

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent



SAINT GASPAR

FAMILY OF PARISHES

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

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., Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn C.P.P.S., Br. Matt Schaefer C.P.P.S., In residence: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S., Fr. Angelo Anthony C.P.P.S.
St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood



Pastor's Desk

John the Baptist

In Mark's gospel today, we see John the Baptist preparing the Way of the Lord. John was the voice and the voice only lasted so long. Jesus is the eternal word and the eternal word is for eternity. God's word never ends. The world may come to an end, but God's word will never end. John the Baptist was willing to do the will of Christ. The Blessed Virgin Mary was willing to do the will of Christ. You and I are called to do the will of Christ.

John was an odd character. He dressed in camel skin and ate locusts and honey. He belonged to the tribe of the Essenes. You could say that they were a contemplative group of

people. John was a contemplative, but then he went out into the world.

Prayer always leads us out into the world. As we see, the world can be a dangerous place. The world belongs to Satan. Jesus even says that.

A fish gets caught by opening its mouth. John got caught by King Herrod because John opened up his mouth. Jesus calls us to open our mouths and proclaim His gospel even in a difficult world.

John the Baptist would often say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." John was the forerunner. John was the bulldozer, making every mountain low. He was a bulldozer in his speech. He just spoke the truth and it was like a mountain coming down.

Jesus, give us the courage to speak your word to the whole world.

God bless you all,

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

Fr. Tony is pictured commissioning Eucharistic Ministers at the Eucharistic Minister training that took place on Saturday, December 2, 2023. Our goal is to train more Eucharistic Ministers so that we may return to using both species (the Body and Blood) at all of our Masses. More sessions will be planned in the very near future. Look for updates in the bulletin. Thank you to all who attended.

Newly Baptized in Our Parish Family

@St. Joseph

Evelynn Claire Budervic, daughter of John & Valerie Budervic
George Howard Stebelton, son of Kevin & Mary Stebelton

May your hearts be filled with the grace and blessings that this sacrament brings, fostering a sense of belonging and purpose within the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes. Congratulations on this momentous occasion!



Confession Times

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

Saturday
4:00-5:00 pm | Emmanuel
4:00-4:30 pm | St. Joseph
3:30-4:20 pm | St. Rita

Sunday
8:00-8:25 am | Holy Trinity

*Advent reconciliation times
can be found on page 5*

Mass Times & Intentions

In an effort to allow our Family of Parishes to become better acquainted with our priests, we are including the names of the priests who celebrated Mass this weekend at the bottom.

Monday, December 11

7:30 amHoly Trinity †Jerry Schenking
 8:30 amPrecious Blood..... †Ed Hemmelgarn
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph†Dayton Council 500 members, family, and friends

Tuesday, December 12

7:30 amHoly Trinity †Rita Deis
 8:30 amSt. Rita †Rita Schieltz
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Denise Watercutter

Wednesday, December 13

7:30 amEmmanuel †Elaine Sauer
 8:30 amSt. Paul..... †Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Matt & Alicia Glen family

Thursday, December 14

7:30 amEmmanuel Liv/Dec. of the Subler Family
 8:30 amSt. Paul †MarJean Steinlage
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Michael Odum

Friday, December 15

7:30 amEmmanuel †Pa Tulah Lon
 8:30 amPrecious Blood †Mariann Becker
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Russell & Florence Donauer

Saturday, December 16

7:30 amEmmanuel †Effie M. Minham
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Robert Sichman
 4:30 pmSt. Rita †Bob O'Rourke & John Meier
 4:30 pmSt. Joseph †For our Parishioners
 5:15 pmEmmanuel †Jim Neary

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 amSt. Paul †For our Parishioners
 8:30 amPrecious Blood †Fran Lengerich
 8:30 amHoly Trinity †For our Parishioners
 9:30 amSt. Rita †Laura Keefe
 10:00 amSt. Joseph †Dan Hecker
 10:30 amEmmanuel †For our Parishioners
 10:30 amSt. Paul †Beverly Spirk
 11:30 amPrecious Blood †Dr. Michael Dawes
 11:30 amHoly Trinity †Marilyn Hoehne York

Below are names of the priests serving Mass this Sunday:

Saturday, December 9 (Sunday Vigil)

St. Rita, 4:30 pm, Fr. Jim Gaynor C.PP.S.
 St. Joseph, 4:30 pm, Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn C.PP.S.
 Emmanuel, 5:15 pm, Fr. Vincent Chembakaassery C.PP.S.

Sunday, December 10

St. Paul: 7:30 am, Fr. Ken Baker C.PP.S.
 Holy Trinity: 8:30 am, Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn C.PP.S.
 Precious Blood: 8:30 am, Fr. Gaynor C.PP.S.
 St. Rita, 9:30 am, Fr. Ken Baker C.PP.S.
 St. Joseph 10:00 am, Fr. Ken Pleiman C.PP.S.
 Emmanuel, 10:30 am, Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn C.PP.S.
 St. Paul, 10:30 am, Fr. Bill Stang C.PP.S.
 Precious Blood, 11:30 am, Fr. Jim Gaynor C.PP.S.
 Holy Trinity, 11:30 am, Fr. Angelo Anthony C.PP.S.



For the Week of December 10, 2023

- Monday** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday** **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
 Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19;
 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Wednesday** **Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**
 Is 40-25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday** **Memorial of Saint John the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
 Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
 Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday** **Third Sunday of Advent**
 Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military

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

To add the name of a loved one to our prayer list for Men and Women in the Military contact your parish office.

Parish Calendar

Monday, December 11

Laudate Deum Book Study

9:15-10:30 am · Precious Blood/Mtg. Rm.

The Glories of Mary Book Read

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

Tuesday, December 12

Advent Bible Study-with Dennie Stieritz

10:30 am-12:00 pm · St. Joseph/Mtg. Rm.

The Chosen-Through December 19

6:30-8:00 pm · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Rm.

Wednesday, December 13

St. Vincent De Paul Monthly Meeting (NW)

6:30-8:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Catholic Life

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

Thursday, December 14

The Devout Life Book Read

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

St. Paul Knights of Columbus #13874

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

Friday, December 15

Friday Hour

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

Praise Fest

7:00-10:00 pm · St. Joseph/Mtg. Room

Saturday, December 16

CCD

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

Sunday, December 17

Children's Faith Formation

9:00-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Rooms

F.I.R.E. Family Faith Formation

9:45 am · Holy Trinity

Youth Group Christmas Party

6:00-8:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Also Coming Up!

High School Youth Program

Second and Fourth Sundays of the Month

9:00-10:30 am · St. Paul/Meeting Room

Our goal at St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is to provide information on all parish meetings and events. If you would like to have a recurring meeting or special event listed on our calendar contact our communications manager, Joan Macpherson, jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org.

Family of Parishes News & Events

Advent Bible Study

What Child is This?

@St. Joseph, Tuesday, December 12

You are invited to take an Advent scriptural journey on a path through the Old Testament arriving at Bethlehem where you will hear the still amazing proclamations of the gospel writers. Surprising twists, turns, mysteries and marvels await as you discover the deeper meanings of the original Christmas message of each evangelist. Tuesday, December 12 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at St. Joseph Parish Center. Presenter – Dennie Stieritz



Lessons and Carols

@ St. Joseph, Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 pm

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!

Communications Update

We Are All Joining Flocknote!

Before the end of this year the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes will start using Flocknote for our electronic newsletter and all of our group email notices. Members who have subscribed to our Constant Contact Newsletter will be imported into Flocknote. Flocknote will allow us to send our weekly newsletter from our communications office as well as allow us to assign staff so that they have the ability to email and text their groups. Look for information on how to sign up in our upcoming bulletins. If you have already signed up for the Downtown Dayton Flocknote Groups, you do not need to do anything. We are merging all parishes to the already existing account. Please contact the Communications Manager with any questions, jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org or via phone: 847-767-4146.



Advent Reconciliation

Individual Penance Service, Tuesday, December 19, 2023

St. Rita – 9:15 am to 11:00 am

Emmanuel - 6:30 pm

Communal Reconciliation Service, Wednesday, December 20, 2023

St. Paul – 7:00 pm

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Saturday Before Christmas

Saturday, December 23, 2023

St. Joseph - Noon

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23, 2023

St. Joseph - 4:30 pm

St. Rita – 4:30 pm

Emmanuel - 5:15 pm

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Holy Trinity - 8:30 am

Precious Blood – 8:30 am

St. Joseph - 10:00 am

Emmanuel - 10:30 am

St. Paul – 10:30 am

Christmas Schedule

Vigil - Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2023

St. Joseph - 4:30 pm

St. Paul – 4:30 pm

St. Rita – 4:30 pm

Emmanuel - 10:00 pm

Holy Trinity - Midnight

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2023

Holy Trinity - 9:00 am

Precious Blood – 10:00 am

Emmanuel - 10:30 am

Retirement Fund For Religious

Second Collection This Weekend, December 9 and 10

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

Devotionals

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday

3:30-4:30 pm · St. Rita

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel

PrayerMates

Tuesday

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood

Benediction and Adoration

First Thursday of the Month

6:00-7:30 pm · Precious Blood

Third Sunday of the Month

12:45 pm · Holy Trinity

Saturdays During Advent · St. Joseph

12:30-4:00 pm

Pray the Rosary

Monday-Saturday

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

Friday

3:00 pm · Precious Blood Adoration Chapel

Saturday

3:55 pm · St. Rita (before the 4:30 pm Mass)

4:45 pm · Emmanuel (before 5:15 pm Mass)

Sunday

9:30 am · St. Joseph (before 10:00 am Mass)

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

8:55 am · St. Rita (before 9:30 am Mass)

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

Pray the Rosary for Life

Second Sunday of the Month

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

We pray the rosary for pro-life issues.





**BABY SHOWER FOR MARY
Advent Service Project**

ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO STORK'S BABY
PANTRY FOR MOTHERS IN NEED

BABY SUPPLIES	FORMULA
Baby Bottles	Enfamil Powder Formula (All varieties)
Baby Wipes	Similac Advance Powder Formula
Baby Wash	GENTLY USED CLOTHES (NB-5T)
Baby Shampoo	Infant and Toddler Socks
Baby Lotion	Onesies (NB-9months)
Baby Powder	Toddler Pajamas
DIAPERS	Toddler Underwear
Newborn Diapers	MISCELLANEOUS
Newborn Diapers	Gift Cards
Size 5 Diapers	Infant Washcloths & Towels
Size 6 Diapers	Pacifiers
Pull-ups (3T, 4T, 5T)	Receiving Blankets
	Sippy Cups

*Donations collected outside the Catechist Center
at St. Paul through December 17th*



**Epiphany Party
& Gingerbread House Contest**

@Emmanuel, Thursday, Jan 4 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Join us for an Epiphany Party and Gingerbread House contest for 5th - 12th graders, and white elephant gift exchange. We will provide materials for the contest. Prizes for most creative and best construction.

Please bring a snack to share, a water bottle, and a white elephant gift for exchange. Do not exceed \$10 (better yet, bring something from your house).

For more information and to RSVP contact Tanya Lee: 937-885-7432
michaallee25@sbcglobal.net.

10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting

*Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/support-her.*

As a mom who had my first baby in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt. Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. I encourage you to support her in her new journey of being a mother.

It's okay if you don't know the perfect words to say. Let her know you are there for her, and ask how you can support her. Assist her in lining up practical help. She may not feel she "deserves" to show happiness; reassure her it's okay (*and good*) to be happy. Your support might be the only support she receives. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?

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she receives.**

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Give the Gift of Warmth Stillwater Center and Julia's Place

@St. Rita, donations accepted until December 12

In addition to our Christmas Baskets for families in need, the St. Rita Giving Tree will again be providing gifts to Stillwater Center and Places group homes through Julia's Place. Stillwater provides a home for residents who have severe and profound intellectual disabilities, are physically challenged or have significant medical needs. Places cares for adults diagnosed with severe mental health disorders and have most likely been homeless. This year we are asking for:

- Men's sweatshirts: sizes L, XL and 2 X
- Women's sweatshirts: sizes L and XL
- Dove body wash and shampoo and body lotions (all for both men and women)
- Winter hats and scarfs for both men and women

If you would prefer, we would love gift cards to either Meijer or Walmart. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support.



St. Vincent De Paul Meals

@ Precious Blood, Tuesday, December 12

- Group A: Salad
- Group B: Entrée
- Group C: Off
- Group D: Pies

St. Vincent meals may be dropped off at the Precious Blood Rectory office on Mondays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and Tuesdays between from 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. 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.

Family Rosary & Potluck Tonight

@Precious Blood, Sunday, December 10 from 5:00-6:30pm

Family Rosary takes place on the second Sunday of each month from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The evening begins with the Rosary and is followed by food and fellowship. We provide fried chicken and drinks and invite you to bring casseroles, salads, and desserts to share. There is no need to RSVP.

For more information contact Curtis Kneblak, Director of Adult Formation for Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita via email: ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org
Call or text at 937-203-6037.

The day of the Lord will come like a thief

2 Peter 3:10



Giving Back This Christmas Season!

Christmas Baskets for Those in Need, for SVDP NW Regional Pantry

@Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita, donations will be accepted until December 20,

What Can You Do?

Take an Ornament

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Rita, St. Paul, and Precious Blood sincerely appreciates your continuing help in our ministry to serve others this Christmas. If you haven't yet taken an ornament from your parish Giving Tree, please consider taking any of those remaining and buy a gift card(s) for a child in need.

Purchase a Gift Card

Suggested gift card value is \$20 or \$25 for general merchandise stores such as Meijer or Walmart. If you prefer to make a cash donation instead, please place it in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket Project" and place in the box or mail it. Please return your card(s) to the box at your church by December 17th.

Your generosity will help us provide cards for 237 children plus food baskets for 100 needy families.

Volunteers Needed

For the Day of Distribution, Saturday, December 23

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 23th. We'd love to have about 12 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 for helping us to help others!



2024 Elite Coupon Book

Save up to \$44 on oil changes alone!

The St Gaspar Respect Life Group at St Rita parish is offering the 2024 Elite Coupon Book for sale at \$20 each. This books makes an easy gift that keep giving throughout the year and offer great values to include a savings up to \$44 on oil changes at Midas. To purchase your books, please contact Mike Nieport at 937-305-6886 or psalm91.mhn@gmail.com.

The Emmanuel Parish Music Program Fund

Established by Bernie Chachula in loving memory of Mary Chachula, The Emmanuel Parish Music Program Fund 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."



Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

From Music Director Michelle Carner

"Comfort Ye My People" is the first vocal piece of Handel's beloved oratorio, The Messiah, composed in 1741 for orchestra, chorus and soloists and completed in only 24 days. Isaiah 40:1-3 provides the text for this well-known tenor solo: Comfort ye, my people, saith your God; speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardon'd. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.



Adoration and Exposition During Advent

@St. Joseph Church

Saturdays, December 16 and 23

From 12:30 to 4:00 pm

Spend some time with our Lord this Advent! 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.

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.

Birth of Jesus

Christmas Party

@Holy Trinity, Sunday, December 24

from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Is The Grinch Trying To Steal Your Christmas Joy? Come celebrate the birth of Jesus with a party Sunday, December 24 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. We will gather in Trinity Center. Bring your family. Bring yourself. Bring your friends. There will be food, fellowship, games, crafts, and lots of fun. Questions or reservations: Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com.

This facility is not handicap accessible.



Divine Mercy Chaplet

@Emmanuel, Sunday, December 17

after 10:30 am Mass

Emmanuel's Evangelization Committee will be leading a Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 10:30 Mass at Emmanuel on December 17th to pray for the conversion of souls in Ohio, especially those we know like family and friends, and for God to equip us for the task of evangelizing.

Coffee and Donuts with Santa

@St. Joseph, Sunday, December 10

Please join us for Coffee & Donuts today, December 10, in the Parish Life Center after the 10:00am Mass. Santa will be making a visit!

Christmas Decorating

@St. Joseph, Thursday, December 21

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 21, after the Noon Mass. All are welcome to help.

Respect Life Bake Sale

@Emmanuel, after Mass

The Emmanuel Respect Life Group will be holding a bake sale the next two weekends after all Masses. Please help by purchasing delicious fruitcakes and homemade cookies.





It's fun and as easy as 1-2-3!

1. **STOP** by our tree and select an ornament.
2. **SHOP** for the baby item listed.
3. **DROP** off your gift at the designated collection site.

***Please attach your ornament to your UNWRAPPED gift and return by: December 22, 2023**

Stop, Shop, and Drop for Life!

Giving Tree



For more information contact:

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Gine Elliott 937-228-9272
gelliottsj@gmail.com

Nick Childs
ENLC Development Officer
(937) 991-0161
nchilds@elizabethnewlife.org

All items will be donated to Elizabeth's New Life Center to stock the baby boutique. 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.

"It is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost." Matthew 18:14



Dinner and Cash Raffle Tickets on Sale!

Fish & Sausage Dinner January 27

Dinner and Cash Raffle Tickets for the Annual Fish and Sausage Dinner Fundraiser hosted by the Emmanuel Conference on January 27, 2024, are now available for purchase! See your friendly Emmanuel Vincentians or call Terri at 937-572-3626. See the previous church bulletins or visit your parish website for details!

Help Beautify the Sanctuary

@Holy Trinity, accepting donations until December 17

Help beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas season. We are now accepting donations for poinsettias, along with the names of individuals you wish remembered. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "flowers" in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Any questions? Call Judi at 937-228-1223.

Other Opportunities to Participate in Making the Church Beautiful for Christmas

@Holy Trinity

Monday, December 18

We will be doing a general church cleaning, i.e. oiling the pews, scrubbing the kneelers, marble walls, etc. on Monday, December 18, at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 17

This follows the setup of the Christmas trees, stable and wreaths on Sunday, December 17 after the 11:30 Mass.

Saturday, December 23 and Sunday, December 24

On Saturday, December 23 we will be setting the flowers in place and Sunday December 24 will be the final set up after the 8:30 Mass including hanging ornaments on the big tree.

Our Holiday Bazaar Results!

From Holy Trinity

We Are Pleased To Share with all members of the Gaspar Family of Parishes, family, friends, area merchants, all involved in any way with our Annual Holiday Bazaar that \$15,888.08 was raised. All these funds will be used to provide the necessities of life in the community through our Outreach Ministry. What a blessing you all are. Thank you!

Almsgiving Project

@Holy Trinity

Our Almsgiving Project for Advent this year is warm socks for children and adults. We often take for granted our warm feet and don't realize that some children and adults don't know what warm feet feel like in the cold months. Let's give them the opportunity to experience what we experience daily. Let's fill the area under our giving tree with gifts of warm socks! Thank you.

End of Year Gifts

Consider the impactful gesture of contributing to end-of-year gifts through retirement distributions. Your generous donations not only provide valuable support to worthy causes but also allow you to maximize the benefits of retirement distributions while making a positive difference in the community.

Explore the joy of giving by directing your year-end retirement funds towards meaningful and charitable endeavors. For more details, please contact your parish office.

Our Stewardship



Precious Blood, December 3

Sunday Collection \$4,924.30
 St. Vincent DePaul \$952
 CCHD \$338

Saint Paul, December 3

Sunday Collection \$5,377.67
 St. Vincent DePaul \$360
 CCHD \$499

Saint Rita, December 3

Sunday Collection \$5,277.89
 St. Vincent DePaul \$289
 CCHD \$841

Holy Trinity, December 3

Sunday Collection \$5,824.60
 YTD Surplus/Deficit \$1,779.06
 Electronic Giving \$3,315.00
 CCHD \$865

Saint Joseph, December 3

Sunday Collection \$6,399
 Outreach \$150
 CCHD \$1,247

Emmanuel, December 3

Sunday Collection \$7,453
 St. Vincent DePaul \$745

Area News

NAIM Christmas Activities

@St. Francis, Monday, December 10

It's not too late to join Naim members in our December Christmas activities. On Monday, December 11, at 1:00 pm we will meet in the All Saints Room at St. Francis, 6245 Wilmington Pike, with cards to follow. Final reservations for the Annual Christmas Party with entertainment will be taken at the meeting. To join in the fun, contact: Sunny Hickey @ 937-433-1437

New Year's Eve Party for Life!

@Romer's Banquet Hall, December 31

Hosted by the Combs and Hummel families. Proceeds to benefit Dayton Right to Life. Dec 31, 2023 - Doors open 7:00 pm. Location: Romer's Banquet Hall, 118 E. Main St., Greenville. Semi-Formal Attire. DJ - Dance the decades all night! Heavy Hors d'oeuvres catered by Romer's throughout the evening. Cash bar. Door prizes! Tickets \$40/Person. Kids under 3 free. Invite your family & friends! Ticket deadline: December 1st. To get your tickets contact: Teresa Combs (937)478-6270 or Yeva Hummel Yevahummel@gmail.com

Divorce Recovery

@St. Francis, Beginning January 11, 2024

Experience Christian-based healing and support as you navigate the emotional challenges of separation or divorce. Join our winter 13-week support group, held every Thursday evening from January 11th to April 11th, 6:30-8:30 pm, at St. Francis of Assisi Campus, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH.

To learn more and register, please contact Marcelle Toma at (937) 312-1157 (Note: This is not a texting number) or via email at mtoma@woh.rr.com.

Unplanned Pregnancy?



Get Help Now: [1-800-712-4357](tel:1-800-712-4357)

optionline.org



St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Directory & Parish Information

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