

December 24, 2023 Fourth 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

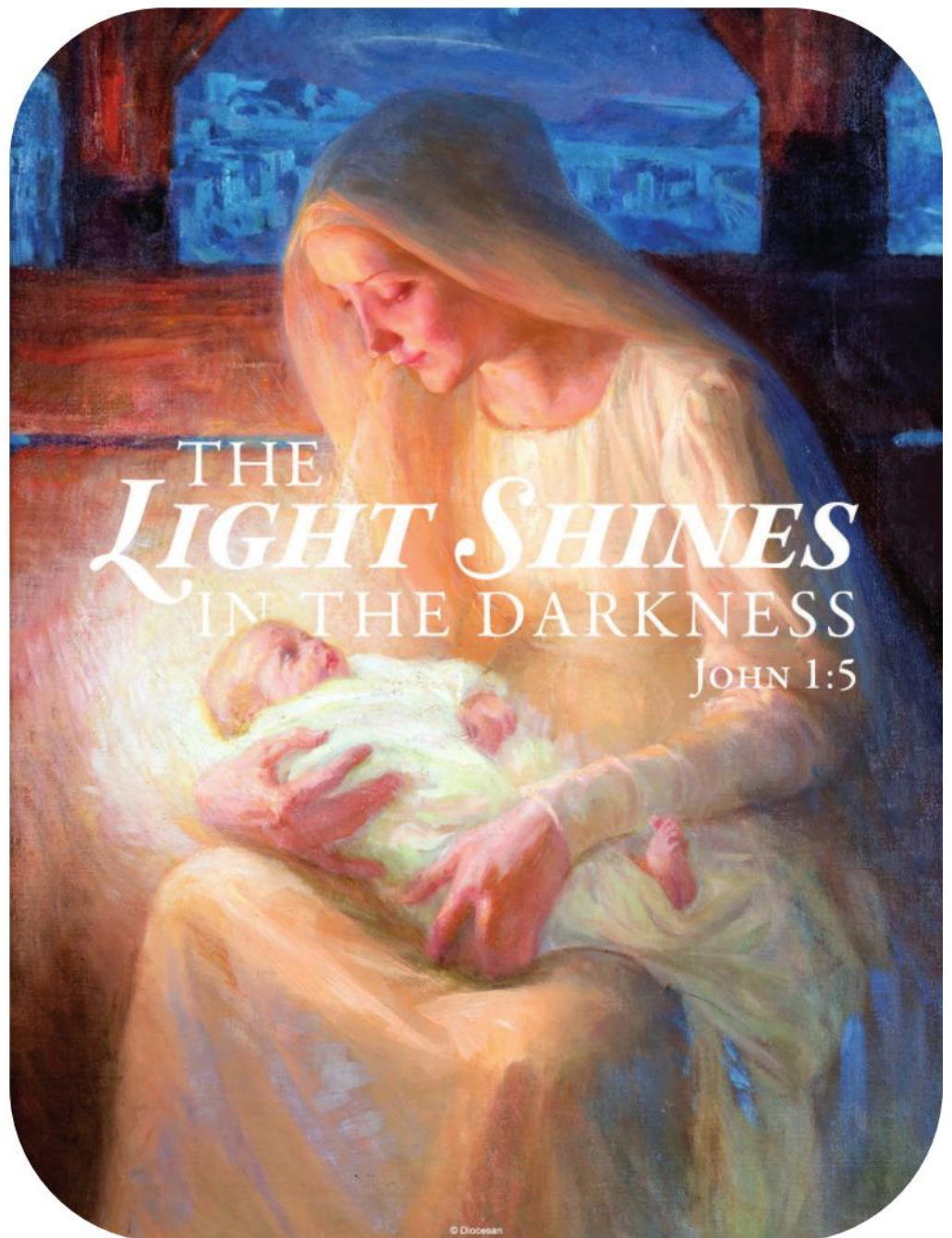
411 East Second Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.9272

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

I extend to each and every one of you a heartfelt wish for a very, very merry Christmas! As we reflect upon the passing year, it is abundantly clear that the hand of God has been ever-present in our midst. In moments of both difficulty and joy, we have witnessed His blessings and grace unfolding in our lives. Even in our trials, God remains steadfast, showering His love upon us.

In the tapestry of our shared journey, I am particularly grateful for the blessings of our new Family of Parishes. Our collective faith has forged strong bonds, and together, we have embraced the spirit of unity and fellowship. Just as Jesus, the Messiah, never forgets His people, let us also cherish the ties that bind us as a community of believers.

In this season of celebration, may our awareness of God's presence deepen, recognizing that He knows our needs even before we bring them to Him. As we navigate the challenges of life, Jesus, the perfect gentleman, beckons us to be conscious of Him, not imposing His will but offering His unwavering support.

Let us remember that, in the words of Isaiah, the Messiah was foretold centuries before His birth, and today, Jesus continues to be alive and present among us, especially in the Eucharist. Let our adoration be sincere and our hearts be filled with gratitude for the gift of His enduring presence.

As we join together in worship and celebration, let the echoes of the Christmas song resound in our hearts:

"Oh come, let us adore him. Oh, come, let us adore him. Oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord."

May the blessings of Christmas be upon you and your loved ones.

God bless you all,

Father Tony Fortman C.P.P.S.

Fr. Tony is pictured here during his recent trip to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City for the commemoration of the feast day for Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 2023.

Newly Baptized in Our Parish Family

@Emmanuel

Miranda Elizabeth, daughter of Matthew & Laura Carner

Elijah Francis, son of Brian & Sarah Birt

Philip James, son of Gabriel & Christina Duda

Henry Michael, son of Chandler & Cassidy Wren

Shepherd Bradley & Henry William, children of Jake & Alexandra Graves

Fulton Manuel, son of Matthew & Emily Nunes

Isla Billie, daughter of Jacob & Amanda Abrams



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

Mass Times & Intentions

The listing of presiding priests can be found on our St. Gaspar shared landing page: stgasparfamily.org.

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

9:00 am Holy Trinity †Ron and Maureen Bird
10:00 am Precious Blood †For our Parishioners
10:30 pm Emmanuel †Liv/Dec. of the Penno & Hathaway Families

Tuesday, December 26

7:30 am Holy Trinity †Ralph and Charlotte Mergler
8:30 am St. Rita †Bill Sendelbach
12:00 pm St. Joseph †Barbara Gohmann

Wednesday, December 27

7:30 am Emmanuel Liv/Dec. of the Mumma Family
8:30 am St. Paul Luke Mangen
12:00 pm St. Joseph †Harold & Wanda Brinkman and family

Thursday, December 28

7:30 am Emmanuel †Chris Enochs
8:30 am St. Paul †Celebrant's Intention
12:00 pm St. Joseph †Virginia Bauer

Friday, December 29

7:30 am Emmanuel Liv/Dec. of the Habich Family
8:30 am Precious Blood †Dick & Mary Ann Janowiecki
12:00 pm St. Joseph †Lucia DiChito

Saturday, December 30

12:00 pm St. Joseph Intentions of Carter New
4:30 pm St. Joseph †For our Parishioners
4:30 pm St. Rita †For Our Parishioners
5:15 pm Emmanuel †For our Parishioners

Sunday, December 31

Holy Family, New Year's Eve

8:30 am Holy Trinity..Sandy and Bill Hibner, 50th wedding anniversary
8:30 am Precious Blood †David Hoffman
10:00 am St. Joseph †Richard Schaefer
10:30 am Emmanuel †Liv/Dec. of the Mullins Family
10:30 am St. Paul †Andreas Belt

Monday, January 1, 2024

New Year's Day

10:00 am St. Rita †Judy Lobinger
10:30 am Emmanuel †For our Parishioners
& Intentions for Rebecca Albuquerque
12:00 pm St. Joseph †Celebrant's Intention

Beginning January 6, 2024 the Saturday Vigil Mass that has been at St. Rita for the past four months will move to Precious Blood and remain there until the end of April, 2024.

The complete Mass schedule for Christmas Eve, Holy Family and the Solemnity can be found on page 6.



For the Week of December 24, 2023

Monday **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**
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

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

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

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

Friday **Memorial of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

Our Military Prayer List will return next week. 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 25

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Parish Offices Closed

Wednesday, December 27

Catholic Life

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

Thursday, December 28

The Devout Life Book Read

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

Friday, December 29

Friday Hour

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

Saturday, December 30

CCD at Emmanuel is not meeting on December 23 & 30.

Sunday, December 31

Children's Faith Formation at St. Paul is not meeting on December 24 & 31.

F.I.R.E. will not be meeting for the remainder of 2023. Classes resume in January on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Coming Up in 2024

Dayton Catholic Young Adults, Epiphany Ball

Saturday, January 6

Marriage Uncorked, Sweetheart Dance

Saturday, February 10

Fish and Sausage Dinner For SVDP (Emmanuel Conference)

Saturday, January 27

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 or call: 937-276-5954.

St. Gaspar Family News & Events

A Special Welcome This Christmas

From the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

As we gather in the warmth of the Christmas season, our hearts are filled with joy to welcome each and every one of you to our St. Gaspar Family of Parishes! Whether you're a familiar face or joining us for the first time, a long-time Catholic or someone exploring their faith journey, and even those who don't attend church regularly—your presence here adds a special glow to our festive celebration.

This Christmas, we celebrate our St. Gaspar is a family of six parishes, united under the directive of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Beacons of Light initiative.

If you're a visitor, we invite you to explore the richness of our St. Gaspar family and discover the sense of belonging that comes with being part of a vibrant community. For new Catholics, your journey is a testament to the beauty of faith, and we are here to support and celebrate with you. To those who may not typically attend church, your presence enriches our community, and we're thrilled to have you with us during this special season.

As we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we encourage you to connect with our parish family beyond these walls. Visit our landing page at stgasparfamily.org to explore the diverse offerings, connect with fellow parishioners, and discover ways to engage in our shared journey of faith.

May this Christmas season fill your hearts with love, peace, and the joy that comes from being part of a warm and welcoming family. Together, let us illuminate the world with the light of Christ's love. Wishing you a blessed and Merry Christmas!

With love,
The St. Gaspar Family of Parishes



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FAMILY OF PARISHES

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ST. PAUL • PRECIOUS BLOOD • ST. RITA

St. Gaspar Family News & Events

Please Note the Exceptions to Our Devotionals Schedule

Schedule Changes Due to the Christmas Season

*No Miraculous Metal Monday, December 25 at St. Rita

*No Prayer Mates Tuesday, December 26 at Precious Blood

*No Miraculous Metal Tuesday, December 26 at Emmanuel

From the Respect Life Committee

Prayers for the Holy Land

As Pope Francis reminds the world, 'War is always a defeat; it is a destruction of human fraternity.' "We continue to pray for the victims caught in this cycle of violence as well as the regional and international actors who are being drawn into the conflict. We must not grow weary of offering our prayers and support for peace and justice for all concerned. A lasting solution respecting the rights, needs, and aspirations of both Israelis and Palestinians remains essential to these ends.

Please keep all of those affected by this awful situation in your prayers, and please do all you can do to bring peace into the world and into the lives of our neighbors.

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)

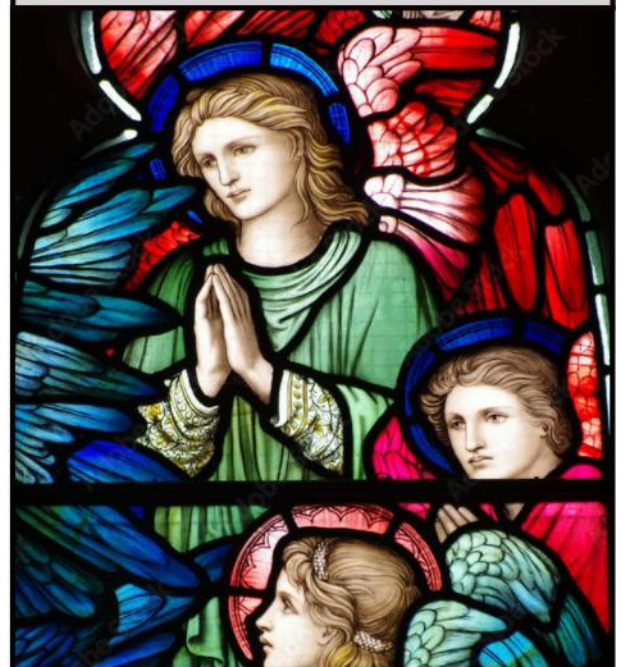
10:00 am · Emmanuel (before 10:30 am Mass)

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.



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email and text!



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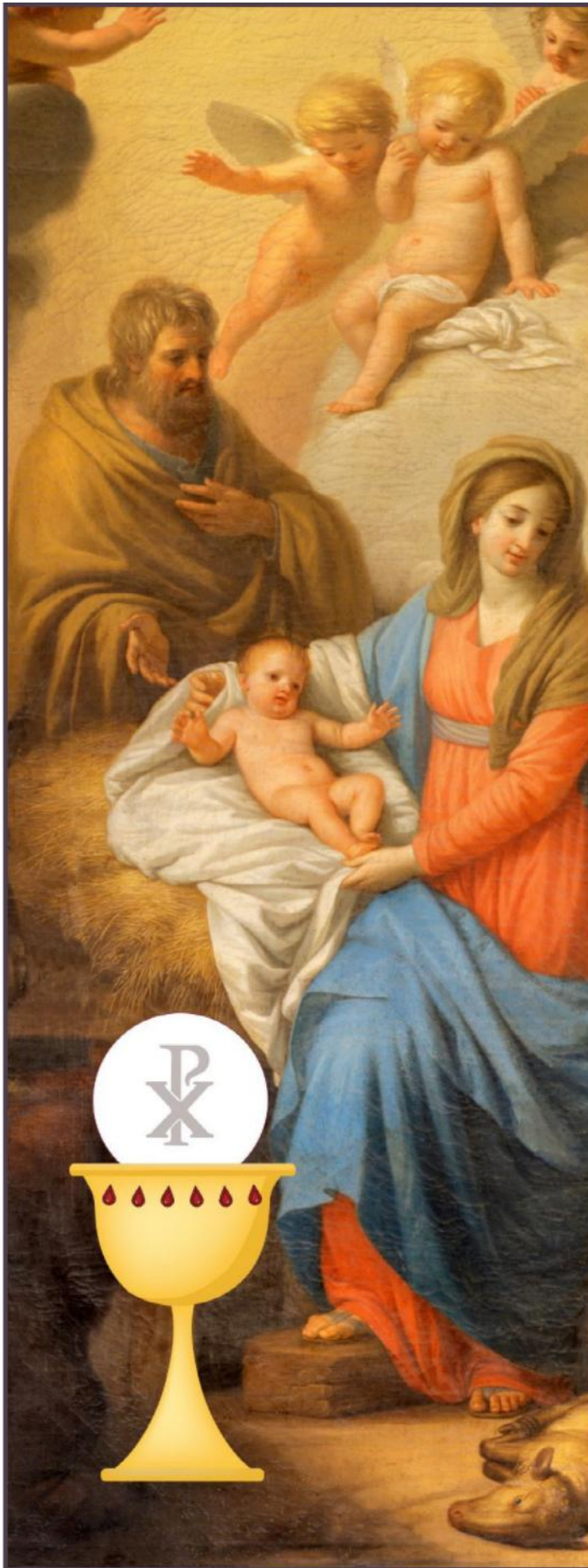
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ST. GASPAR FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

VIGIL – CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24, 2023

- St. Joseph – 4:30 p.m. Carols at 4:00 p.m.
- St. Paul – 4:30 p.m. Children’s Choir at 4:00 p.m.
- St. Rita – 4:30 p.m.
- Emmanuel – 10:00 p.m. Carols at 9:30 p.m.
- Holy Trinity – Midnight Carols at 11:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25, 2023

- Holy Trinity – 9:00 a.m. with Strings and Brass
- Precious Blood – 10:00 a.m.
- Emmanuel – 10:30 a.m. Carols at 10:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED DECEMBER 25 & 26

Saturday, December 30, 2023

- St. Joseph – Noon

HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 30, 2023

- St. Joseph – 4:30 p.m.
- St. Rita – 4:30 p.m.
- Emmanuel – 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 31, 2023

- Holy Trinity – 8:30 a.m.
- Precious Blood – 8:30 a.m.
- St. Joseph – 10:00 a.m.
- Emmanuel – 10:30 a.m.
- St. Paul – 10:30 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Monday, January 1, 2024

- St. Rita – 10:00 a.m.
- Emmanuel – 10:30 a.m.
- St. Joseph – Noon

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED JANUARY 1, 2024



NOTRE DAME Folk CHOIR

WINTER TOUR

THURSDAY
JANUARY 11, 2023
7:00 p.m.

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
149 FRANKLIN STREET
DAYTON, OHIO 45402

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT FOLKCHOIR.ND.EDU



Altar Relic Venerated at St. Paul

Submitted by: Kimberly Hart

After a generous donation from the Shrine at Maria Stein, a relic of St. Gaspar del Bufalo has been placed in the altar at the St. Paul Campus.

This tradition stems from the early church; when the faithful celebrated Mass over the tombs of the martyrs in order to show proper reverence for the ultimate sacrifice they made for Christ. Through the centuries, churches were generally built over the remains of martyrs, but when not possible, a relic of a martyr or saint was placed within the altar.

When the priest kisses the altar while celebrating Mass, he shows reverence not only for Jesus Christ, but is also showing reverence for the sacrifice of martyrs. It serves as a continual reminder that when celebrating Mass, we celebrate with all the saints and angels in Heaven.

A huge thank you to Tom and Kathy Dickinson who made this possible. Please come and share in this tradition of the Mass offered Sunday at 10:30 am.

Look For Our Census In the Mail

For Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita Parishioners

It's time for us to ensure that our Church database accurately reflects your family membership information. Have there been any changes, additions, or deletions in your family over the past year? To help maintain the accuracy of our records we will be sending a form to all of our active parishioner's addresses in early 2024. This form will provide you with a convenient way to update your information. Your cooperation in this matter is highly appreciated, as it helps us maintain an accurate and up-to-date database. We are collecting the following information:

1. Contact Information:
 - Have you changed your phone number?
 - Are you no longer using a landline?
2. Residential Details:
 - Have you recently moved or are planning to move soon?
3. Family Composition:
 - If your household is now an empty nest, and you no longer wish to list your children at your address, please let us know.
4. Privacy Preferences:
 - Do you want your information to be published?

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this important endeavor,

Julie Behrens, Nancy Burton, Debi Hamby and Sue Seibert

Divine Connections

In this vibrant community of faith, a diverse array of Adult Faith Formation groups has taken root, offering members unique opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and service. Our monthly meetings provide an opportunity to share in our faith journey, creating a rich tapestry of activities designed to deepen the participants' connection to their spirituality and community. There is no need to RSVP to these events and they are open to everyone in our Family of Parishes.

Last Saturday of the Month:

Fishers of Men

@St. Rita Saturday, December 30 from 7:30-9:00 am

On the last Saturday of each month, the Fishers of Men group convenes for prayer, teaching, and discussion. Grounded in the goals of Communion, Transformation, and Action, this group seeks to empower members to live out their faith in a tangible and impactful manner.

2nd Sunday of the Month:

Family Rosary & Pot Luck

@Precious Blood, January 17, 2024 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm

The 2nd Sunday of each month is reserved for the Family Rosary, an evening dedicated to prayer and fellowship among families. Following the Rosary, members gather for dinner, fostering a sense of community and shared spirituality. We provide fried chicken and drinks and invite you to bring casseroles, salads, and desserts to share. Contact Curtis Kneblak, Director of Adult Formation for Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita for more information.

Northmont Community Table Thank You

The Christmas lights twinkle brightly over our community and 235 families are a little less stressed knowing that kind folks like you cared enough to help them give gifts to their children this Christmas!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Community Table, I extend our heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all of you for helping make Christmas Store 2023 a huge success! Your generous contributions to the Christmas Store allowed us to purchase gift items and gift cards for the 660 children whose family visited our store.

Special thanks to all of you who came out and helped wrap gifts, "shopped" with a family, or helped carry items to their vehicles. Your willingness to give of your time and your financial support speaks volumes of your commitment to our community. I appreciate each and every one of you more than you will ever know!

As I reflect on 2023, my heart is overflowing with gratitude, praise and thanksgiving! The partnership between our affiliate churches, organizations and Community Table continues to make a difference in our community! Whether we are fulfilling Christmas wishes, filling backpacks with school supplies or food for the weekend, or building houses together at the Habitat Build, I believe with all my heart that we are making a difference in the lives of those around us who are struggling financially, and who feel hopeless and are hurting. I look forward to 2024 with excitement and anticipation and I am hopeful that we can continue working together. May God richly bless each of you throughout 2024!

In His Service,

Debbie Stahl, Chairman
Community Table, Inc.

St. Rita Lawn Crew BIG Thank You

From Matt Ruttle

Have you noticed how very beautiful our lawns and gardens are around St. Rita's? The women and men who volunteer long hours each Wednesday morning are the reason why our grounds look so magnificent. We wish to publicly acknowledge their hard work and dedication and to wholeheartedly thank these good people. They give so much of themselves, always with a smile on their faces and a warm "hello" too! Your parish family is grateful to you! God bless you.

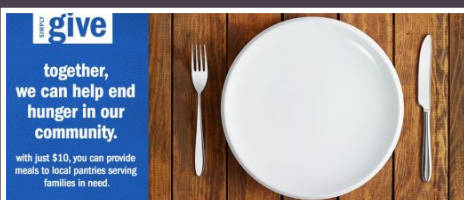
We heartily thank: Kyle Aughe; Joe Bachmann; Fred Fields; Larry Heinz; Ed Kimball; Mary Krueger; Dave Nieport; Bruce Oswald; and Steve Stockelman!

Peace.

Senior Program and Lunch Bingo with Melissa and Patrick

@ St. Paul, Wednesday, January 10 from noon to 2pm.

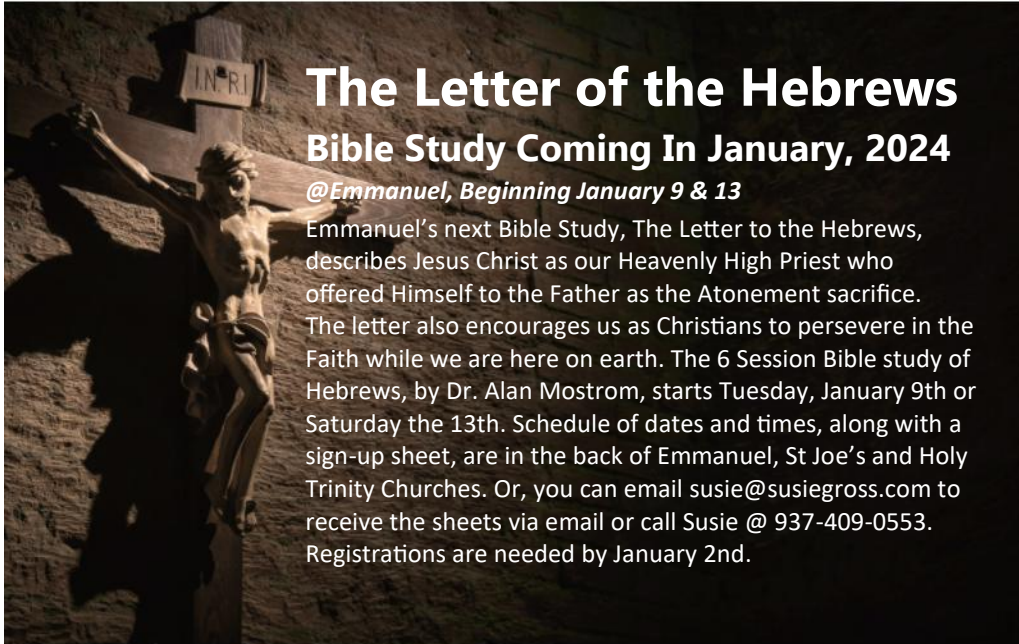
Presented by Dayton Metro Library, Northmont Branch.
Reservations are due by noon on Monday, January 8



Winter Simply Give Program

The St. Rita-St. Paul Precious Blood SVDP Food Pantry has been chosen to participate in the Winter Simply Give Campaign. The campaign will run a total of 13 weeks from the dates of **Sunday, December 31, 2023 through Saturday, March 30, 2024**. During the upcoming campaign, the Double Match Day opportunities will be held on Saturday, March 2, and Saturday, March 23, 2024. For every \$10 Simply Give card purchased on

these dates, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, bringing the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase. Since our pantry has not been partnered with the Meijer Simply Give Campaign since the Holiday Campaign of 2022, it is very important that we purchase the in-store donation Simply Give Cards at the Englewood Meijer. At the end of the campaign the final purchase totals will be converted into Meijer food-only gift cards, which will be used to purchase food items to stock our pantry shelves. These food only cards are used to feed the growing number of hungry families in the communities our pantry serves and our SVDP Christmas Basket Project.



The Letter of the Hebrews Bible Study Coming In January, 2024

@Emmanuel, Beginning January 9 & 13

Emmanuel's next Bible Study, The Letter to the Hebrews, describes Jesus Christ as our Heavenly High Priest who offered Himself to the Father as the Atonement sacrifice. The letter also encourages us as Christians to persevere in the Faith while we are here on earth. The 6 Session Bible study of Hebrews, by Dr. Alan Mostrom, starts Tuesday, January 9th or Saturday the 13th. Schedule of dates and times, along with a sign-up sheet, are in the back of Emmanuel, St Joe's and Holy Trinity Churches. Or, you can email susie@susiegross.com to receive the sheets via email or call Susie @ 937-409-0553. Registrations are needed by January 2nd.

From Dust to Devine

From St. Joseph

We would like to thank Jonathan & Mary Seiter for their years of service vacuuming St. Joseph church. We are grateful to them for helping to maintain our beautiful church.

Serve with a Splash! Fish Fry Volunteer Call

From Holy Trinity

Have you responded to the request for help with the Fish Fry on February 17? Please call Barb Gilbert at 937-673-4616 or Judi at the parish office 937-228-1223, if you are willing to help.

Deck the Halls with Acts of Kindness

@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!

Christmas Decorating Today

@Holy Trinity

Can you help set up for Christmas today after the 8:30 a.m. Mass? We will be doing the finishing touches, and decorating the big tree. It should take less than an hour. Are you willing to help?

The Mystery of the Missing Envelopes

From Holy Trinity

Are You Looking For Your Offertory Envelopes? Apologies are in order. Due to an oversight, the order was misplaced and turned in late. They should be here by mid-January. In the meantime, if you would like to donate on line, you can go to our webpage holyltrinitydayton.org and choose online giving and follow the steps. Thank you for understanding.

Merry Christmas to all . . .

from the Vinnies at Emmanuel St. Vincent de Paul Conference!

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 this mission to assist neighbors with food, rent, heat, light and water.

Please join us for fellowship and fun.

All proceeds go to helping our neighbors in need!





Remembering Joe Spanel

From Emmanuel

Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Joe Spanel. Joe was a long time parishioner, usher & volunteer at Emmanuel Church. He was very giving of his time and talent, always willing to lend a helping hand with a kind heart, and induce laughter along the way. He will be dearly missed. Please keep Linda Spanel, Emmanuel Parish Council member, and her children, Andrea, Maria, Peter and Teresa, in your prayers during this difficult time. May Joe rest in the peace of the Lord.

From St. Joseph

The St. Joseph parish community extends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Joe Spanel. Joe shared his expertise, talent, joy and laughter with us as a friend and as our parish maintenance superintendent. We will miss him dearly. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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

Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft - Tomas Luis Victoria (1548-1611), the famous Spanish counter-Reformation composer, studied with the great Palestrina. Victoria succeeded him as music director at the Jesuit seminary in Rome and was later ordained to the priesthood. "O Magnum Mysterium," one of his best-known works, sets to polyphony the beautiful text from Christmas Matins: O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger!
Blessed is the virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord, Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

We Are Having A Party And You Are Invited!

@Holy Trinity, Today at 11:30 am

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus with a party today, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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. We are looking forward to celebrating with you!



We're On Instagram!

Calling all awesome 8th graders through high school rockstars! We've got something incredible brewing at our new St. Gaspar Youth Instagram page, and we want YOU to be a part of it! We're creating a vibrant community where your voice matters, your creativity shines, and you get to be a driving force in spreading love and faith. Scan the QR code with our phone or search @stgaspar youth to join.



Praise Fest! For All Teens Aged 13 Through Seniors in High School

@St. Joseph Church
Friday, January 19
from 7:00 to 10:00 pm

This evening of adoration, prayer, confession, and fellowship will be held on the third Friday of every month throughout the year. We will meet from 7:00 to 10:00 pm at St. Joseph Church. We will begin in the hall with fellowship and then go over to the church for adoration. Praise Fest is for all teens ages 13 through high school seniors.

Please contact Nicole Bartz with any questions
937-956-8999

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.

Offertory reports will be posted in next Sunday's bulletin.



St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Directory & Parish Information

Staff Directory

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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. Classes for our North Dayton parishes will be listed in future bulletins soon.

Upcoming Classes and locations:

January 6, 2024 at 10:00 am, Emmanuel

February 3, 2024 at 10:00 am, St. Joseph

March 2, 2024 at 10:00 am, Holy Trinity

Care of the Sick

and Elderly

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Marriage

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

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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. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. To add or remove a name, please contact your parish office.

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Kathy Proffitt

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Ron Seibert
Millard Joseph Seth
Ed Stanziano
Karen Thomas
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Rest In Peace: Our sympathy is extended to the family of Maria Rosaria Lowman buried from Holy Trinity on December 13. Please remember in your prayers, Dwayne Durr and Gerry Slattery, brother-in-law and sister of Rita Zimmerman, long-time St. Joseph parishioner and former business manager. For St. Paul parishioner, Gail Cavender and Precious Blood parishioners Pat Neaves and George Menker. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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