel: Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 pm, Communal

SOUP & SALVATION

BRING A MEATLESS SOUP TO SHARE

BREAD AND DRINKS PROVIDED

Soup Supper at 5:30 pm
Stations of the Cross at 7 pm
Emmanuel Church
March 28 and April 11

Lenten
SERVICE PROJECT

The Children's Faith Formation Program will be making Easter baskets for the St. Vincent De Paul 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 April 13th.

Items needed: Candy, small toys such as coloring books, crayons, yo-yos, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, Easter Baskets, etc. (We will put items together in baskets.)

Questions- ask Erica
erudemiller@preciousbloodchurch.org
937-836-7535 ext 2008

Almsgiving at Holy Trinity

Two Good Causes

This year our Almsgiving Projects are for the Good Neighbor House and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl effort.

Good Neighbor House

The Good Neighbor House, located on E. First Street in downtown Dayton is committed to making a difference in the lives of people who need a helping hand and the under-served in our community.

Their wish list includes:

- Stickers for Children
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Snack Packages: Nuts, fruit cups, crackers chips, cookies, granola bars
- Copy paper
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Manual Can openers
- 12-16-gallon trash bags

CRS Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. The simple cardboard boxes are in the back of church to collect Lenten alms. It comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families throughout the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections, stories and opportunities to put alms in their rice bowl.

Please return boxes with donations by April 13.

Join the Triduum Choir

@St. Paul, 6:30 pm through April 10, final rehearsal at Precious Blood, Tuesday, April 15

If you would love to experience the choir but aren't able to commit long-term, consider joining the Triduum Choir.



Singers and instrumentalists are welcome! Rehearsals will be: March 27, April 3 and 10 (Thursday evenings). These first three practices will be at St. Paul beginning at 6:30 pm. The final rehearsal (with the combined St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Choir) will be held Tuesday, April 15, at Precious Blood, starting at 6:30 pm. Please contact Marianne Pitts for more details: 937-276-5954 or via email, mpitts@preciousbloodchurch.org

That sounds different...

@Precious Blood, St. Paul, and St. Rita

Have you noticed a change in some of the acclamations we sing at Mass? Well, there's a reason. Different liturgical seasons bring about changes in ritual music. Some of the changes include Mass settings, which include the Gloria (omitted during Lent and Advent-except for the Feast of the Immaculate

Conception), Penitential Litany, Gospel Acclamations, and the Eucharistic Acclamations. Musicians typically switch Mass settings and other acclamations when there is a change in liturgical seasons. Just as meteorological seasons have a different feel, so too, does the liturgical seasons. For example, some acclamations during Lent and Advent may be composed in a minor key, which has a somber or melancholy feeling. In Ordinary Time (particularly the summer months), I may select a Mass setting composed in a major key. The liturgical cycles (ABC) may also have an influence when selecting service music. So if you notice a change in our sung acclamations, it's likely there was a change in liturgical season or cycle.

From Shamrocks to St. Joseph's Table: A March of Feasts



The Feast of St. Joseph is being celebrated in special ways at both Emmanuel and St. Joseph Churches. Join us for these meaningful traditions!

@Emmanuel, Sunday, March 16, after 10:30 am Mass

We will have blessed bread available for families to take home after Mass. After Mass we will also have a St. Joseph's Table in the school building. We are asking people to bring a dish to share: fruit, veggies, a brunch item, bread, muffins, or an Italian dish and a non perishable item for SVDP

@St. Joseph Church, Wednesday, March 19, after Noon Mass

You are invited to join us for the celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day at our Noon Mass with the Blessing of St. Joseph's Table. Blessed Bread will be distributed after Mass.

The tradition of the "St. Joseph Table" of food ("la tavola di San Giuseppe") has its origins in Sicily. Legends from the Middle Ages attributed the end of a devastating drought to a prayer-devotion that the Sicilian people made to St. Joseph. This celebration is a symbolic "thank you" and renewal of the Sicilian people's devotion to St. Joseph. It is a shared celebration with the entire community where the riches of food are given as alms to the poor:

Traditional etiquette is that no one can be turned away from this table.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Special Mass & Festivities

@St. Joseph, Monday, March 17, beginning at 11:30 am

Join us on Monday, March 17, for a beautiful St. Patrick's Day celebration at St. Joseph Church. Beginning at 11:30 am, enjoy traditional Irish melodies performed by the choir. Join us for the entrance and exit procession featuring:

- A bagpiper leading the way
- The cross bearer
- The American and Irish flags
- The Knights of Columbus color guard
- Irish dancers in traditional costume carrying Shamrock plants to adorn the church

This special Mass is organized 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—two dedicated organizations honoring Irish heritage and faith. Before and after Mass, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians will be selling Irish Soda Bread and Green Carnations. A portion of the proceeds will support missions and charities sponsored by the National LAOH. Come celebrate faith, heritage, and community with us! All are welcome!



About St. Patrick and the Statue at St. Joseph Church

In 1911, Mrs. Margaret Cain generously donated \$100 out of her life savings and an anonymous couple planning to wed in the new church donated another \$50 for the statue of St. Patrick. In 1925, the statue of St. Patrick was moved into the sanctuary where it is today. St. Patrick is the beloved and patron saint of the Irish who founded St. Joseph Church.

Coming Up in our Family of Parishes

Holy Trinity's Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser



Update your landscape with beautiful, superior-quality plants from Holy Trinity's Annual Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser!

Plants provided by Furst Florist.

Flats of Annuals, Potted Plants and Hanging Baskets, oh my!
A printable price list is available at church and on the website.

Orders must be prepaid and in by Friday, April 4. Orders can be dropped off at the Holy Trinity office during normal business hours, or placed in the collection basket on Sunday, or mailed to the office.

Pickup will be between 3:00-6:00pm on Thursday, May 8th in the church parking lot.

Senior Program and Lunch

Special Guests: McGovern Irish Dance

@St. Paul, Wednesday, March 19, from 12:00-2:00 pm

Please call to make reservations by noon on Monday, March 17 by calling 937-836-7535. The Senior Program meets a few times a month on Wednesday. Each gathering offers something special, whether it's an inspiring guest speaker, lively entertainment, or a fun group activity. We look forward to welcoming both familiar faces and new friends, so mark your calendar and join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun!



Fishers of Men

*@Precious Blood, Saturday, March 22
from 7:30 to 9:00 am*

Fishers of Men meets on the fourth Saturday of the month from 7:30-9:00 am. The meeting begins with 25 minutes of group prayer, either Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet or Liturgy of the Hours. Prayer is followed by Breakfast, a 25 minute presentation and then group discussion. Contact Curtis Kneblik for more information via email: ckneblik@preciousbloodchurch.org or by phone: 937-276-5954.

Family Rosary and Potluck

*@St. Joseph, Sunday, March 23
from 5:00-6:30 pm*

Our twice monthly Family Rosary and Potluck is a wonderful opportunity for prayer and fellowship! The evening begins with the Rosary, followed by a shared meal. We provide fried chicken and drinks. just bring a side dish or dessert to share. All are welcome to come together in faith and community!

Donate Your Treasures

@Trinity Center, April 3, 13 and 27, 9:30 am-1:00 pm

Planning to downsize, declutter, or organize the household in 2025 and wondering what to do with your unwanted or no longer needed treasures? Consider passing them along to Holy Trinity to be used in their annual Rummage Sale in May. Drop off is at Trinity Center at the north door.

The April dates will be:
Sunday, April 6th, 13th, and the 27th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm at Trinity Center. Drop off is open to all of the Saint Gasper's family parishes. Please no furniture, clothes, or shoes.



Shop and Support our Rummage Sale!

@TrinityCenter, May 3 & 4

Holy Trinity's annual Rummage Sale will be held May 3, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and May 4, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm for all in our family of parishes to attend.

First Reconciliation and First Communion Retreat at Emmanuel

Saturday, March 22, from 9:30 AM TO 2:30 PM



For more info: Tanya Lee 937-228-2013 or michaellee25mel@gmail.com

For First Communicants and Their Parents. This special retreat is designed for all First Communicants and one parent. Older children are also welcome to join and experience this beautiful retreat led by the Children of Mary.



Praisefest

*@St. Joseph Church, Friday, March 21
from 7:00-10:00 pm*

Praisefest is an evening of adoration, prayer, confession, and fellowship for teens ages 13 through high school seniors. Please contact Nicole Bartz with any questions: 937-956-8999.

Catholic Moms

Text to join: 661-904-6141

Are you looking for some amazing faith filled mom friends and playdates? We are a group of Catholic moms from all the local parishes and we meet weekly to discuss a podcast as well as just sharing in our faith and parenting journeys. We meet at each other's homes, bring a dish to share and bring our kids to play!

Weekly attendance, hosting and bringing food is not a requirement to join. Everyone participates according to their energy and season in life. Days and times vary depending on the host that week. Please contact Yeva Hummel if you would like to be added on the WhatsApp group or texting thread: 661-904-6141 or yevahummel@gmail.com

Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

Today's entrance hymn, "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair," is an English translation (by the prolific John Neale) of a 15th century Gregorian chant. These days, we usually hear these words sung to the rousing tune, Agincourt, but our hymnal brings us a French tune for this text instead. Fittingly, the highest note of the tune happens on the word "glory," as we lift our voices and minds to the heights of Mt. Tabor in contemplation of Christ's glory.

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 2025 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.

Extended Hours at Emmanuel

Visit Emmanuel for the 2025 Jubilee

Emmanuel Church will be open for 1 hour after each weekday Mass, and for 2 hours prior to each weekend Mass. On Tuesday evenings doors open prior to the 7:00 pm Novena.

Tours can be scheduled by contacting Deacon Rusty Baldwin.



God's Garden

Interested in Gardening but don't Know Where to Start?

@St. Paul, beginning in May

Monday evenings and Thursday mornings

God's Garden at St. Paul's Grows organic produce for food pantries, and has free garden beds available for the local community in exchange for help with the larger garden.

Grow for your own household, get expert advice, provide service to the community. Tilling, water, some plants and seeds available.

Interested? Contact Sue at skksack@gmail.com or 937-836-4223.

God's Garden is located at 1000 W Wenger Rd.

Gardening starts about May 1st, Monday evening at 7:00 pm, or Thursday morning about 9 am.



March 5 - April 13
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Help Save Lives in Dayton

Join this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 25,000 saved babies
- More than 150 closed facilities
- More than 250 converted workers

Vigil location:

Dayton Surgical Center of Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio
1401 E. Stroop Rd, Kettering, OH

Vigil hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily

Local contact: Jenny Belokony
jkony1@gmail.com or 937-380-2229

Closing Rally April 6

Join us for the closing rally on Sunday, April 6 at 2:00 pm.
Featured Speakers: Suzanne and Rachel Guy

Learn more ... get involved and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below! Our prayerful presence continues to be urgent as we PRAY, FAST and WITNESS to the lives of these pre-born boys and girls who are denied the right to life and whose moms are at risk for emotional, physical and spiritual difficulties.



For more information and sign up to
pray visit

40daysforlife.com/Dayton



Knights of Columbus

Open House

@Bainbridge Hall

Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 pm

Attention St. Gaspar Family of Parishes men:
Join us on March 18th for our open house!
Come experience what it means to be a Brother Knight.

Open to all Catholic men 18 years of age and older.

- Bring your son, brother, father, neighbor, friend
- Presentations will start with prayer around 7:00 pm
- Learn from our members what we do in the community and surrounding areas.

Presentations will end in prayer around 8:00 pm

Also on the agenda is a 50/50 cash raffle, food, and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Our Stewardship

Emmanuel, March 2, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$6,079

SVDP.....\$607

Holy Trinity, March 2, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$4,548

Electronic Giving Feb.....\$2,441

Outreach\$524

Organ Restoration\$130

Precious Blood, March 2, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$6,913

St. Vincent De Paul\$1,139

Saint Paul, March 2, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$4,134

St. Vincent de Paul\$150

Saint Joseph, March 2, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$13,323

Charity.....\$126

Pipe Organ to Date.....\$168,398

Saint Rita, March 2, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$3,362

St. Vincent De Paul\$150

Online Giving



Holy Trinity

[holyltrinitydayton.org/
online-giving/](https://holyltrinitydayton.org/online-giving/)



**Precious Blood,
St. Paul and St. Rita**

[northwestdaytoncatholic.org/
donations/](https://northwestdaytoncatholic.org/donations/)



St. Joseph

[members.myeoffering.com/
#/landing](https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing)



Emmanuel

[osvhub.com/
emmanuelchurch/giving/
funds](https://osvhub.com/emmanuelchurch/giving/funds)

Prayer Life

As part of our commitment to fostering encounters with Christ, the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes invites all parishioners to deepen their relationship with God through prayer and devotion. Our Encounter Team encourages each of us to set aside time for meaningful prayer, whether in community or personal reflection. Join us for these regular devotional opportunities across our parishes to seek grace, offer intentions, and grow in faith together.

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

Saturdays during Lent

12:00-4:00 pm · St. Joseph

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)

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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

<https://www.facebook.com/DaytonCatholic>

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.

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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.

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Ken Brown
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Nancy N. & Family
Pope Francis
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Kori & Mike Schnieder
Archbishop Dennis Schnurr
Debbie Shively
Victims of the 2 Recent Plane Crashes
and Families
Nancy Weisner
Catherine Winkler
Ann & Jack Wolf
Barbara Wooten & Family

Prayer List Guidelines

*New names appear in bold.
Names remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless we are notified otherwise.*

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.*

With Sympathy for those we have lost: We extend our sympathy to the family of Suzanne Caulfield whose funeral Mass was offered at St. Joseph, and to Richard Galus, whose funeral Mass was offered at St. Rita. 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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