

March 23, 2025, Third 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**

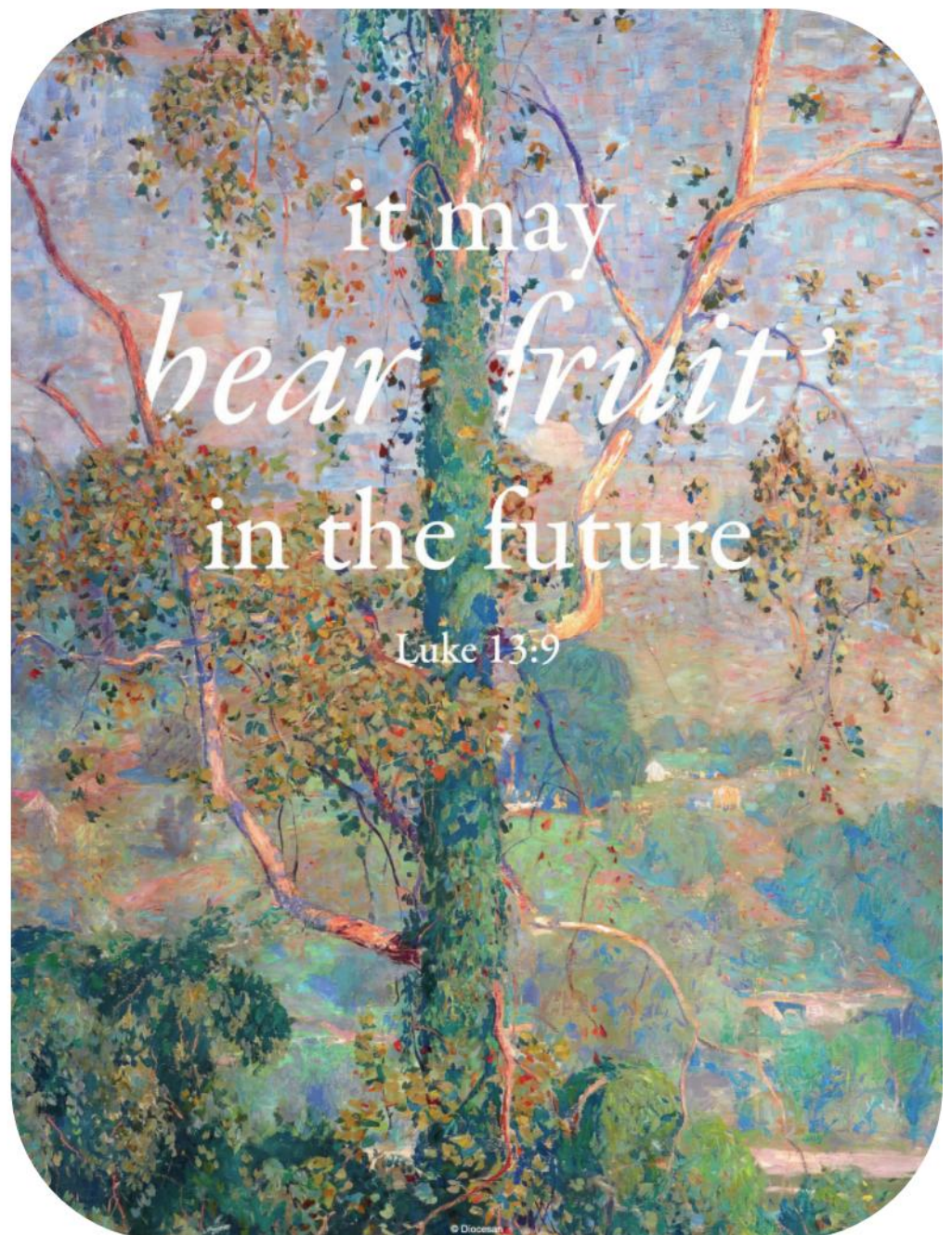
411 East Second Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.9272

### **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.



## Meet the Team Part IV Faith Formation and Education

**Faith Formation Priority:** *Provide pathways for all ages, youth to adult, to inform and educate about the Catholic faith to live our lives as disciples of Jesus.*

**Goal:** By Advent 2025, the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes will have a set of opportunities to facilitate lifelong faith formation and education that can be accessed by individuals, by small faith sharing groups, and by larger gatherings.

**Goal:** During Advent 2026, 50% of parishioners will participate in a challenge to contemplate their current level of engagement in personal faith practices and their relationship with God, leading to the setting of resolutions to deepen their faith lives.

We are currently looking at enhancing existing events and programs to create unity and life changing experiences along with adding new ones. Looking at the Who, What, How and When will assist the team with implementation. Surveys will also be available to help guide what parishioners need and want. In motion now: Prayer partners have been arranged for current 1st Communicants in our northern parishes. We are in the process of bringing this practice to the other parishes which will also include Confirmandi students. The goal is to make this a long-term relationship which will also build a faith-filled bond between parishioners.

Celebrating a "new" Saint each month is beginning this month. This will encompass all ages through our Children's Faith Formation Programs, Socials and Events. Information highlighting these Saints along with prayer cards will be available to all!

This certainly takes a team of parishioners! We are looking for energetic and creative people to help fill the Faith Formation team. If you are interested in helping, we would love to have you!

Please contact any of the leaders pictured above from left to right:

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Sue Whatley: [Kpump1.1@att.net](mailto:Kpump1.1@att.net)

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## Sign Up for Flocknote

Visit: [StGasparFamilyDayton.flocknote.com](http://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 celebrated their annual St. Patrick's Day Mass on Monday, March 17.

To view more photos from this celebration scan the QR code:



# Mass Times & Intentions

## Monday, March 24, 2025

7:30 am .....**Holy Trinity** ..... †Donald Macpherson  
 8:30 am .....**Precious Blood** ..... †Michele Trojan  
 12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †Repose of the Soul of Angel Madison

## Tuesday, March 25, 2025

7:30 am .....**Holy Trinity** ..... †Kathy Armstrong  
 8:30 am .....**St. Rita** ..... †Doris Ojjiyi  
 12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †Alfred Ferguson

## Wednesday, March 26, 2025

7:30 am .....**Emmanuel** ..... Liv/Dec Members of the Factora Family  
 8:30 am .....**St. Paul** ..... †Billy Gorczynski  
 12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †John Zimmerman

## Thursday, March 27, 2025

7:30 am .....**Emmanuel** ..... †Ethan Crago  
 8:30 am .....**St. Paul** ..... †Celebrant's Intention  
 12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †Anna Maria Riley

## Friday, March 28, 2025

7:30 am .....**Emmanuel** ..... †Jerry/Jeanine Lochtefeld  
 8:30 am .....**Precious Blood** ..... †Celebrant's Intention  
 12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †Patrick McCarty

## Saturday, March 29, 2025

7:30 am .....**Emmanuel** ..... †Joe Spanel  
 12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †Souls in Purgatory  
 4:30 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †Angelo & Leona Manzo  
 4:30 pm .....**Precious Blood** ..... †Netti & Jack Clifford  
 5:00 pm .....**Emmanuel** ..... Int. of Mary Norcross

## Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:30 am .....**Holy Trinity** ..... For Our Parishioners  
 8:30 am .....**Precious Blood** ..... For Our Parishioners  
 8:30 am .....**St. Rita** ..... †Joe Barcinas  
 10:30 am .....**Emmanuel** ..... For Our Parishioners  
 10:30 am .....**St. Joseph** ..... For Our Parishioners  
 10:30 am .....**St. Paul** ..... The Schneider Family

## 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*

# 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



## Scripture Readings

### For the Week of March 23, 2025

<b>Monday</b>	2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
<b>Friday</b>	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
<b>Saturday</b>	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 <i>Scrutiny Readings:</i> 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## 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 24, 2025**

#### **Walk with Mary (join at any time)**

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

#### **Solemnity of the Annunciation | Healing Mass**

Begins at 6:30 pm · Emmanuel/Church

### **Tuesday, March 25, 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 26, 2025**

#### **Lunch with the Lord (join at any time)**

11:45 am-1:00 pm · Holy Trinity/Rectory

#### **Stations of the Cross**

After Noon Mass · St. Joseph/Church

#### **Catholic Life/OCIA**

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

### **Thursday, March 27, 2025**

#### **Splendor of Truth Book Read**

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

### **Friday, March 28, 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

#### **Soup and Salvation**

Before 7:00 pm Stations · Emmanuel/School

#### **Stations of the Cross**

7:00-9:00 pm · Emmanuel/Church

### **Saturday, March 29, 2025**

#### **CCD**

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/School

#### **Good News! Bible Study**

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

#### **Lenten Adoration and Benediction**

12:00-4:00 pm · St. Joseph/Church

### **Sunday, March 30, 2025**

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

9:45-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

## Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin Date: April 6, 2025

Articles Due: March 27, 2025

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

## Staff Updates

### Celebrating Service and New Beginnings

We are blessed to share both gratitude and joyful news with our St. Gaspar North Parishes community.

#### **Joe Hurr Retires**

After many years of faithful and dedicated service, Joe Hurr will be retiring as Business Manager this April. Joe has been a steady and faithful steward of our parish resources, ensuring that our community could continue its mission of faith and service. We extend our heartfelt thanks for his years of leadership, commitment, and care. Please join us in praying for Joe as he embarks on this new chapter of his life.

#### **Julie Behrens Takes on a New Role**

At the same time, we are pleased to announce that Julie Behrens will be stepping into the role of Business Manager. Julie brings enthusiasm and experience, and we look forward to her leadership in continuing the good work of our parishes. Congratulations, Julie!

#### **Director of Evangelization Role Filled**

Additionally, we are excited to share that Deacon Brian Seibert has been named our new Director of Evangelization. His passion for sharing the Gospel and fostering discipleship will be a blessing to our community as we grow in faith together.

Please keep Joe, Julie, and Deacon Brian in your prayers, and join us in offering them our deepest thanks and congratulations!

## A Special Invitation

### Family Spaghetti Dinner

**@Bainbridge Hall, Saturday, March 29, from 5:30-8:30 pm**

All are invited to a family Spaghetti Dinner, with homemade Italian (vegetarian) sauce, meatballs for the carnivores, garlic bread and salad on Saturday, March 29, at Knights of Columbus Dayton Council 500, Bainbridge Hall, 267 Bainbridge St.

Any questions, call or text Dave Norckauer at 937-671-3725.

Desserts are welcomed to be shared.

More information can be found on page 11.



# Encountering Prayer in our Family

**Family Rosary and Potluck**  
**Sunday, March 23**  
**St. Joseph Church & Parish Center**  
**5:00-6:30 pm**

**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. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.**

**All are welcome to come together in faith and community!**

## Devotionals

### *Miraculous Medal Novena*

Monday

11:30 am -12:30 pm · St. Rita

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel | *Doors open 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

9:45 am · 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)

## Beginning April 6

The Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary before Mass at Holy Trinity on the first Sunday of the month at 8:00 am.



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## The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



# Lent: Pray, Fast, 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.

## 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**



## Knights of Columbus

### Weekly 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.



## Spend some time with our Lord this Lent

There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays during Lent at St. Joseph Church following the Noon Mass until 4:00pm.

There will be private meditation as well as occasional group prayer as follows:

- 12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Rosary
- 2:00 Seven Offerings of the Most Precious Blood
- 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayer to the Divine Mercy
- 3:30 Rosary - Sorrowful Mysteries
- 3:50 Benediction followed by opportunity for Confession

*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.*

**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

# Music to our Ears

## Musicians Wanted for Easter Sunday

*@Holy Trinity*

If you sing or play an instrument, we'd love to have you join our choir on Easter Sunday at Holy Trinity. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. We're especially looking for brass players for this joyful celebration. Please see our music director Krista after Mass or send an email to [htmusician19@gmail.com](mailto:htmusician19@gmail.com).

## Join the Triduum Choir

*@St. Paul, 6:30 pm, beginning March 27 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](mailto: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.



Do you know where this window is located?

## Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

Because we are so blessed as to have Precious Blood priests here, today's offertory hymn seems especially fitting. "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured" comes to us from the Eastern Orthodox tradition via its translator, John Brownlie (1857-1925), a Scottish Presbyterian and author of several works on hymns. Our tune is a few centuries older, attributed to Johann Cruger. Note the musical tension in first half of the refrain as we sing of His passion ("Thou didst give Thyself for me"), which resolves itself in the final phrase when we respond to His mercy ("Now I give myself to Thee").

## 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](http://emmanuelcatholic.com).

Contact Michelle Carner, Music Director, at 937-478-4097 or at [michelle@carners.com](mailto:michelle@carners.com) with any questions.

**Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation  
and Special Healing Mass**

**Monday March 24, 2025  
6:30 at Emmanuel Catholic Church**



The Vigil Mass will include  
the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick  
and a Blessing with a First Class Relic of  
*(The Knights Color Corp from Holy Trinity will escort the relic)*

*Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney*  
founder of the Knights of Columbus.

All are welcome to participate in this Mass, especially those  
seeking healing - physically, mentally, or spiritually.

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This event is sponsored by One More Soul  
1846 N Main St, Dayton, OH 45405 | [\(937\) 279-5433](tel:9372795433) | [www.onemoresoul.com](http://www.onemoresoul.com)



# Marriage Enrichment

## The St. Gaspar Family of Parishes would like to announce a Catholic Marriage Enrichment Date Night and Learning Series

*@St. Joseph Parish Center*

*Tuesday evenings, April 22-June 3, 6:30-8:30 pm*

Come and join us for an ongoing series of Date Nights coupled with Marriage Enrichment Skills. We will be learning from a new and exciting 7-part Catholic marriage enrichment series titled "Building a Eucharistic Marriage." These fun and informative sessions are for all married or engaged couples. This night of interaction, prayer, activities, Catechism and bible reflection is designed to support couples in renewing their understanding of what it means to have a Sacramental Marriage and to rediscover the one they fell in love with many years ago. Classes will begin April 22, 2025, from 6:30pm – 8:30pm and will run for 7 consecutive Tuesdays (ending June 3) and will be held at St. Joseph Parish - held in St. Joseph's Parish Center, 441 East Second St., Dayton, Ohio. To register call: 937-262-7010.

## Dare to Date Trivia Night

*@Emmanuel, Saturday, April 12, from 6:30-9:00 pm*

Dare to Date! Marriage Uncorked invites you and your spouse or fiancée to a competitive night of trivia! Join us on Saturday, April 12th, from 6:30-9:00 pm at the Emmanuel school building!

Bring a snack to share and your game face!

Babysitting is available for \$4 per child with \$15 family maximum. RSVP to Rachel Bond at MarriageUncorked@gmail.com



## Senior Program and Lunch

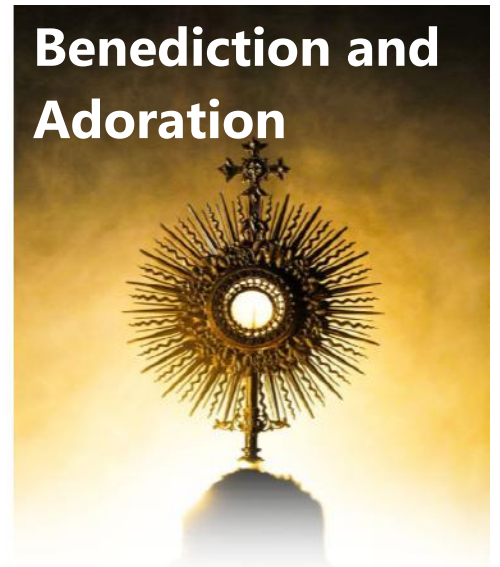
### Bingo! Sponsored by Brookdale

*@St. Paul, Wednesday, April 2, from 12:00-2:00 pm*

The Senior Program meets twice monthly at St. Paul. 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!

Please call to make reservations for Bingo by noon on Monday, March 31 by calling 937-836-7535.

## Benediction and Adoration



*@Precious Blood, Thursday, April 3  
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.

## First Sunday Brunch

*@Bainbridge Hall, Sunday, April 6  
9:00 am—1:00 pm*

Please join us at Bainbridge Hall with your friends and parishioners for fellowship and a fabulous brunch menu prepared by Key Ingredient Catering.

Cost is \$17.



# Faith, Fellowship & Giving at Holy Trinity



## Easter Flowers

### *Remember a loved one*

Donations for Easter flowers along with the names of individuals you wish remembered are being accepted. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked “flowers” in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Help Set Up For Easter

**Monday, April 14 at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm**

We will be doing a general church cleaning, i.e. oiling the pews, scrubbing the kneelers and marble walls.

## Rummage Sale Drop-Off Dates are Coming Up

**@Trinity Center, April 6, 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.

## Holy Trinity’s Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser

### **Orders due April 4**

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.

## 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 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.**





**Saint Aloysius' Minor Seminary (SAMS), Kitiwum**  
**P.O. Box 115, Kumbo**  
**Diocese of Kumbo, Northwest Region, Cameroon**

March 12th, 2025

Dear friends of KumboKids and Community,

When I think of all I have accomplished through your generosity, I say this prayer for you: "Thank you, Lord God, for all the donors of KumboKids and Community whom you have surrounded me with. You have enabled me to carry out projects that benefit individuals and communities through them. Lord, bless each one of them and grant success to the works of their hands. Keep them healthy in mind and body, and never allow them to wander far away from you. May their kindness be rewarded with eternity. Amen."

By this time last year, we were almost through raising the walls of the Church building in Nkanchi village. I am glad to announce that the roofing was completed on December 14, 2024. The plastering is going on now, though slowly. Many students have received help with tuition and fees. I, therefore, render my sincere gratitude to you for your kindness, generosity, and love. You have continuously demonstrated your missionary spirit. St. Therese of Lisieux was considered a missionary even though she did not go anywhere to visit. She said, "I offer every step for some missionary who, far away, is exhausted by his work for souls; I offer my exhaustion to relieve his." Her prayers were efficacious. In the same way, your missionary spirit is effective as you continue to touch and change lives through KumboKids and Community. Thank you immensely for your great act of kindness.

Next year, on April 19, 2026, I will be 25 years as a priest. I hope to say one of my Thanksgiving Masses in this new Church, perhaps with some of you present. How wonderful and pleasant will that be? However, there is still a lot to be done in the Church to get it close to the finishing point: the ceiling, the plastering, which is ongoing, the pews, building the sanctuary, the flooring, the windows, the doors, the painting, the electricity, to finish the plumping work, and decorate the Church. At this juncture, I continue to solicit your financial support to bring the Church to the finishing level. We are also making some local contributions to augment some of the expenditures of the Church. If I come to you this often, it is because our need is great, and our means are limited, and most importantly, because of the love of God in you transmitted in helping others. With you, there is hope! Thank you.

I am gratefully yours,



Fr. Emmanuel Fale Lon (SD)  
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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**

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## Staff Directory

### **Pastoral Staff**

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**Business Manager: Christopher Lockhart**

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### **Precious Blood, St. Paul & St. Rita**

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### **Parish Communications**

**Communications Manager: Joan Macpherson**

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#### **Bulletin Submissions**

Submissions for the bulletin are due

Thursdays at Noon, 9 days before the

publication date of the bulletin.

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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 3/18/2025

Andy Belt  
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**Bill & Jayme Budde**  
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Fran Franchina  
Kay Gallihar  
Janet Rudy-Gerrard  
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Michael Glackin  
O'Dell & Shari Graves  
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**Phil Lange**  
Tim Lewis  
Mary Jane Masten  
Diane Meier  
Pope Francis  
Archbishop Dennis Schnurr  
Debbie Shively  
**Kelly Webster**  
Nancy Weisner  
Catherine Winkler  
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 those who have lost loved ones this past week. 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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