

December 15, 2024, Third Sunday of Advent



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

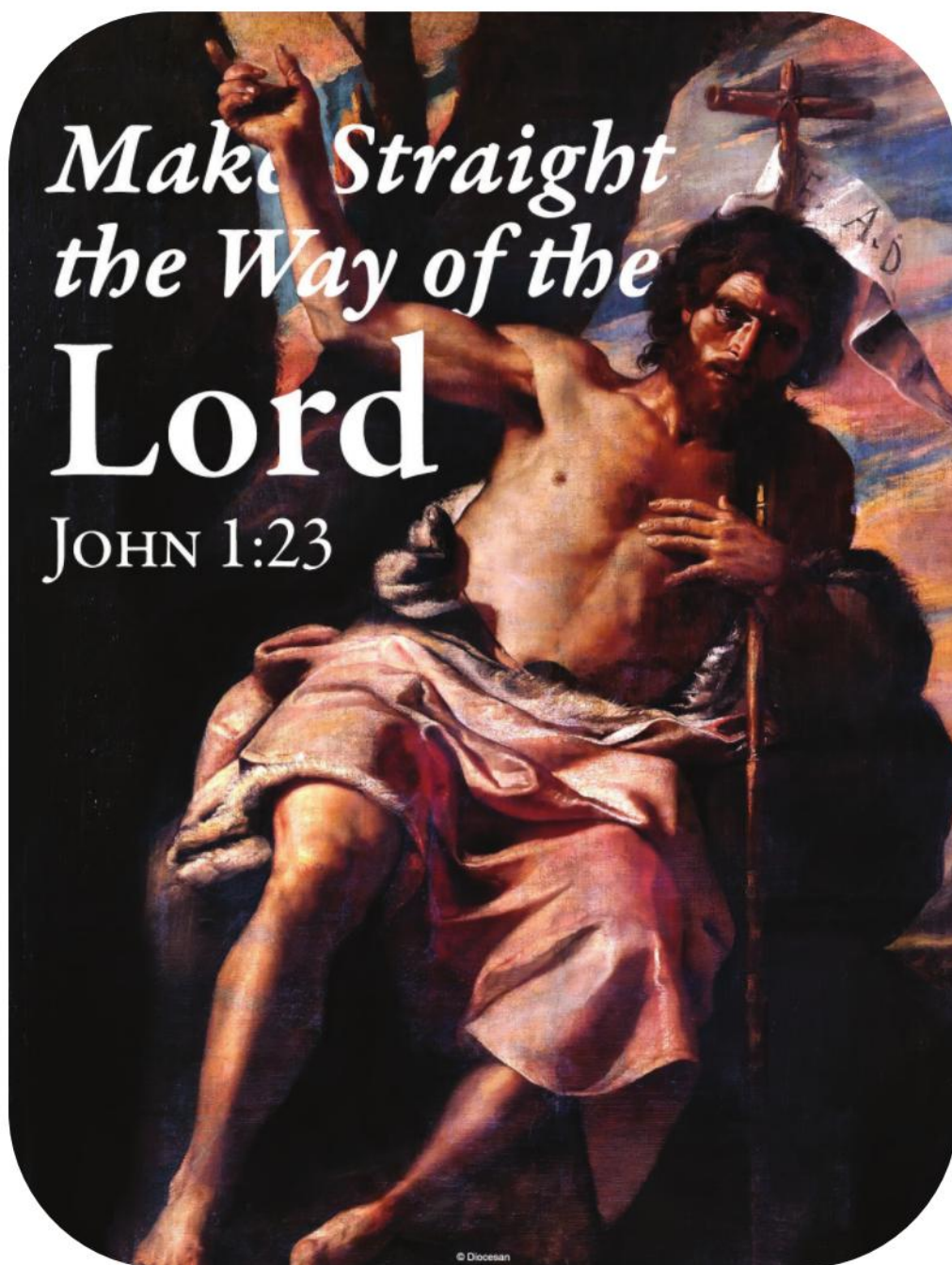
411 East Second Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.9272

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 the second reading, we hear Paul say, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Padre Pio would often say, "Pray, hope, and don't worry." Worrying gets us nowhere. It's wasted energy. Rather, put your energy in prayer and hope.

It is important that we make our requests known to the Lord. I know it may seem difficult for some to ask God for something. That we should just accept whatever happens to us. But I do believe God puts certain desires on our hearts. I don't think that those desires are put there by happenstance. Now God is not gonna give us something immoral or something that would harm us. God wants to have a conversation with us about our desires. It is important that we ask, that we knock, and that we seek.

In the gospel, we see that John the Baptist is encouraging people to seek after Christ. John says, "I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals." John is talking about Jesus's sandals. John is publicly exercising his humility. John knows that he can't hold the weight of all these people. He knows that only Jesus has the strength to deal fully with humanity. John knows his place in salvation history. You and I should know our limitations also. You and I are weak and we cannot save people, only Jesus can. You and I do not point to ourselves but point to someone greater, someone stronger, someone who can offer eternal life. Jesus Christ. Let us continue to point to Christ as we draw closer to Christmas.

God bless you all,
Fr. Tony

Welcome

Newly Baptized

@St. Joseph

Welcome to our Family of Faith!

Carissa Lemon, daughter of Christopher Lemon & Elizabeth Gleason

Charlotte Weisner, daughter of Ryan Weisner & Mary Gleason



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 | St. Rita

Sunday

8:00-8:25 am | Holy Trinity

Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, December 16, 2024

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Oliver & Rosella Gast
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Bob O' Rourke
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Dane Gildbert

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Carol Zimmerman
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph**: †Bill & Judy Flynn
 William J. McCarthy Family

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Stanley Dague
 8:30 am **St. Paul** †Blaine Heeter
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Mike Goetz

Thursday, December 19, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Laura Brooks
 8:30 am **St. Paul** Navarro Family
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** Int. of Fr. Ken Pleiman,
 Anniversary to the Priesthood

Friday, December 20, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Chris Enochs
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Sandra Brinkman

Saturday, December 21, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Mary Ann Robinson
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** Int. of Kaelyn Burnett & Family
 4:30 pm **St. Joseph** For Our Parishioners
 4:30 pm **St. Rita** †John Meier
 5:00 pm **Emmanuel** †Nat Smargiassi

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am **Holy Trinity** For Our Parishioners
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Fran Lengerich
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Roger Jette
 10:30 am **St. Joseph** †Tony Riggs
 10:30 am **Emmanuel** For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am **St. Paul** †Ruben Eduardo Salas

Sign Up for Flocknote

Visit: StGasparFamilyDayton.flocknote.com

Text: GETGASPAR to 84576

If you need assistance with signing up contact Joan Macpherson at 937-276-5954.

Mass Intentions

A Mass intention is a prayer or offering made to God during a Catholic Mass to honor or remember someone, or to apply the Mass's grace to a specific need. Mass intentions can be requested from your parish office.



Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 15, 2024

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Friday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Sunday **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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, December 16

Miraculous Medal Novena

11:30am-12:15 pm · St. Rita

Our Lady of the Precious Blood Group

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

Stephen Ministers Meeting

7:00-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Tuesday, December 17

Advent Penance Service

9:15-10:15 am · St. Rita/Church

Advent Communal Penance Service & Miraculous Medal Novena

7:00-9:00 pm · Emmanuel/Church

Prayer Mates Book Read | Spiritual Combat

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

Pope Francis, Encyclical Book Read

7:00-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Wednesday, December 18

Lunch with the Lord

11:45 am-1:00 pm · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Room

Widow's Meeting

2:00-3:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Evening Prayer for Advent

6:00-7:30 pm · Holy Trinity/Church

Mother Brunner School Christmas Concert

6:30-8:30 pm · Precious Blood/Church

Catholic Life

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

Thursday, December 19

Advent Communal Penance Service

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood/Church

Friday, December 20

Friday Hour

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

Saturday, December 21

Good News! Bible Study

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

Adoration During Advent

12:30-4:00 pm · St. Joseph/Church

Sunday, December 22

Birthday Party for Jesus

After Mass · St. Paul/ Mtg. Room

Bulletin Articles

Deadlines for bulletin articles are as follows:

Bulletin Date: Sunday, December 29

Articles due: Thursday, December 19

All ministry leaders should begin the practice of sending their articles directly to the Communication Manager Joan Macpherson.

Send your event information to:

jmacpherson@precioudbloodchurch.org

Advent and Christmas

Reconciliation Service

After Morning Mass

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

St. Rita - 9:15-11:00 AM

Communal Penance Services

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Emmanuel - 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Precious Blood - 7:00 PM

The communal penance services will include Scripture readings, a homily, an examination of conscience, the Act of Contrition, individual confession, and music. The service at Emmanuel will include Exposition and Benediction, and conclude with praying the Miraculous Medal Novena.

Fourth Week of Advent

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

St. Rita - 8:30 AM

This will be the only morning weekday Mass for our St. Gaspar Family for the fourth week in Advent

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Precious Blood - 4:30 PM

St. Joseph - 4:30 PM

Holy Trinity - 5:30 PM

Emmanuel - 10:00 PM

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Holy Trinity - 8:30 AM

St. Rita - 8:30 AM

Emmanuel - 10:30 AM

St. Joseph - 10:30 AM

St. Paul - 10:30 AM



Advent and Christmas

St. Joseph Church
invites you to our Advent

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 15
at 2:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Church

We will celebrate a service of scripture and song that recounts the Fall of Humanity, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News.

Each scripture lesson is followed by a carol or song that reflects the lesson's message and a brief prayer. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of Christmas!

Deepen your roots in Christ this Advent.

Embark on a powerful journey with *Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree*. In just 7 minutes a day, explore Scripture, uncover the stories of Christ's ancestors, and experience meaningful Advent reflections that connect faith to your daily life.

Plus! Bring this rich Catholic tradition into your home with FREE Jesse Tree ornament coloring sheets.

Available only on [FORMED.org](https://www.FORMED.org)

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Show Appreciation for our Priests



Christmastime is upon us and the hustle and bustle isn't just for our families. It's also a VERY BUSY time for our Beloved Priests.

Our Priests are being called into great and heroic action while pouring an overabundant amount of Love and Support to ALL of us.

As a gesture of gratitude I would like to encourage all of us, as parishioners, to reach out and show our thankfulness for their sacrifice especially through the major Holidays. Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter.

Here are Some Suggestions, but be Creative and do Your own Thing:

- Send them an email or text
- Drop off popcorn, candy + snacks for a movie night.
- Have your children draw/paint them pictures to give to them
- Offer up prayers, fast and suffering for their well being
- Send them gift cards or money for them to use on whatever they may want or need
- Have pictures printed of your family with the priest and give it to them
- Buy them a bottle of wine, etc.

With all 6 parishes as ONE FAMILY we can make ALL of our BELOVED Priests know they are not alone and they are PART of our FAMILIES and LOVED. Also, if you'd be interested in helping, a few families from St Joseph's, St. Paul's and Holy Trinity have come together to prepare food for the major holidays for the past 5 years so that the Priests can get together for fellowship with one another.

If you would like to contribute to this by donating food or money towards food/wine, please contact Pam Marx at 937-416-1748.

Together we can make this a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS as we prepare for the coming of our Lord on Christmas Day. You can drop off any cards for the priests at your parish office. You may wish to acknowledge a certain priests. The names of the priests who frequently say Mass and hear confessions are as follows:

Pastor: Father Tony Fortman

Associate Pastors: Father Seraphine Lesiriam, Father Jim Gaynor

Other priests who serve our parishes: Father Angelo Anthony, Father Ken Pleiman, Father Vincent Chembakassery, Father Jim Mencsik and Father Larry Hemmelgarn, Fr. Ken Baker and Fr. Bill Stang.



Combined Councils and Implementation Team



Growing as Servant Leaders

Building Unity in Our Parish Family

This December marked the third meeting of two key groups in our St. Gaspar Family of Parishes: the Implementation Team and the Combined Parish and Finance Councils. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the team members and volunteers who planned and set up these gatherings.

The Implementation Team, facilitated by Thomas Lyman from the Catholic Leadership Institute, met at Holy Trinity to continue their work on the Pastoral Priority Plan, which outlines our mission, vision, and priorities. With guidance from Thomas, the team is now moving into the next phase of aligning parish ministries to the plan's goals of encounter, unity, faith formation, and communication.

Fr. Tony is pictured on the left with Thomas Lyman from the Catholic Leadership Institute.

Combined Parish and Finance Council

Creating a Bright Future for Our Family of Parishes

The Combined Parish and Finance Councils convened at Emmanuel Parish, focusing on collaboration and governance across our six parishes. Below are highlights from their discussions:

Members from all six parishes represented the Unified Parish Council (UPC) and Unified Finance Council (UFC). Fr. Tony began with the "Our Father," setting a prayerful tone.

Together Sunday Reflection: Discussion centered on the diocesan-wide event held on November 24. While attendance didn't significantly increase, members reflected on ways to engage parishioners who feel disconnected. Topics ranged from misconceptions about the Church to its inclusivity and welcoming nature.

Evangelization Efforts: Deacon Brian Seibert has been appointed to lead evangelization initiatives. The goal is to form teams from each parish to undergo training and bring our faith to life in meaningful ways.

Stephen Ministry: Members were reminded of this impactful program, which offers one-on-one listening support to parishioners and beyond.

Bylaws and Governance: Discussions began on how to unify structures and practices across the parishes, guided by resources from the Beacons of Light initiative. Members will review current bylaws to draft a cohesive framework for decision-making and advisory roles.

Future Plans: Meetings for 2025 were scheduled, centralizing at St. Joseph Parish Center for convenience. The councils will meet six times throughout the year, with breakout sessions for focused discussions.

Both groups are vital to our parish family's growth, fostering collaboration and unity. Please join us in praying for their continued success as they navigate the challenges and opportunities of this exciting time.



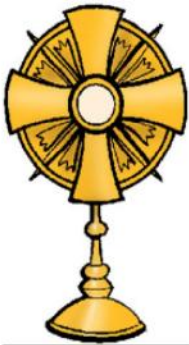
Parish Council Chairs

Parish Council Chairs from left to right:
Recording Secretary: Kathy Wirrig | St. Paul
Co Chair: Becky Chestnut | Precious Blood
Chair: Mike Stoner | Emmanuel



To read the minutes for the last meeting, visit stgasparfamily.org, and share your thoughts through our online feedback form. We invite you to participate, engage, and continue building our vibrant faith community together!

Holy Trinity, Emmanuel and St. Joseph



Advent Adoration Spend Time with our Lord!

@St. Joseph

Beginning Saturday, December 7

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

- 12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Rosary
- 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayer to the Divine Mercy
- 3:30 Rosary – Joyful Mysteries
- 4:00 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.

Decorate for Christmas at St. Joseph

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 22, at 1:00pm. All are welcome to help

Book of Revelation

Emmanuel's Winter Bible Study

Begins Tuesday, January 7 & Saturday, January 11

The book of Revelation, which is the final book of the Bible, is an unveiling ("apocalypse") of Jesus Christ as our heavenly Savior and a revelation of the "last things". Dr Alan will be able to explain the meanings of all these visions and symbolisms in our everyday language.

Should you have any questions, please contact Susie Gross @ 937-409-0553. There are flyers in the back of Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St Joe's Churches with the entire 8-week schedule and a sign-up sheet.

Epiphany Party

St. Gaspar Youth

@Emmanuel, Saturday, January 4

The Epiphany party is on January 4, after Mass from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Emmanuel. More details will follow. It is for grades 5-12 and is a gingerbread house contest. Please bring a white elephant gift to exchange and a snack to share.

Looking for great stocking stuffers?

Emmanuel SVdP Dinner and Cash Raffle Tickets
make great Christmas gifts for family and friends!

Enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun
while supporting a great cause!

Tickets are now available for the Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Cash Raffle
to be held on January 25, 2025.

See your friendly Emmanuel Vincentian or
contact Terri at 937.572.3626 or theresagilbert70@gmail.com.

Dinner tickets are limited to a total of 275 tickets
- and you must have a ticket to enter, so get them now!
You do not need to be present at the Dinner to win the Cash Raffle Prizes.

All proceeds go to help our neighbors in need.
Thanks for your support and Merry Christmas!

Emmanuel Music Program Fund

From Music Director Michelle Carner

The Emmanuel Parish Music Program Fund, established by Bernie Chachula in loving memory of Mary Chachula, is an ongoing financial resource for the promotion of many facets of our music program which reach beyond the normal scope of its budget, such as providing music lesson scholarships for parishioners interested in sharing their talents with us, funding special guests, and purchasing extraordinary musical equipment or music. Donations for the continuance of this program fund are always welcome; if you would like to offer a gift, please contact Michelle Carner, Music Director, at 937-478-4097 or place your donation in the offertory collection basket in an envelope marked, "Emmanuel Parish Music Program Fund."

Blessings,

M. Michelle Carner

Holy Trinity, Emmanuel and St. Joseph

Evening Prayer for Advent

@Holy Trinity, Wednesdays beginning December 4

Feeling rushed and harried this season? Take a few moments to pray Evening and Night Prayer in our quiet and beautiful church.

We will gather each Wednesday during Advent at 6:00pm beginning December 4 to refresh our bodies and our souls. No experience or registration is necessary. Just come and pray.

Request for Prayers and Support for Judi Trick

Dear Parish Family,

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news that Judi Trick, our longtime and dedicated business manager for Holy Trinity Church, has been diagnosed with a serious illness and will be entering home hospice care. Judi has faithfully served Holy Trinity for many years, and her contributions have touched countless lives. At this time, Judi is asking for your prayers as she navigates this journey. If you would like to send words of encouragement or a note of support, please direct them to Holy Trinity Church, addressed to Lynda Middleton's attention. These messages will be shared with Judi and her family to help them uplift themselves during this challenging time. Let us join together in prayer for Judi, entrusting her to the loving care of our Lord.



Holy Trinity Gets Ready

Christmas Poinsettia Donations

@Holy Trinity until December 16

We are accepting donations of poinsettias until December 16 to further beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

Donations along with the names of individuals you wish remembered are accepted. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "flowers" in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Call the parish office for questions at 937-228-1223.

Help Get the Church Ready

Monday, December 16, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

There are other opportunities to participate in making Holy Trinity church beautiful for Christmas. We will be doing a general church cleaning, i.e. oiling the pews, scrubbing the kneelers and marble walls.

Set Up the Christmas Trees

Sunday December 22 after 8:30 am Mass

We will setup Christmas trees, the stable and wreaths at Holy Trinity. Strong backs and willing workers are needed at each of the above times. Come join in getting our beautiful church ready for the Christmas season.

Giving Tree

Make A Seniors Day Bright

@Holy Trinity

Our Giving Tree is in place in the sanctuary. The names of our elderly parishioners will be on ornaments. If you would like to send a card or pay a visit to let our senior parishioners know that they are being thought of, please take an ornament from the tree. Help us to remember them and the many gifts that they continue to bring to Holy Trinity.

Bring in Personal Supplies

@ Holy Trinity

We will be collecting personal supplies for St. Vincent DePaul during the rest of the Advent Season. Please bring your toothpaste, soap, shampoo and other personal care items to the church or to the church office.



Thank you for Your Generosity

From Holy Trinity

Holiday Help Family

Many thanks to all of those who so generously partnered with Miami Valley Catholic Social Services to make Christmas a little brighter for our friends in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Santa Breakfast

Thank you to Santa and all of the elves who helped to make the Santa Breakfast extra special this year. The kids were delighted with their gifts and with Santa and the adults were pretty jolly too.

Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita

Baby Shower for Mary

Gift Cards	Amazon or Walmart
Layettes	Cotton Receiving Blankets Newborn Hats Multipack Cotton Flannel or Terry Burp Cloths Colorful or Patterned Multipack Onesies Multi-Pack Infant Socks
Diapers	Diapers (Sizes 3 and up) Pull-ups (All sizes) Wipes Diaper Genie Pail and Refills Diaper Creme
Equipment	Swing High Chair Pack'n Play Exersaucer Stroller, Full Size / Umbrella Boppy Support Pillow Cool Mist Humidifier Baby Monitor Car Seat
Misc	Clothing Newborn to 5T Hooded Bath Towels and Washcloths Backpack Style Diaper Bags Bibs Infant Toys, Rattles, and Teethers Infant Grooming/Healthcare Kits Infant Bath Tub Baby Proofing Safety Kits Infant/Toddler Shampoo, Soap and Lotion Booster Seat / Bumbo Chair Potty Seat / Chair

Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita's Children's Faith Formation are collecting these items as part of an Advent service project. Items may be dropped off at your parish.

 ELIZABETH'S
NEW LIFE CENTER



SCAN TO SHOP OUR
AMAZON REGISTRY

PLEASE RETURN UNWRAPPED GIFTS BY:
DECEMBER 24, 2024

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ERICA RUDEMILLER (937)836-7535
ERUDEMILLER@PRECIOUSBLOODCHURCH.ORG

ENLC Contact: Kayla Berry, Development Officer- Dayton
(937) 991-0161 kberry@enlc.life

All items will be donated to Elizabeth's New Life Center to stock the baby boutique and layettes. Elizabeth's New Life Center provides positive solutions to unexpected pregnancies by offering free pregnancy tests, ultrasound scans, consulting/mentoring, prenatal care and material assistance.

Monthly Meals For the SVDP Shelter

@Precious Blood

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

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

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



St. Vincent De Paul Meal Schedule

@ Precious Blood

Tuesday, December 17

- Group 1: Salad
- Group 2: Entrée
- Group 3: Off
- Group 4: Pies

St. Vincent meals may be dropped off at the Precious Blood Rectory office on Mondays between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm and Tuesdays between 9:00 am and 11:30 am or to Precious Blood Church the Sunday before and given to an usher before Mass. Frozen entrees can be dropped off at the Precious Blood rectory anytime during regular office hours.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes has two St. Vincent De Paul Groups. Both serve families in our area neighborhoods. Both North and South groups have a food pantry. The items below are needed for the food pantry that is housed at St. Paul in Englewood. Items may be dropped off at church. The Food Pantry is in urgent need of the following:

Body Wash
Cleaning Supplies
Deodorant
Laundry Pods
Mouthwash

Shampoo & Conditioner
Toilet Paper
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes



Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita



Letters to Mary and Joseph Show Them Support on their Journey

@St. Paul, throughout Advent

Imagine what it was like for Joseph and Mary as they traveled to Bethlehem so many years ago. It was a long, hard journey, and they needed all the love and support they could get. Let's write them a letter to encourage them on their way! What words of kindness and hope would you share with them? Maybe you could tell them you're praying for them or ask how they're feeling. Your letters will surely bring them some comfort during their journey.

Let's spread some love and joy this season! Letters can be dropped off in the lobby at St. Paul.

Deacon Brian Seibert



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St Vincent DePaul Christmas Basket Project Next Saturday!

@St. Paul, NW Regional Food Pantry

December 21

Our Christmas Basket Project is next Saturday! We're so grateful for your tremendous support-- please know that your generous donations of gift cards and cash will enable needy families to purchase gifts for their children. If you haven't taken the opportunity to donate, please consider buying a gift card(s) or make a cash donation (in an envelope marked "St Vincent DePaul Christmas Basket Project") for a child in need.

Gift Card Donations Due Wednesday

December 18

Suggested gift card value is \$20 or \$25 from general merchandise stores such as Meijer or Walmart. Please return your donation to the church office by this Wednesday, December 18.

Volunteers Needed

for Distribution

We'll distribute food and gift cards from the Northwest Regional Pantry (at the west side of St. Paul's church) during the morning of Saturday, December 21. We'd love to have about 15 volunteers, beginning about 8 AM through Noon. Most needed help will be filling dairy/cold item boxes, staging food boxes, loading cars, directing traffic outside, and providing gift cards. We'll have warm beverages and snacks, and ensure everyone gets needed breaks for warmth. Please consider volunteering! Call Guy Fritchman @ 937-231-2375 if you can help!

Thank you.

Our Stewardship

Emmanuel, December 1

Sunday Collection \$8,023

St. Vincent De Paul Tithe \$802

Holy Trinity, December 1

Sunday Collection \$3,587

Outreach \$640

Precious Blood, December 1

Sunday Collection \$5,559

St. Vincent De Paul \$900

Online Giving November \$5,687

Saint Paul, December 1

Sunday Collection \$7,187

St. Vincent de Paul \$201

Online Giving November \$4,584

Saint Joseph, December 1

Sunday Collection \$3,933

Charity \$160

Pipe Organ to Date \$138,781

Saint Rita, December 1

Sunday Collection \$4,858

St. Vincent De Paul \$240

Online Giving November \$1,032

Online Giving

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

Emmanuel: 937-228-2013

Holy Trinity: 937-228-1223

Precious Blood: 937-276-5954

St. Joseph: 937-228-9272

St. Paul: 937-836-7535

St. Rita: 937-278-5815

Area News

Don't Spend Christmas Alone!

WHAT: Christmas Day Supper & Family Friendly Party

WHEN: Wednesday, Dec 25, 2024, 3 to 7 p.m., Clean-up 7 to 8 pm.

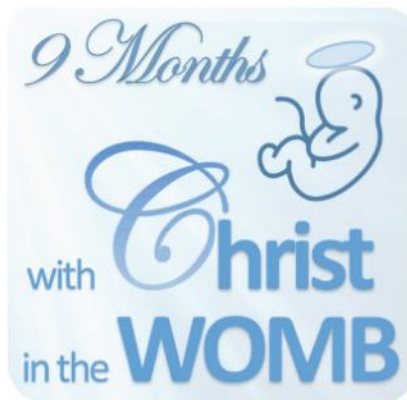
WHERE: American Czechoslovakian Club (ACC), 922 Valley St, Dayton, OH 45404, (937) 222-9771; <https://www.accd Dayton.com>

On behalf of the undersigned Hosts, we invite you to a Christmas Day Carry-in Potluck Supper and party. Please join us and help celebrate with anyone who has or had a Birthday in 2024, including Jesus! All are welcome: friends, enemies, singles, couples, small families, large families, American students, international students, everyone. We will have a march to Bethlehem, & Birthday party for Jesus. Kids have absolutely loved this in past years – so please bring kids. We will have special music for all, & especially for kids. You will have a great time and will not regret it. Spend some quality time with us, don't just eat and run. Plenty of parking available in the parking lot just outside their handicapped accessible doors. Please reply to this email soonest, specifying your carry-in dish info & head count so we can plan for food. RSVP to: a.j.terzuoli@ieee.org.

NOTE: Your carry-in items can be your own specialty dishes for the main part of the meal. In addition to your specialty dishes, you may bring appetizers & desserts.

PS – all welcome to help us w/ set-up 2-3 pm, & clean-up 7-8 pm.

From the St Gaspar Respect Life Group



Dec 15—Week 39

Today, Jesus weighs seven pounds thirteen ounces. He is full of wrinkles, blotches, and dry spots on his skin, but he is beautiful beyond all reckoning. He is getting some much needed rest for later this week. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!



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-OCIA), 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/live-stream/>

St. Joseph Church, Sunday, 10:30 am

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

Please note the live stream at St. Joseph may not be working due to the organ renovation project.

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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 12/9/2024

Names in bold are new this week.

Jane Adkins

Andy Belt

Sheila Buerhle & Family

Martie DeMange

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Fran Franchina

Kay Gallihar

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Stuart Hartenstein

Peter Heinz

John and Joan Jankowski

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Larry Shafer

Don Simon & Family

Judi Trick

Bill Waddle

Catherine Winkler

Adding a name to the prayer list:

The St. Gaspar Family of parishes prayers 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.

Pray for our Departed: For St. Paul parishioners Anna Stolfo, and Janice Largent. In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.

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