

December 22, 2024, Fourth 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**

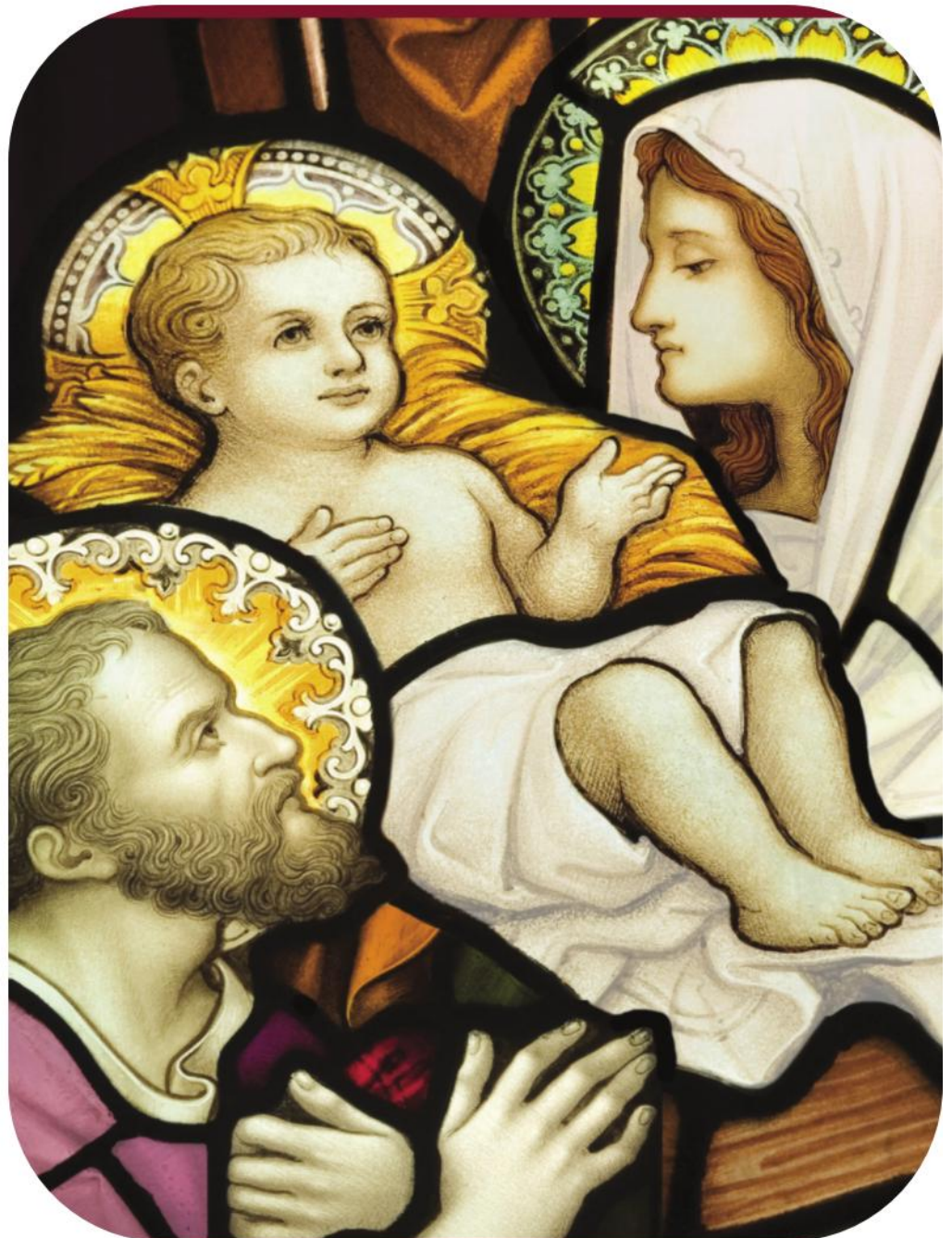
411 East Second Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.9272

### **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.



In today's gospel we see the visitation. The Blessed Virgin Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth for three months until the birth of John the Baptist. Elizabeth and Zechariah are the parents of John the Baptist. When Mary visited Elizabeth Mary was already pregnant with Jesus for three months. Elizabeth was pregnant with John the Baptist for six months. Mary shows charity in being present to her cousin Elizabeth, taking care of her needs and such.

Mary was always giving. She gave her son to the world. She

gives herself now to you and me through her intercessions. Mary the mother of God is an example for all of us. She gives us an example of selfless love.

That is why it is important to pray the rosary each day. It puts us in connection with Mary's life and her son Jesus's life. In praying the rosary, you are very much connected to the thinking, the doing, and the expectation of Christ and his mother Mary.

When we don't pray the rosary, the life of Jesus and Mary are somewhat absent from our day. This is why God gave the rosary to the world. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Dominic in the 1200s, and she gave the rosary to Saint Dominic to give to the world. Mary came to Fatima and told the shepherd children to pray the rosary if they wanted peace. These children were to tell the world to pray the rosary if we want peace. What keeps us from praying the rosary? We don't have enough time? It takes too much energy? I have a small span of attention? We just need to make it a priority to pray that rosary every day. You don't have to pray the rosary, but I really believe you will be lacking in your life if you don't.

During this week, let us spend time with Christ as we draw close to Christmas.

God bless you all,  
Fr. Tony Fortman, C.P.P.S.

## Welcome

### Newly Registered

@St. Joseph

Catherine Broom  
Charles Szabo  
Elaine Long  
Ivan & Joanna Garcia and family

Welcome to our Parish Family.



## 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

Beginning January 4, St. Rita Saturday confessions move to Precious Blood.

**Sunday**

8:00-8:25 am | Holy Trinity



# Mass Times & Intentions

## Monday, December 23, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Cordie and Joe Downey  
8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Celebrant's Intention  
12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... Int. of Thomas & Lori Roth  
on their 47th Wedding Anniversary

## Tuesday, December 24, 2024

### Fourth week of Advent

8:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... For Our Parishioners  
*There is only one weekday Mass for the fourth Sunday of Advent*

## Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:30 pm ..... **Precious Blood** ..... For Our Parishioners  
4:30 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... For Our Parishioners  
5:30 pm ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... For Our Parishioners  
10:00 pm ..... **Emmanuel** ..... For Our Parishioners

## Wednesday Christmas Day, December 25, 2024

8:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... For Our Parishioners  
8:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... For Our Parishioners  
10:30 am ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Susan Carpec O'Kane  
10:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Liv/Dec Members of the  
Penno/Hathaway Families  
10:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... For Our Parishioners

## Thursday, December 26, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Niehaus Family  
8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Ita & Thomas Lawrence  
12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Robert Lind

## Friday, December 27, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Helen Cheeks  
8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Celebrant's Intention  
12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Dane Gilbert

## Saturday, December 28, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Jajib/May Minham and Children  
12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Emmanuel "Jack" Piedraverde  
4:30 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Virginia Bauer  
4:30 pm ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Karen Yocom  
5:00 pm ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Tuffy Brooks

## Sunday, December 29, 2024

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

## Mass Rotation for St. Gaspar North

The 4:30 pm Saturday Mass rotates every four months at St. Gaspar North. Beginning Saturday, January 4, the 4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass will be held at Precious Blood until April 26, 2024.



## Scripture Readings

### For the Week of December 22, 2024

**Monday** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Tuesday** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4, 5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Wednesday** **The Nativity of the Lord**  
Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25  
Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**Thursday** **Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr**  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Friday** **Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**  
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

**Saturday** **Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Sunday** **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

## 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 23*

Our Lady of the Precious Blood Group

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

### *Tuesday, December 24*

Parish Offices Closed-no meetings

### *Wednesday, December 25*

Parish Offices Closed-no meetings

### *Thursday, December 26*

Parish Offices Closed-no meetings

### *Friday, December 27*

#### Friday Hour

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

### *Saturday, December 28*

#### Fishers of Men

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

#### No CCD

#### Good News! Bible Study

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

### *Sunday, December 29*

No Children's Faith Formation

## Prayer Life

### Devotionals

#### Miraculous Medal Novena

##### *Monday*

11:30am-12:15 pm · St. Rita

##### *Tuesday*

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel

#### Benediction and Adoration

##### *First Thursday of the Month*

6:00 pm · Precious Blood

##### *Third Sunday of the Month*

9:45 am · Holy Trinity

#### Pray the Rosary

##### *Monday-Saturday*

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

##### *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)

8:00 am · St. Rita (before 8:30 am Mass)

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

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

## Staff Reflection

### Preparing Our Hearts

### to Be a Light of Christ's Love

#### *A Reflection from Deacon Brian Seibert*

As we navigate the season of Advent, we are invited to prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Christ at Christmas. This is a time of anticipation and reflection, a season when we are called to slow down and focus on the deeper meaning of the holiday, beyond the busy rush of preparations. Advent is not only a time to wait for the birth of Jesus, but also an opportunity to actively prepare our lives to reflect His love to those around us.

Our first calling, especially during this holy season, is to be a light of Christ's love. This light begins in our closest relationships—with our spouse, our family, and our community. Just as Mary and Joseph opened their hearts and home to welcome the infant Jesus, we too are invited to prepare a place for Him—in the way we treat each other, in the patience we offer, in the kindness we show, and in the forgiveness we extend.

In a world that often seems busy and chaotic, Advent calls us to slow down and choose love. It is through small, intentional acts of kindness, patience, and forgiveness that we create space for grace to flourish in our homes and communities. These simple gestures—whether it's a word of encouragement, an act of service, or a moment of understanding—become powerful witnesses of God's love and light in the world.

This Advent and Christmas, let us remember that our small efforts are not in vain. Just as God took a humble stable and transformed it into a place of wonder and grace, He takes our humble acts of love and magnifies them. When we allow Christ's light to shine through us, even in the simplest of ways, we make a profound difference in the lives of those around us.

In this season of waiting and preparation, let us recommit to being Christ's light in the world. Trust that God will use even our smallest acts of love to create something beautiful and eternal. Let us prepare a place for Him, not just in our homes, but in the relationships we cherish and in the service we offer to others. May this Advent be a time of grace and transformation, as we open our hearts to welcome the love and light of Christ into our lives once again.

Deacon Brian Seibert

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FAMILY OF PARISHES

# Christmas and New Year Schedule



## 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

## The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

*Wednesday, January 1, 2025*

*Vigil (Tuesday, December 31)*

St. Rita - 4:30 PM

Holy Trinity - 6:00 PM

*Holy Day (Wednesday, January 1)*

St. Paul - 8:30 AM

Emmanuel - 10:30 AM

St. Joseph - Noon



# Featured in our Family of Parishes

## Join Us for Chair Exercise! Suitable for All Abilities

*@St. Joseph Center, Beginning Monday, January 6 through Monday, January 27, 2025, 4:00-4:30 pm*

Chair One Fitness is a fun chair-dance exercise program set to music and suitable for all abilities. Alice Ernst is our instructor. She brings a wealth of work out experience and teaches in other Dayton area churches and fitness facilities.

Register now for the next four week series being offered Mondays, Jan. 6, 2025 through Jan. 27, 2025.

- Time is 4:00 – 4:30 pm in St. Joseph Center (across the street from the church)
- Cost is \$20.00 per person
- A minimum of 10 registrants is needed to hold the class.
- Pre-registration is required by Saturday, January 4

Contact Sharon Becker for more information, and to register at 937.776.2942, or by email at sharonbecker6@gmail.com.



## Fishers of Men Gathering Cast Your Net with Faith

*@St. Paul, Saturday, December 28 from 7:30-9:00 am*

Discover the strength of faith and fellowship at Fishers of Men, meeting on the fourth Saturday of every month. The morning begins with 25 minutes of group prayer, which may include Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, or the Liturgy of the Hours. Afterward, enjoy a hearty breakfast and a 25-minute presentation on faith, life, and discipleship.

This is a great opportunity to grow spiritually and connect with other men seeking to deepen their relationship with God. All are welcome

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

## Stephen Ministry in Our Congregation

Stephen Ministers undergo 50 hours of specialized training and are commissioned by the church to support individuals facing life challenges, such as grief or illness.

Could you benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister? Do you know someone who could benefit from Stephen Ministry?

Are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister?

Contact Diane Huelsman to learn more: 937-416-8870 or call your parish office.



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## The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special

In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and ignatius press

# Holy Trinity, Emmanuel and St. Joseph

## Book of Revelation

### Emmanuel's Winter Bible Study

*Begins Tuesday, January 7 & Saturday, January 11*

The Old Testament prophets received messages by "hearing the word of God" whereas St John, the author of Revelation, was given the messages via visions and then put it in writing. Dr. Alan will be able to explain the meanings of these visions in light of the Old Testament and what the symbolisms mean.

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.

## Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

### *Hope Choir Returns Christmas Day*

The beautiful Hope Choir returns this week to celebrate Christmas Day with us. At Offertory, we will hear "Akira Nyagasani amaturu yacu, uyatagatifuza," which means "Lord, receive our offerings. Sanctify them and make them pleasing to you." For our second piece during Holy Communion, they will sing "Aravutse umwana yezu." The words to this hymn translate as follows: "He is born the Divine child. Play the oboe and resonate the musette. He is born the Divine child; let us all sing his accession." (Fun fact: The musette is a sort of French bagpipe from the 17th and 18th centuries. Smaller than its Scottish cousin, the musette has a more oboe-like sound.)



*Merry Christmas to all!  
From the Vincentians at  
the Emmanuel St. Vincent de Paul Conference.*

May the Hope that was born that silent night  
remain in your heart throughout this coming year.

Thanks to your generosity over the years, we have been able to provide basic human needs to our neighbors during these tough times.

Our Annual Fundraiser next month will allow us to continue our mission to assist our neighbors and provide them hope. Please join us in helping others less fortunate.

## Emmanuel Church

### Named a Jubilee Pilgrimage Site

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has named Emmanuel Catholic Church as one of three pilgrimage sites for its bicentennial jubilee celebration, alongside the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics and St. Peter in Chains Cathedral Basilica. This designation highlights Emmanuel's historical and spiritual significance as a sacred space within the archdiocese.

As part of the jubilee pilgrimage, the faithful are invited to visit these three holy sites to engage in prayer, reflection, and special liturgical celebrations, deepening their connection to the Church's rich heritage. Emmanuel Church, known for its timeless beauty and vibrant community, is honored to welcome pilgrims during this momentous occasion.

More details about pilgrimage opportunities at Emmanuel will be shared soon. Join us in this extraordinary journey of faith as we celebrate 200 years of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

## 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.

## Set Up the Christmas Trees

*@Holy Trinity, 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. Come join in getting our beautiful church ready for the Christmas season.

## Decorate for Christmas

*@St. Joseph, Sunday, December 22 at 1:00 pm*

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



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## Epiphany Party

St. Gaspar Youth

@Emmanuel, Saturday, January 4

The Epiphany party is on January 4, after Mass from 6:00 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.

## Sign up for updates from our church!

Holiday Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates, & more delivered to your phone.

TO SIGN UP, TEXT  
**GETGASPAR**  
TO 84576

OR SIGN UP ONLINE AT:  
[stgasparfamilydayton.flocknote.com](http://stgasparfamilydayton.flocknote.com)

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### The Nativity of the Lord

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Angels Heaven Shepherds Mary Joseph  
Infant Manger Message Amazed Glorify

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# Fr. Giovanni Merlini to Be Beatified on January 12, 2025

**Missionaries of the Precious Blood Celebrate an  
Historic Step Toward Sainthood**

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood have announced the beatification of Fr. Giovanni Merlini, its third Moderator General, on January 12, 2025, at the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. The occasion marks a significant milestone in recognizing Fr. Merlini's unwavering dedication to faith, service, and the mission of the Church.

Fr. Giovanni Merlini (1795-1873) was a trusted confidant and successor to St. Gaspar del Bufalo, founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Fr. Merlini's devotion to the Blood of Christ was instrumental in strengthening and expanding the congregation's spiritual and apostolic mission throughout Europe and beyond. His legacy continues to inspire members of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and their lay collaborators worldwide.

Catholics around the world are invited to join in celebrating the joyous occasion. Whether by attending the beatification in Rome, participating in local celebrations, or joining in prayer, the faithful are encouraged to give thanks for the gift of Fr. Merlini's life and example.

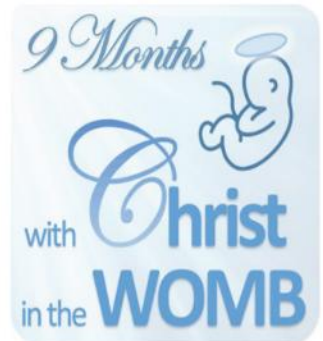
## From the St. Gaspar Respect Life Group To Our Parish Family, Have a Blessed Christmas



### Dec 22—Week 40

As the birth of Jesus approaches, Mary may start to feel her body prepare to deliver this beautiful baby boy. Her arms cannot wait to hold this precious gift from God. As she and Joseph prepare to welcome their baby who is ready to meet them, they entrust their family to God.

Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!



# 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.*



**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



**SCAN TO SHOP OUR AMAZON REGISTRY**

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.





# Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita



## A Grateful Thank You for the Beautiful Advent Vestments

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their generous gift of the beautiful Advent vestments that are enhancing our worship this season. Over the past two Sundays, these stunning vestments have helped set a reverent and joyful tone for our Advent journey. Their rich colors and thoughtful design are a true blessing to our community.

We are deeply grateful to the Knights of Columbus for making this possible. Your generosity is a meaningful contribution to our Advent preparations and worship experience.

As we continue our journey through Advent, may these sacred symbols remind us of the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings into the world.

Thank you again to the Knights of Columbus for this wonderful gift.

Deacon Brian Seibert

## Saturday Vigil Mass Rotation

*@Precious Blood, beginning Saturday, January 4*

Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita rotate their Saturday Vigil Mass every four months. The next rotation will go to Precious Blood and will begin Saturday, January 4 and go through April 31, 2025.

## Benediction and Adoration

*@Precious Blood, Thursday, January 2, 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.

## Coupon Books Respect Life Group Fundraiser

*Great Stocking Stuffers*

"I bought 5 because they make great stocking stuffers!" Fr Bill Stang. Coupon books are only \$20 and includes free conventional oil change at Midas – that's a \$35 value!

Get your book by contacting Mike Nieport at 937-305-6886 or psalm91.mhn@gmail.com

## Giving Tree Thank You

*From St. Rita*

A BIG THANK YOU to all parishioners who donated to the St. Rita Giving Tree! It was a banner year, and Stillwater Center, PLACES group homes, and we appreciate your generosity. Over 500 toiletries, 45 blankets, 125 pieces of clothing, seven sheet sets and pillows, 50 goody bags, five watches, and 17 fidget mats were donated! Have a Blessed Christmas season and a Healthy, Happy 2025!

Mary Krueger & Nancy Striebich

## P.S. --- A Big Thank You Too !!!

I also wish to thank Mary Krueger and Nancy Striebich heartily for their dedication, compassion, and passion in making the 2024

St. Rita Giving Tree program was such a tremendous success! Both women spent many long hours devoted to ensuring that the residents of the Stillwater Center and Places – Julia's Place had gifts to help make their Christmas season is bright and memorable. God richly bless Mary and Nancy and their families. Thank you! Peace,





# Our Stewardship

## Emmanuel, December 8

Sunday Collection ..... \$5,972  
 St. Vincent De Paul Tithe ..... \$597  
 Religious Retirement ..... \$1,531

## Holy Trinity, December 8

Sunday Collection ..... \$9,632  
 Religious Retirement ..... \$872

## Precious Blood, December 8

Sunday Collection ..... \$5,096  
 St. Vincent De Paul ..... \$230  
 Religious Retirement ..... \$2,150

## Saint Paul, December 8

Sunday Collection ..... \$4,007  
 St. Vincent de Paul..... \$45  
 Religious Retirement ..... \$1,386

## Saint Joseph, December 8

Sunday Collection ..... \$4,990  
 Charity ..... \$403  
 Pipe Organ to Date ..... \$138,901

## Saint Rita, December 8

Sunday Collection ..... \$3,144  
 St. Vincent De Paul ..... \$460  
 Religious Retirement ..... \$1,604

## Online Giving



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



**Precious Blood,  
 St. Paul and St. Rita**  
[northwestdaytoncatholic.org/  
 donations/](https://northwestdaytoncatholic.org/donations/)



**St. Joseph**  
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# Area News

## A Warm Caps Report

With deep gratitude, we want you to know that your generous gifts of yarn have enabled us to hand-craft 750 caps and scarves over this past year. These have been recently given to the following groups for distribution:

Brunner Literacy Center, East End Community Center, Food for the Journey, Erma’s House, HomeFul, House of Bread, Livingston City Catholic Services, Men’s Renewal, Women’s Recovery, Precious Blood St. Vincent DePaul, Resurrection School, St. Vincent DePaul’s Women’s & Children’s Center, St. Joseph’s St. Vincent DePaul & downtown churches, Boxes of Love, Sister Jean Rene’s Refugee effort.

May this year- long effort by 10 Sisters and your generosity be a blessing to all who benefit.

## 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.acccdayton.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 soon, specifying your carry-in dish info & head count so we can plan for food. RSVP to: [a.j.terzuoli@ieee.org](mailto: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.

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# St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Directory & Parish Information

## Parish Information

### Baptisms

Call your parish office to schedule. If this is your first child or if you have never attended a baptism class, please call your parish office to register for a baptismal preparation class.

### Baptismal Preparation Class

You may attend class at any of our Family of Parishes. Registration is required. To register contact your parish office.

### Communion for the Homebound

Parishioners, who are confined to their homes and wish to receive Communion, please call your Parish Office.

### Marriage

Please call your Parish Office at least six months in advance to begin required pre-nuptial preparation.

### OCIA and Catholic Life

For those adults wishing to enter the Catholic Church. St. Gaspar Family of Parishes has two programs:

#### Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

Catholic Life meets at Precious Blood Church on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The program is year round and you can join at any time. Contact Curtis Kneblak for more information: 937-276-5954 ext. 2111 or via email: ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org.

#### Thursday Evenings at 5:30 pm

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults-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.

## Staff Directory

### Pastoral Staff

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#### Bulletin Submissions

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

#### Full Page Flyer

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#### Stephen Ministry in Our Congregation

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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 12/16/2024

Jane Adkins

**Veronica Aguilar & Family**

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Ann & Dean Phillips & Family

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**Families**

**Ron & Family**

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr

**Debbie Shively**

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Bill Waddle

**Cathy White**

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](mailto:nburton@preciousbloodchurch.org).

We extend our sympathy to the families of Renee Lewis and Nancy McGuire whose funeral Masses were offered at St. Joseph. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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