

August 25, 2024, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



SAINT GASPAR
FAMILY OF PARISHES

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Dayton, OH 45402
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Holy Trinity

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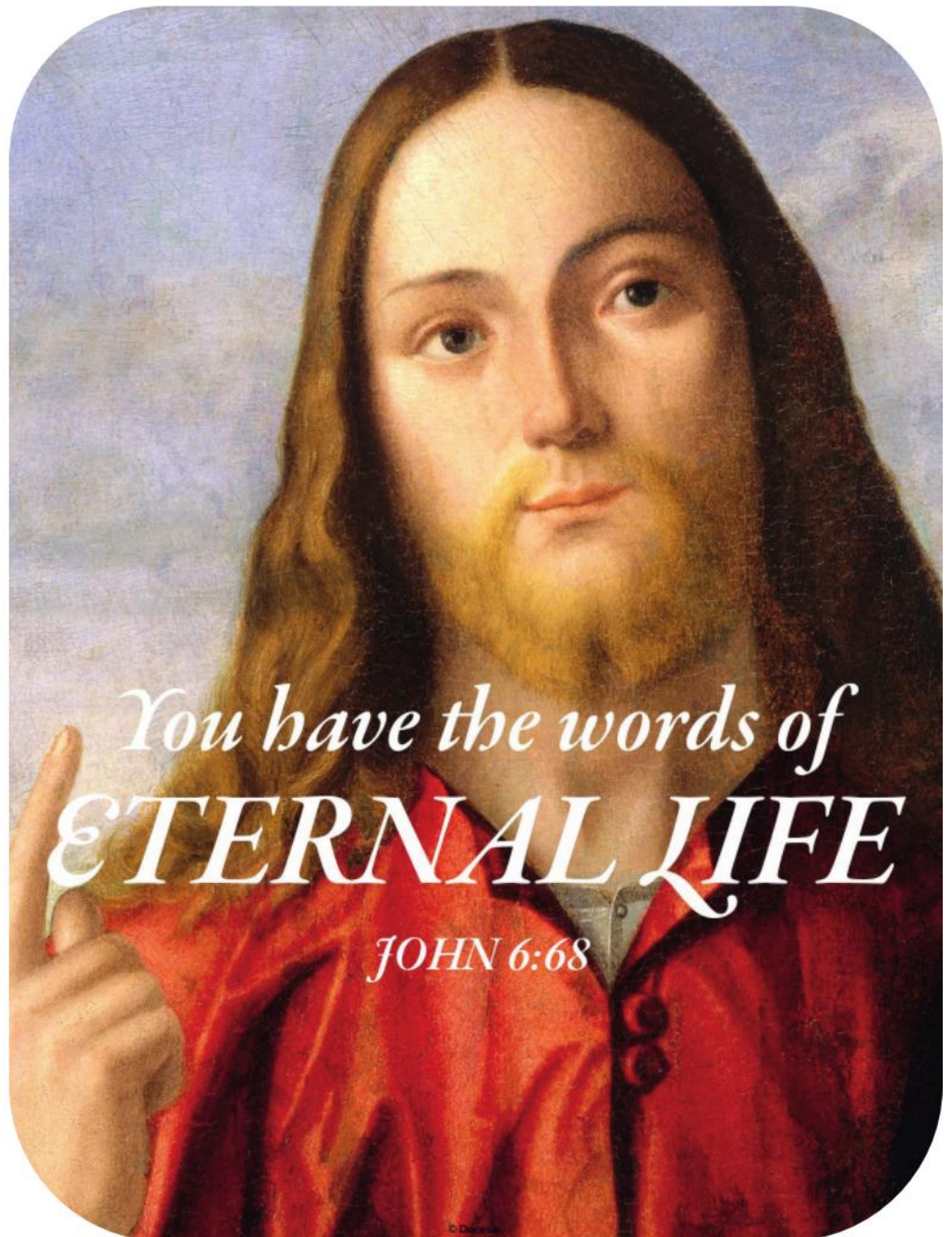
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Saint Paul

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Saint Rita

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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.



Masses are returning to St. Rita, Sunday, September 1, 2024

It is a conscious decision to serve God. Either we are all in or not. We know that God does not like lukewarmness. In the gospel Jesus says that His body is true food and His blood is true drink. His body and blood gives life to the world. Many people did not accept this and they went back to their former way of life. Then Jesus asked His twelve apostles, "Do you also want to leave?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Joshua and Jesus are asking us if we are committed to the Lord and His teaching. Jesus tells us that if we are not with Him, we are against Him. If we are not gathering, we are scattering.

God bless you all,

Fr. Tony Fortman C.P.P.S.

Hidden Gems: The photos that are shown next to our confession schedule below are taken from our parishes. Next time you are at St. Rita, see if you can find this stained glass window.

Pastor's Desk

In today's first reading we see Joshua addressing the people. Joshua addressed all the people:

"If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Welcome

Newly Married

@Holy Trinity

Mr. and Mrs. Marcos and Mary Kate Sprauer Kokoropolus

Newly Baptized

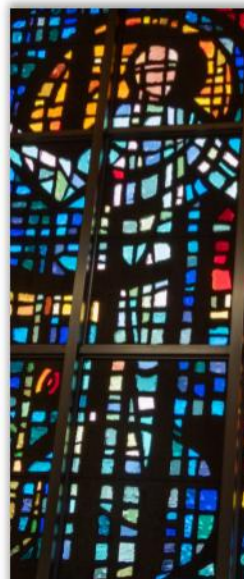
@St. Joseph

Jameson Paul Ulrich, son of Nathaniel & Grace Ulrich

Newly Registered

@St. Joseph

Elizabeth Connair



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. Paul

Sunday

8:00-8:25 am | Holy Trinity

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Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, August 26, 2024

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Kate Weaver
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Elaine A. Carey
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Jerry Johnson

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Andrew Chiovaro
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** For Our Parishioners
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** Jim Davis
 8:30 am **St. Paul** †Tom Domsitz
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** Liv/Dec Members of the Suzy Zimmer Family

Thursday, August 29, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †James Monnin
 8:30 am **St. Paul** †Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 30, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** Najib/May Minham and Children
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Douglas Tibbets
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Elinor Swenson

Saturday, August 31, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Liv/Dec Members of the Friel Family
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Matthew & Angela McCarthy
 4:30 pm **St. Joseph** †Evenlyn Grewe
 4:30 pm **St. Paul** †MaryJane McCormick
 5:00 pm **Emmanuel** Dr. Jack Werner

Sunday, September 1, 2024

8:30 am **Holy Trinity** For Our Parishioners
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Nelson DeBrosse
 8:30 am **St. Rita** For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am **St. Joseph** For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am **Emmanuel** For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am **St. Paul** †Herbert & Monica Rammel

Masses Returning to St. Rita! Beginning Sunday, September 1, 2024

Starting September 1, 2024, we are pleased to announce that Masses will return to St. Rita. We are incredibly grateful to all of you for your patience and commitment during the AC repairs. Your understanding has been a blessing. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our schedulers and ministers for their flexibility during this time.

NW Dayton Saturday Vigil Mass Rotation

St. Rita will once again host the Saturday Vigil Masses beginning on Saturday, September 7, and continuing through Saturday, December 28, 2024.

As a reminder, the rotation schedule for the Saturday Vigil for the NW Dayton parishes is as follows:

January-April: Precious Blood
 May-August: St. Paul
 September-December: St. Rita

Correction: The Intention for the 8:30 am Mass at Precious Blood on August 25 was for Ed & Ruth Hemmelgarn. Please accept our apologies for the error.



Scripture Readings for the week of August 25, 2024

Monday	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Monica 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	Memorial of The Passion of Saint John the Baptist 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 6:17-29
Friday	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military

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

Parish Calendar

***Celebrating All Those Who Labor
to feed the hungry in our midst!***

Monday evening, August 26th, 7-8 p.m.

God's Garden at St. Paul Parish

1000 W Wenger Rd.

Please join us for desserts and fellowship!

**Parish offices will be closed on
Monday, September 2, 2024 in
observance of Labor Day.**

Monday, August 26

Our Lady of the Precious Blood Group

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

Holiday Bazaar Crafting Session

4:00-7:00 pm · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Room

God's Garden

7:00-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Garden

Note: If the heat index is over 90 by 7:00 pm God's Garden will not be meeting.

Tuesday, August 27

Book Read | Spiritual Combat

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood/Church

Wednesday, August 28

Senior Program

12:00-2:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Catholic Life

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

Thursday, August 29

**Book Read | Jesus and the Jewish Roots
of the Eucharist**

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

God's Garden

7:00-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Garden

Note: If the heat index is over 90 by 7:00 pm God's Garden will not be meeting.

Friday, August 30

Friday Hour

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

Saturday, August 31

Fishers of Men

7:30-9:00 am · Precious Blood/Mtg. Room

Sunday, September 1

Donut Sunday & Anniversary Planning

After Mass · Precious Blood/Mtg. Room

St. Gaspar Family News



Sisters of the Precious Blood

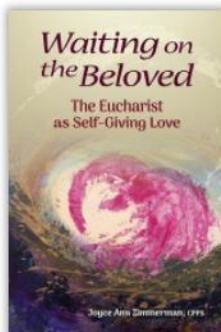
The Eucharist as Unifying Source

A Day of Reflection

@Precious Blood, Saturday, September 21

The Sisters of the Precious Blood and the Precious Blood Spirituality Institute invite you to a Day of Reflection on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Precious Blood Church.

Everywhere we turn today people are talking about the divisions in our world. As Catholics, we sometimes forget that the Eucharist is a unifying force that brings us together. Join us for a day of discussion, dialogue, and prayer. All are welcome.



As part of your registration fee, each participant will be given a copy of Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman's most recent book, *Waiting on the Beloved - The Eucharist as Self-Giving Love* which will be used during her afternoon session.

Tentative Schedule:

9:00 am - Gathering

9:30 am - Presentation and Discussion about Polarization

11:45 - Lunch

12:45 pm

Presentation and Discussion led by Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S.

4:00 pm - Conclusion

Registration Information

Registration - \$25.00 - To be collected the day of the event. Scholarships are available.

For more information and to register visit:

pbspiritualityinstitute.org/upcoming_events

St. Gaspar Family News



Tonight!

Family Rosary and Potluck at St. Joseph

@St. Joseph, Sunday, August 25, from 5:00-6:30 pm

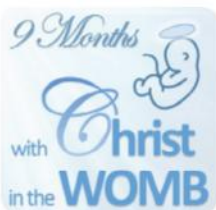
Join us tonight! An RSVP is appreciated but not mandatory. The evening begins with praying the Rosary in St. Joseph Church, followed by food and fellowship in the Parish Center. This makes it a wonderful opportunity for families to come together in prayer and community.

We provide fried chicken and drinks, and we invite you to bring casseroles, salads, and desserts to share. It's a perfect way to end your weekend with spiritual nourishment and quality family time. No need to RSVP.

For more information, contact Brad Wilson at 937-228-9272.

Family Rosary and Potluck is offered twice a month at two locations, allowing an opportunity for everyone in our Family of Parishes to participate. Be sure to join us for our next potluck!

- Sunday, September 8, at Precious Blood
- Sunday, September 29, at St. Joseph



Since March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation and through Christmas, we are meditating on the mystery of the Incarnation in a unique way. 9 Months with Christ in the Womb draws our attention to Jesus, the God-fetus, during the 9 months He lived within Mary. In meditating on the mystery of Christ's humility in the womb, we foster within

all Christians a new appreciation for the dignity of our brothers and sisters.

Devotionals

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday

11:30am-12:15 pm · Precious Blood
(moves back to St. Rita, September 9)

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel

PrayerMates

Tuesday Evenings

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood

Benediction and Adoration

First Thursday of the Month

6:00 pm · St. Paul

Third Sunday of the Month

9:45 am · Holy Trinity

Pray the Rosary

Monday-Saturday

12:45 pm · St. Joseph (after the Noon Mass)

Monday-Friday

3:00 pm · Precious Blood Adoration Chapel

Saturday

4:45 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)

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

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

Pray the Rosary for Life

Second Sunday of the Month

8:30 am · Holy Trinity (after 8:30 am Mass)

We pray the rosary for pro-life issues.

St. Gaspar Youth Ministry



Service Project Thank You

Thank you Holy Trinity Vacation Bible School Students! The Emmanuel St. Vincent de Paul Conference sends a big thank you for the generous donation of personal care items for our neighbors in need. God bless you!

Registration for Religious Education

Registration is open for religious ed in our Family of Parishes. You may pick up registration forms at church or request one from the religious education office.

CCD

Host Parish: Emmanuel
Begins, Saturday, September 7
from 9:30-10:40 am

Contact: Tanya Lee, 937-228-2013
michaelllee25mel@gmail.com

Children's Faith Formation

Host Parish: St. Paul
Begins, Sunday, September 8
from 9:00-10:15 am

Contact Erica Rudemiller, 937-836-7535
erudemiller@preciousbloodchurch.org

FIRE

Host Parish: Holy Trinity
Begins Sunday, September 8
from 9:45-11:00 am

Contact: Lynda Middleton, 937-228-1223
lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com

NET Retreat

for our Confirmation Candidates!

@Emmanuel, Saturday, September 28

We are glad to announce that the Confirmation Retreat has been scheduled for **Saturday, September 28th**.

This special day will be an essential part of the journey for all Confirmation candidates in our Family of Parishes.

Here are the details:

Date: Saturday, September 28th

Time: 10:00 am - 6:15 pm

(The retreat will conclude with the 5:15 pm Mass at Emmanuel)

Location: Emmanuel School Building

Who: This retreat is for all youth in the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes. Please note that sponsors do not attend this retreat.

Organization: The retreat will be planned and directed by NET (National Evangelization Teams), known for their engaging and spiritually enriching programs.

Food: Lunch and a snack will be provided for all attendees.

This retreat is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to grow in their faith, connect with their peers, and prepare for their Confirmation. Please mark your calendars and ensure your attendance. We look forward to a day filled with faith, fellowship, and spiritual growth. See you there! If you would like more information about confirmation contact your parish office.

Confirmation is Sunday, November 3. We will celebrate confirmation together at Precious Blood Church on Sunday, November 3, 2024, beginning at 1:00 pm.



St. Gaspar Respect Life Group

9 Months with Christ in the Womb

August: The Old Man's Purpose

Relevant Scripture: Luke 2: 22-38

Simeon completed his long journey up the seven steps to his antechamber in order to receive the new presentations of the day. His knees and ankles ached. His cheeks were flushed from the exertion of so much effort. His mind felt foggy and old. It was not yet the third hour after sunrise, and he found himself already longing for the relative comfort of his sleeping mat. "How long, Lord?" he called out to no one in particular. He thought it would come out as a shout, but it was really more of a whimper.

Simeon was the oldest priest attendant to still be working at the temple. He was, in fact, the oldest man that most attendants had ever seen. Even those rare men who did make it into the seventies would usually retire out into the country to be cared for by younger family members. Simeon was well past eighty, and still he persevered in his tasks at the temple. The other priestly members always spoke to him with an air of respect, for they were righteous Jews who had learned from childhood to honor those advanced in years. Yet, despite their deference to him, many quietly questioned what purpose could possibly justify his continued efforts.

In addition to his frailty, Simeon was beginning to suffer from lapses in memory as well. With all these factors closing in upon him at once, it was no wonder he was beginning to struggle with temptations of hopelessness as well. But God had made him a promise while he was still a young man. Clear as day, he had heard the voice of God's Spirit declare that he would not pass away before seeing the Messiah. For decades now, he had looked with curious eyes upon every priest, nobleman, and rabbi to come to the temple at Jerusalem. But the presence of the spirit never pointed to any of them. Still he waited, trusting that THE LORD would remain faithful.

Now, on this cold gray morning, as he struggled to pray through his pain and fatigue, he heard the soft cooing of a newborn child from the next room over. Instantly, his mind cleared. The pain and exhaustion receded from within his body. This ancient man jumped from his place to follow the cooing sounds of a baby boy. With a sort of sixth sense he could never describe to others, Simeon saw the spirit of THE LORD rushing upon the child being presented at temple. With strength that surprised everyone in the room, he scooped the child into his arms and wept tears of joy. He thought of all his pain and struggle to hold on for the fulfillment of his destiny. It all culminated in this moment.

"Of course," he exclaimed. "He must come as a small child!" Simeon glanced around the room to share a warm smile with the other souls who must also be experiencing his joy. Much to his surprise, the other priests and Levites in the room looked dumbfounded. Simeon realized that it had not been for them to behold and understand this moment. It had been his blessing and his task alone. He looked first at the child's father, a strong carpenter. The man appeared to be startled but trying to process, as if he had grown accustomed to being caught off-guard by the workings of God. Simeon then turned to the child's mother who was beaming with a joy and understanding that matched his own. This woman, he realized, was rich with the presence of God's Spirit, more so than even himself.

After praising God and offering his own humble blessing to the wondrous child, the old man shared a few words of insight with his mother and then returned to his own quarters. He had waited so long to fulfill his God-given task on this day. He had recognized and born witness to presence of the Messiah of Israel. As he sat to rest his weary body, he pondered how each man and woman on this planet is given a holy purpose by THE LORD. It is for none but God to say when their purpose is truly complete. If they give up even a moment early, they might just miss the greatest moment this life has to offer.

Throughout this month, please pray to Christ in the Womb for the elderly amongst us, that all might honor the wisdom of their years and recognize that God has an essential ongoing purpose for their lives on this earth.

Nine Months with Christ in the Womb is a prayer campaign of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati



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Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph



Join Our Annual Celebration!

Join us on Sunday, September 15, for an unforgettable day as we kick off the Annual St. Joseph Church Celebration Street Party with a beautiful Eucharistic Procession from Emmanuel to St. Joseph! This incredible event will be packed with excitement featuring special guests, delicious food, live music, games, and crafts for all ages. The festivities run from 1:00-6:00 pm, so mark your calendars and get ready for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

We Need YOU to Make It Happen!

Volunteers are the heartbeat of this celebration, and we need as many hands as possible to ensure this event is a smashing success. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or new to the community, your help is invaluable. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of the church—don't miss this chance to be a part of something truly special!

Brown Bag Blessings!

At Holy Trinity, bagged lunches for St. Vincent DePaul will be prepared on Sunday, September 15, 2024. Won't you please help us?

Sign up by September 7, 2024

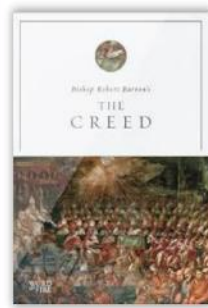
It's time for our quarterly project packing lunches for St. Vincent DePaul!



Go to <https://bit.ly/4fAQvSO> to sign up to see the items needed and details. Please sign up by September 7, 2024. Donated items may be turned in to the Holy Trinity Parish Office on Sunday, September 8, 2024 from 9:30-11:00 am.

We will pack the lunches on Sunday, September 15 beginning at 9:45 am in the Trinity Center at Holy Trinity Church.

A special "Thank You" to Brunk's Meat Shoppe and to all who have donated in the past. You are a blessing to those in need! If you need assistance with the sign-up link contact: Leslie 937-901-5468 or Janet 937-623-9272. Sponsored quarterly by the Holy Trinity Social Action Commission.



The Creed

@Emmanuel, starting in September

Emmanuel's Fall Bible Study will be on The Creed, by Bishop Robert Barron. We'll be exploring the "belief" and whether it contradicts reason; the creative love of God the Father; the shocking mystery of his Son's Incarnation and the great drama of His Crucifixion and Resurrection; the life-giving power of the Spiritus Sanctus, or "Holy Breath", shared between them; and the mystical reality of the Church, which calls all humanity out of the world and sin to receive forgiveness and participate in Christ's divinity—not only in the next world, but here and now. For questions, contact Susie, 937-409-0553.

Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

From Music Director Michelle Carner

Today's processional comes pretty close to home for us, as it was written by an Ohioan, Daniel C. Roberts (1841-1907).

Educated at Kenyon College, he served in the union army during the Civil War and later was ordained an Episcopal priest.

"God of Our Fathers" is an exception among nationalist hymns, carefully keeping our minds not so much on our beloved country itself, but rather on God, addressing Him as creator, governor, protector, and refresher of His people, whose petitions for His blessings culminate in praise at the end of the final stanza.

This stirring tune is simply named, "National Hymn." (hymnary.org)



Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph

Fall Faith Formation

@Holy Trinity, beginning in September

Lunch with the Lord

Wednesdays: 11:45-1:00 pm, begins September 4

Good News! Bible Study

Saturdays: 9:30-11:00am, begins September 7

OCIA

Thursdays: 5:30-7:00pm, begins September 5

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

Family Formation

Sundays from 9:45-11:00 am, begins September 8

Children's Class: God's Plan in Scripture

Youth and Adults: Book Study: Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount

Topic Study: The Catholic Parent

Scripture Study: Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible

Contact Lynda Middleton to register and for more information: 937-228-1223.

Share Your Faith with Others

@Holy Trinity, Fall Faith Formation Opportunities for Volunteers

Help is still needed! Do you have an itch to share your faith, questions and hopes with others? Do you want to grow in faith, hope and charity? The Holy Trinity Fall Faith Formation program needs you. Moderators for adult classes and teachers for two children's classes are needed for 8 weeks beginning Sunday, September 8, 2024, from 9:30-11:15 am. We have curriculum for children and videos from Formed for adults or you can choose one of several topics that you are interested in learning more about. We cannot make this happen without you! Coffee and donuts provided. For information or questions call or email Lynda at 937-228-1223 or Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com.



First Friday

Mass for Healing

@Emmanue, Friday, September 6

First Friday Mass for healing, with anointing, will take place at Emmanuel Church on Friday, September 6th at 7:30 pm (note time change for September), with Fr. Vincent Chembakassery. If you are sick, or have been exposed to the Flu, coronavirus, etc., please be sure to bring & wear a mask.

The Diaconate Needs You!

Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, pre-requisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513.263.6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

Coffee and Donuts Update

From St. Joseph

Coffee & Donuts will not be held on September 8.

Holy Trinity's Old-Fashioned Holiday Bazaar

@Trinity Center, Saturday, November 2 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Mark your calendars for Holy Trinity's Annual Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar: Raffle, Silent Auction, Crafts, Flea Market, Santa Claus, Baked Goods, Cabbage Rolls, Tyke Shoppe and much more!

Ongoing Crafting Sessions

Mondays at Holy Trinity

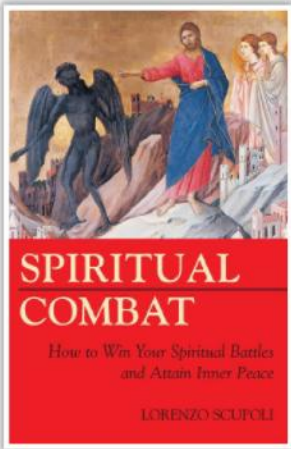
Crafting Sessions for Holy Trinity's Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar are on Mondays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm (except Labor Day). You are welcome to come to any and all sessions or just drop in when your time permits. The more the merrier engaging in conversation while we keep our hands busy.

Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita

Two Book Reads Beginning this Week

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings at Precious Blood

The Book-Reads are read out loud, incorporating a slower, more prayerful reading of the text, to allow for contemplative pauses, questions, and group discussion. This practice of reading is influenced by the Benedictine monastic practice of Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) which monks have used for centuries.



Spiritual Combat

Introducing Sacred Reading to PrayerMates

@Precious Blood, beginning Tuesday, August 27, from 7:00-9:00 pm

We are excited to announce that PrayerMates will be adding a spiritual book to our meetings. PrayerMates is a group where Catholics accompany one another in prayer, fostering a deeper spiritual connection and community. Our meetings will continue to begin with song, scripture, and intercessory prayer before the Tabernacle. Starting Tuesday, August 27, we will enhance our gatherings reading "Spiritual Combat" by Lorenzo Scupoli. "Spiritual Combat" is a classic work of Catholic spirituality, first published in 1589. This timeless book offers practical guidance for Christians seeking to grow in holiness and resist the temptations of the devil. Join us for PrayerMates and experience the transformative power of Sacred Reading.

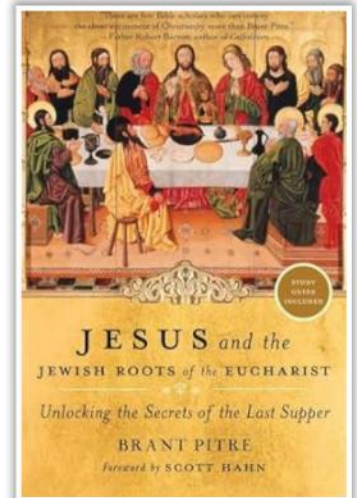


Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

Sacred Reading on Thursday Evenings

@Precious Blood, beginning Thursday, August 29, from 7:00-8:30 pm

Don't miss our Thursday evening book read where we are exploring "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper" by Brant Pitre. This enlightening book delves into ancient Jewish texts and traditions to provide a deeper understanding of the Last Supper and its significance, drawing connections between Jewish traditions and the Christian understanding of the Eucharist. Contact Curtis Kneblak for more information: 937-276-5954, ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org.

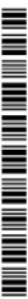


Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Start Your Journey Now

@Precious Blood, Wednesdays, beginning at 7:00 pm

Catholic Life (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults-OCIA), offers a welcoming pathway for individuals embarking on this transformative journey. Catholic Life is specially designed to guide newcomers through prayer, tradition, and teaching of the Catholic Church. Through weekly small group meetings with priests, deacons, and trained catechists you will be prepared to enter the Church in Easter 2025. Whether you're seeking answers to spiritual questions, exploring the meaning behind Catholic practices, or simply curious about the Catholic way of life, this will be beneficial to you.

Contact Curtis Kneblak for more information via email: ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org or by phone: 937-276-5954.



Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita

Fishers of Men

@Precious Blood, Saturday, August 31, from 7:30 to 9:00 am

Fishers of Men meets on the last 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. We end promptly at 9:00 am. Contact Curtis Kneblak for more information via email: ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org or by phone: 937-276-5954.

Benediction and Adoration

@St. Rita, Thursday, September 5, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

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



Family Rosary and Potluck

@Precious Blood, Sunday, September 8, 5:00-6:30 pm

The evening begins with the Rosary, followed by food and fellowship, making it a wonderful opportunity for families to come together in prayer and community. We provide fried chicken and drinks, and we invite you to bring casseroles, salads, and desserts to share. It's a perfect way to end your weekend with spiritual nourishment and quality family time. No need to RSVP.

Family Rosary is also available at St. Joseph on the last Sunday of the month. See the following page for details. All are welcome.

Precious Blood Companions

@Precious Blood, beginning Sunday, September 8, 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Companions are lay associates who integrate the spirituality of the Precious Blood into their lives. There are 4 steps to becoming a Companion: an invitation, inquiry, formation and the initial covenant. Companions meet in groups monthly. A convener acts as a group manager, creating schedules and directing discussion. Outside of meetings, individuals may commit themselves to projects, for example: social justice causes, filling needs at their parish or specific prayer initiatives. The NW Dayton group meets the second Sunday of the month from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. For more information contact:

John Hess – hessjp@juno.com.



Memorial Mass for Rosie Belt

@St. Paul, Saturday, September 7

The funeral Mass for St. Paul parishioner Rosina Belt will be held Saturday, September 7th at 10:30 am. Family and friends will meet after Mass in the church hall.

75 Years at Precious Blood: Your Input is Needed

@Precious Blood Sunday, September 1

In November 2025, Precious Blood Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary. On Sunday, September 1st, we invite you to Donut Sunday, where we will welcome you to share your ideas for the 75th anniversary celebrations. This is a fantastic opportunity to gather as a community, enjoy some delicious donuts, and brainstorm how we can make this anniversary unforgettable.

8-Foot Tables for Sale

@St. Paul

St. Paul recently replaced heavier 8ft tables in Pilliod Hall with light weight white ones. If anyone is interested in these gray tables, we are selling them for \$10 each. Call St. Paul to arrange payment and pickup, 937-836-7535



Senior Program and Lunch

Welcomes Joseph Helfrich

@St. Paul, Wednesday, September 11, Noon-2pm

"Joseph" Storyteller and Folk Singer will be here to entertain us. This program is sponsored by Mount Carmel MediGold-Linda Ankney. Please make reservations by Monday, September 9, by calling 937-836-7535.



Our Stewardship

Emmanuel, August 18

Sunday Collection \$5,499
St. Vincent De Paul Tithe \$549

Holy Trinity, August 18

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Online Giving \$631

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Area News

Divorce Recovery

@St. Francis of Assisi, Kettering, Beginning September 5

Do you need Christian-based healing from going through separation or divorce's emotional challenges? This might be a very difficult time for you right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. Let us help you at our fall 13-week support group. We meet on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 pm beginning September 5th and going through December 5th. Location: St. Francis of Assisi Campus, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville.

For more information, contact Marcelle Toma: (937) 312-1157 (Not a texting number) or via email: mtoma@woh.rr.com.

St. Peregrine Cancer Care Committee Training

@Maria Stein, beginning September 5

The Cancer Care Committee at the Maria Stein Shrine is looking for more volunteers who would be interested in joining the committee. The committee takes on the responsibility of spiritually investing into those fighting cancer. They walk with the patients or caregivers in their journey, providing them with some extra support as they can.

If you are interested or know of someone who may have the interest, the Shrine will be holding a 7-week training at 7:00 p.m. on every Thursday from September 5th to October 17th. A commissioning to follow would be on October 20th. Please contact Caleb Gaier if you have any interest or questions by calling (419) 925-4532 or send an email to c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org.



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.

Upcoming Baptismal Prep dates:

Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10:00 am, Holy Trinity

Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7:00 pm, St. Rita

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

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.

Sundays After Mass

OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is also offered at Holy Trinity on Sunday afternoons at 9:45 am. The summer schedule is monthly, with our final summer meeting occurring August 25.

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/>

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Submissions for the bulletin are due Thursdays at Noon, 9 days before the publication date of the bulletin.

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Full page flyers for parish events will be included when space allows. Flyers will be accepted in the form of Word documents or PDFs., JPEGs. Scans will not be accepted.

Pulpit Announcements

Pulpit announcements for upcoming events need to be submitted no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday liturgy.



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 8/19/2024

Joyce Bachman

Laura Barnett

Mary Jane Behnke

Andy Belt

Sam Bitonti

Bob Buckholtz

Bill Budde

Jack Cambell

Fran Franchina

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Michael Glackin

Oliver Hart

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Anna Priefer

Theresa Reiff

Maggie Risko

Cecelia Rudemiller

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr

Joyce Schulcz

Katie Schultz

Michael Sell & Family

Kathy Wilson

Catherine Winkler

Ann & Jack Wolf

The St. Gaspar Family Prayer List is faithfully maintained by staff member Nancy Burton. If you have any questions, or would like to add someone to the list you may contact your parish office.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Geraldine Harness whose funeral Mass was offered at St. Joseph recently. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Claudette Spanel, buried from Holy Trinity August 13, and the family of Mary Kay Fisher buried August 15. May they rest in peace in the arms of Our Father.

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