

April 13, 2025, Palm Sunday



SAINT GASPAR

FAMILY OF PARISHES

Our Vision Statement

We will be a vibrant, worshipping, sacrificial Catholic family who loves God and sees dignity in all humanity.

As we are fed by the Eucharist and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we will grow in our relationship with Jesus and serve those in our community.

Emmanuel

149 Franklin Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.2013

Holy Trinity

272 Bainbridge Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.1223

Precious Blood

4961 Salem Avenue
Dayton, OH 45416
937.276.5954

Saint Joseph

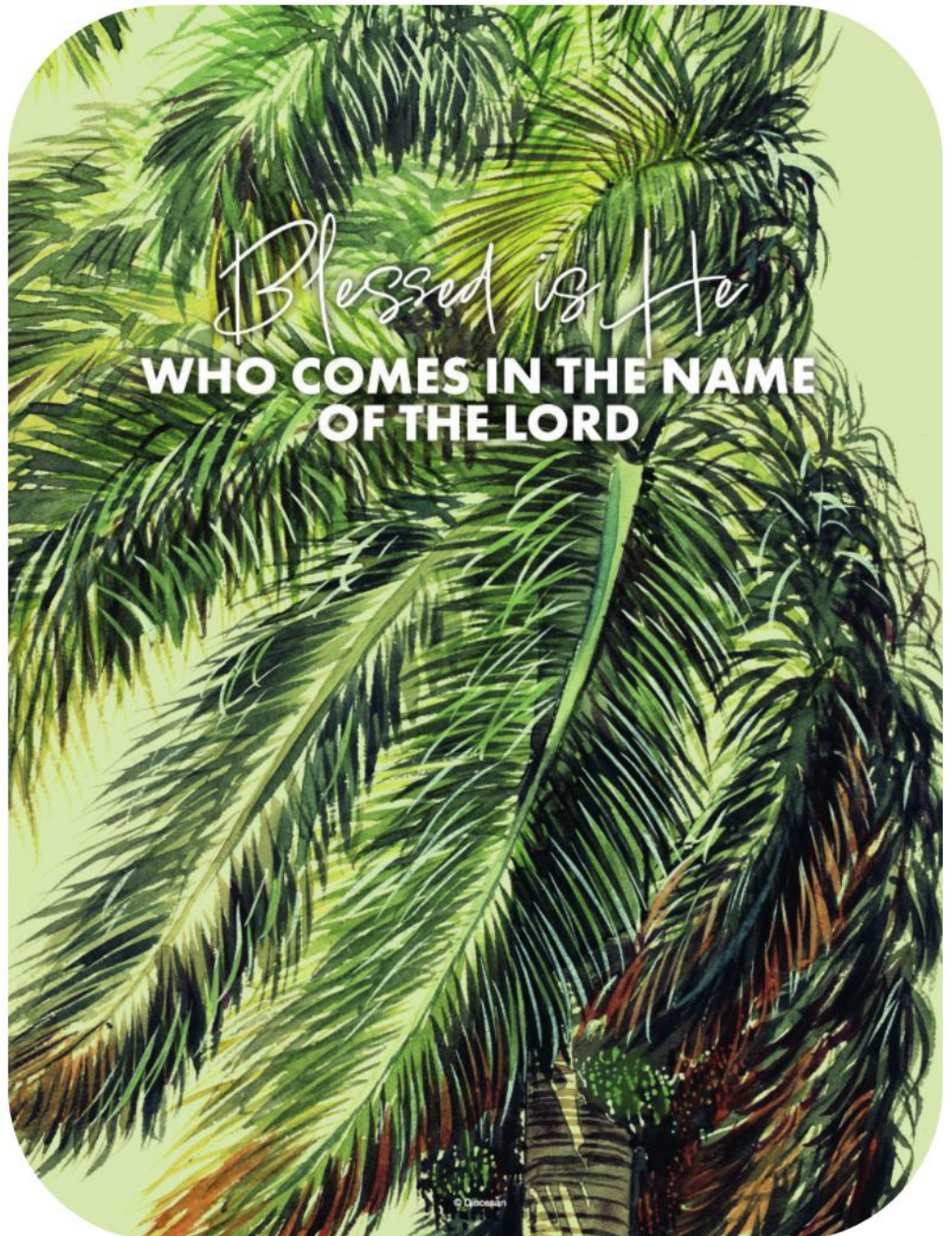
411 East Second Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.9272

Saint Paul

1000 W. Wenger Road
Englewood, OH 45322
937.836.7535

Saint Rita

5401 N. Main Street
Dayton, OH 45415
937.278.5815





St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

Served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Pastor, Fr. Anthony Fortman, C.P.P.S., Parochial Vicar, Fr. Seraphine Lesiriam, C.P.P.S.,
Parochial Vicar Fr. Jim "Santiago" Gaynor, C.P.P.S.



Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. On this day, the lambs were being led into Jerusalem. These lambs would be used for the sacrifice of the Passover. Jesus is the Lamb of God, who was led into Jerusalem also, who will be a sacrifice for all of us. In order for something to live, something has to die. Sin carries a very high price tag. There needs to be a payment for it. Jesus' precious blood is the payment for our sins.

Just as the lambs blood, which was used to put on the door posts of the Hebrew people in Egypt, so the angel death would pass by their home, so Christ's blood protects us from death.

In the gospel, we will see many people welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem but the tide will soon turn. The people will turn against Christ and urge for him to be crucified. This is the human heart. So fickle. So unsure. So doubting. *But Christ loves us anyways.*

It is not easy to die for someone who does not respect you. But Christ sees us as children who are in need of a savior.

Thank you Jesus for being merciful to all of us. Many times we want to be the leaders of our own lives but we will always be missing something. Christ has it all together even when we don't, that is why He needs to be the leader of our life. He needs to guide us by his words and gospel message. I know many of us don't like to hear that but we don't have it all together, we need to lean on Christ. You can't save yourself, only Christ can save you.

God bless you all,

Fr. Tony Fortman

Welcome

Newly Baptized

@St. Joseph

Welcome Lillian Brigh O'Meara, child of William & Heather O'Meara.



Photo of the Week

Archbishop Casey proudly holds the Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis, officially appointing him as the new Archbishop of Cincinnati. Scan the QR Code to view more photos from the Installation Mass that took place on April 3, 2025.



Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, April 14, 2025

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †William & JoAnne Penno
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Tony & Monica Zimmerman

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Milton Sprowl
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Josephine Marapese
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** Int. of Karen Ludwig

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Poor Souls in Purgatory
 8:30 am **St. Paul** †Salome Streaker
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Shirley & John Carlin

Thursday, April 17, 2025 (no weekday morning Mass)

Holy Thursday

5:30 pm **St. Joseph**
 6:00 pm **Holy Trinity**
 7:00 pm **Emmanuel**
 7:00 pm **St. Paul**

Friday, April 18, 2025 (no weekday morning Mass)

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross information can be found on page 6

1:30 pm **St. Joseph**
 2:00 pm **Holy Trinity**
 5:30 pm **Emmanuel**
 7:00 pm **St. Rita**

Saturday, April 19, 2025 (no morning Mass, no other Vigil Masses)

Holy Saturday

8:45 am **Precious Blood**

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

8:30 am **Holy Trinity**
 8:30 am **Precious Blood**
 8:30 am **St. Rita**
 10:30 am **Emmanuel**
 10:30 am **St. Joseph**
 10:30 am **St. Paul**

There are no Mass Intentions during the Triduum

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 | Precious Blood

Sunday

8:00-8:25 am | Holy Trinity



Monday	Holy Monday Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Holy Tuesday Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a; 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Holy Wednesday Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Holy Thursday of the Lord's Passion Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16 bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter Gen 1:1-2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5,8,9-10, 11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3, 4; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday	The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20: 1-9

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, April 14, 2025

Chair One Fitness (Through May 5)

4:00-4:30 pm • St. Joseph/Parish Center

Walk with Mary (join at any time)

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

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

PrayerMates

7:00-8:30 pm • Precious Blood/Church

Communal Penance Service

Includes Miraculous Medal Novena

6:30-9:30 pm • Emmanuel/Church

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Lunch with the Lord (join at any time)

11:45 am-1:00 pm • Holy Trinity/Rectory

Stations of the Cross

After Noon Mass • St. Joseph/Church

Widow Support Meeting

2:00-3:00 pm • St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Catholic Life/OCIA

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

Thursday, April 17, 2025 • Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper: see page 6

Friday, April 18, 2025 • Good Friday

Friday Hour

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

Good Friday Crosswalk

9:00-11:00 am • Begins at Emmanuel

Stations of the Cross: see page 6

Noon • Emmanuel/Church

Noon • Holy Trinity/Church

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: see page 6

Saturday, April 19, 2025 • Holy Saturday

CCD—No Class, Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 20, 2025 • Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday: Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Children's Faith Formation: No Class, Easter Sunday

PraiseFest Update

There will not be PraiseFest in April because the third Friday is Good Friday. There will also not be PraiseFest in May because that is the date of the homeschool graduation.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, begins at 12:30 pm

Emmanuel will have donuts on April 27, Divine Mercy Sunday, instead of April 20, which is Easter.

In addition to donuts, there will be a light lunch for those who intend on staying for confession and adoration.

News in Our Family



Ministers of the Chalice

A Note from Deacon Mike Prier

Ever wonder why the deacon assisting at Mass offers the faithful the Precious Blood of Christ rather than the Host? The guidelines of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for Masses with a deacon say that the deacon "assists the priest celebrant in distributing Communion, especially as minister of the precious blood" and that "if Communion is given under both kinds, the deacon ministers the chalice." While there may be pastoral reasons to adjust this practice, deacons serving as ministers of the chalice is the norm.

Lenten Communal Penance Service

@Emmanuel, Tuesday April 15, 6:30 pm

The Communal Penance Service at Emmanuel is a time of grace and reconciliation, inviting each of us into God's mercy.

From 6:30 to 8:00 pm, individual confessions provide the opportunity for personal healing and renewal. Beginning at 7:00 pm, we will enter into a time of deep prayer with Exposition and Benediction, drawing us into the presence of Christ.

A homily will offer reflection and encouragement, followed by a Communion Service that nourishes our souls. We will conclude in devotion, lifting our prayers through the Miraculous Medal Novena, seeking Mary's intercession as we embrace the peace and renewal of God's forgiveness.

Divine Mercy Sunday

@Emmanuel, Sunday, April 27

12:30-3:00 pm

An annual tradition at Emmanuel. Divine Mercy Sunday will include Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



Our Featured Saint this Month: Carlo Acutis



Movie Meet Up

Monday, April 28 at 7:00 pm

Cinemark at the Greene

4489 Glengarry Dr.

Beavercreek OH 45440

Please buy your ticket in advance: <https://carloacutisfilm.com/>

Pastoral Priority Plan Focus on Faith Formation

One key feature of the plan focuses on **Faith Formation and Education**—providing pathways for all ages, from youth to adults, to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and live as disciples of Jesus. The Faith Formation Team is celebrating a new saint each month. The information will encompass all ages through Programs and events. This month we are featuring Carlo Acutis, who will be canonized on April 27, 2025. The Movie Meet Up is open to everyone in our Family of Parishes.

Devotionals

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday

11:30 am -12:30 pm · St. Rita

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel | *Doors open at 6:00 pm*

PrayerMates

Tuesday Evenings

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

9:45 am · Holy Trinity

Saturdays during Lent

12:00-4:00 pm · St. Joseph

Pray the Rosary

Monday-Saturday

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

Saturday

4:30 pm · Emmanuel (before 5:00 pm Mass)

Sunday

7:55 am · St. Rita (before 8:30 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. Joseph (before 10:30 am Mass)

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

The Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary before Mass at Holy Trinity on the first Sunday of the month at 8:00 am.

Pictured below: St. Paul parishioners praying the rosary before Mass.





Holy Trinity Tenebrae

The Tenebrae service is an annual tradition at Holy Trinity. Following the Noon Stations of the Cross, we will pray a Scriptural Rosary together.

At 1:00 pm, we will gather for our distinctive Tenebrae service—a solemn and dramatic liturgy unique to Holy Trinity, marked by the gradual extinguishing of candles to symbolize the death of Christ. All are encouraged to join us for this moving expression of faith and reflection.

The Sacred Triduum

The Paschal Triduum is the most solemn and sacred time of the liturgical year, commemorating the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening and concludes with celebrating the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

Mass Changes During the Triduum

Some of our regular Mass times change, so please note the schedule. One key change is the absence of morning Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The absence of morning Masses during these days allows the faithful to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's Passion and death.

Only One Mass on Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday is a day of silence and waiting as the Church contemplates Christ's descent into the realm of the dead. We will have one Easter Vigil, at Precious Blood beginning at 8:45 pm. Going forward we will alternate between Emmanuel and Precious Blood.

Holy Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Joseph - 5:30 PM

Holy Trinity - 6:00 PM

Emmanuel - 7:00 PM

St. Paul - 7:00 PM

Adoration at St. Paul until 9:30 pm

Good Friday, April 18

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Stations of the Cross

The Good Friday Crosswalk will begin at Emmanuel at 9:00 am

Emmanuel - Noon- Stations of the Cross

Holy Trinity - Noon Stations are followed by a Scriptural Rosary, at 1:00 pm the Tenebrae service takes place, with a solemn and dramatic liturgy marked by the gradual extinguishing of candles to symbolize Christ's death. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion follows at 2:00 pm.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

St. Joseph - 1:30 PM

Holy Trinity - 2:00 PM

Emmanuel - 5:30 PM

St. Rita - 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil - April 19

Holy Saturday

Precious Blood - 8:45 PM

There will be no regular morning or other vigil Masses on Saturday; instead, we will celebrate one Easter Vigil as a family of parishes at Precious Blood. This profound celebration begins in darkness and ends in the light of Christ's resurrection. We hope to see you there!



Blessing of the Easter Food

@St. Paul, Saturday, April 19, 12:00 pm

Bring your Easter food and Easter Baskets to be blessed at St. Paul before Easter. We will meet outside for the blessing.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

@Holy Trinity Saturday, April 19, at 12:00 pm

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 19 at noon on the grounds at Holy Trinity. If you would like to help fill plastic eggs for the hunt, please stop by the office at Holy Trinity and pick some up. Please, don't go out and buy them, we have plenty to share.

After Easter Egg Hunt

@Emmanuel, Saturday, April 26, at 11:00 am

Due to a generous donation of easter eggs, we will have an after Easter Egg hunt at Emmanuel. Bring a basket or bag for your eggs and finger foods to share.

Easter Sunday - April 20

On Easter Sunday, St. Gaspar Family of Parishes will have their regular Sunday Mass schedule (see page 3). We encourage you to invite your family and friends. It's a beautiful opportunity to share the joy of our faith with loved ones, especially those who may not attend regularly. Let's fill the pews with warm hearts and welcoming smiles. And as we come together in worship, please remember to make your Easter donation — your generosity supports the vibrant ministries and outreach that make our parish family so special.



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The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.

To find our account search: St. Gaspar Family

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.





Divine Mercy and the Death Penalty

Sunday, April 27 | St. Joseph Parish Center

With guests: Michael R. Merz, presenting the Catholic Church's position,
and Kendall White, Deputy Director for Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE)

On Sunday, April 27, Divine Mercy Sunday, please join us for an informative presentation regarding ending the death penalty in Ohio.

This program will be held after the 10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in the Parish Life Center located at 400 E. 2 nd St., Dayton, OH. A light lunch will be served beginning about 11:45 am in the Center with presentations to follow and concluding around 2:00 pm.

Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE) is the only single-issue death penalty repeal organization in Ohio. OTSE represents millions of Ohioans who oppose the death penalty, and we are the lead organization in the #NoDeathPenaltyOhio campaign to abolish Ohio's capital punishment system.



This program is jointly supported and sponsored by:
· Holy Trinity Church Education and Social Action Ministry
· Knights of Columbus Council 500 and Marian Council 3754
· St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Right to Life Ministry



For more information and to RSVP contact Leslie Iannarino: leslieiannarino@hotmail.com
or scan the QR code above right.

SAINT GASPAR • FAMILY OF PARISHES

April 2025

Impact

Bring faith to life.
Find life in faith.

Does your faith
impact your daily life?

*Are you ready to see and experience life differently?
This is the day! Have faith in the risen Lord.*

Most of us have moments in which we go through the motions. We get up, go to work or school, work out, go out with friends, or enjoy quiet at home, and start the next day no different than the one before.

Occasionally, something powerful happens. We hear from a friend we haven't seen in a long time; we are struck by a moment of beauty, a difficult circumstance arises, or we simply find ourselves longing for more, aching for meaning, purpose, and impact.

This month at Sunday Mass, we hear the stories of the early communities of believers and what took place after Jesus' resurrection. The lives of the apostles and those who gathered with them were turned upside down by all they experienced in Jesus' ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. They had to look at their lives differently as a result.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, their hearts and minds were opened to the love of God in unexpected and powerful ways.

In response, they shared with others: they told the stories of Jesus, gave their time and resources in care of those in need, and came together as people in community with one another.

The same thing can happen to us: let us take this Easter season to open our minds and hearts to the love of God, and respond to this love by sharing: faith, time, prayer, talents, and resources, as Christ's people together.

Impact awaits!



Share: <https://www.gratefuldisciples.net/impact-today>

Impact this month

LOOK AROUND

Notice people who need care.

Be attentive to those who are lonely or troubled.

Pay attention to parish or community service days that would benefit from your participation.

TALK ABOUT IT

Share ideas for action with family and friends.

DO SOMETHING

Offer your time in service.

Spend time with God in prayer.

Share the gifts of peace, faith, and hope - the world needs you!

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Senior Program and Lunch Developing Resiliency

@St. Paul, Wednesday, April 23 - Noon -2pm

Program and lunch provided by Brookhaven.

"The Art of Bouncing Back-Practical Tips to Developing Resiliency" presented by Kristy Matheson, LSW, CDP.

Please call 937-836-1535 to make reservations by Monday, April 21.

WOMEN OF HOPE

BUT AS FOR ME, I WILL ALWAYS HAVE HOPE
- PSALM 71:14

5th Annual Women's Day: Women of Hope

@Trinity Center, Saturday, May 17

Please join us for a lovely day designed especially for the women of our parishes. Our day will include three presentations, a special craft session, delicious food and inspirational prayers to uplift your spirit and renew your hope. Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S., PhD., S.T.D. Director of the Institute for Liturgical Ministry in Dayton will kick off our day reflecting on Hope: Surrender to Goodness Always and Everywhere. *Time is 8:30 am – 2:30 pm at Holy Trinity Center. Cost is \$30.00 (scholarships available).*

Pre-registration is required, Seating is limited to 50 people.

To register, please contact Patsy Martin at 937.776.8949, or plmartin937@gmail.com. Registration form is also available on the Holy Trinity Church: website at holytrinitydayton.net.

Rummage Sale

Drop-Off Days Continue in April!

@Trinity Center, April 13 and 27, 9:30 am-1:00 pm

Planning to downsize, declutter, or organize the household in 2025 and wondering what to do with your unwanted or no longer needed treasures? Consider passing them along to Holy Trinity to be used in their annual Rummage Sale in May. Drop off is at Trinity Center at the north door.

Drop off is open to all of the Saint Gaspar's family parishes. Please no furniture, clothes, or shoes.

Shop and Support our Rummage Sale!

@TrinityCenter, May 3 & 4

Holy Trinity's annual Rummage Sale will be held May 3, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and May 4, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm for all in our family of parishes to attend.



Spring Campaign Ends

The Winter Simply Give Campaign for the NW Dayton SVDP Food Pantry has concluded. Thank you to everyone who purchased gift cards for our food pantry.

We will share the campaign's results in an upcoming bulletin. We want to especially thank Englewood Meijer for including us in their spring campaign.





BUILDING A EUCHARISTIC MARRIAGE

Marriage Enrichment Course

Dates: **APRIL 22ND–JUNE 3RD, 2025**
TUESDAY EVENINGS 6:30–8:30PM

Location: St. Gasper Family of Parishes
St. Joseph's Parish Center
411 East Second Street
Dayton, OH 45402



Greg Schutte, MSW, LISW-S
Senior Director of Marriage Works! Ohio
Catholic Therapist & Author

Space is limited – to register call:
937.262.7010



*Childcare **not** scheduled to be available at this time



Every Child *IS* Wanted!

A 23-page guide from the National Right to Life Committee, *When They Say. . .You Say*, lays out detailed refutations to five categories of pro-abortion arguments.

The third category of arguments declare that every child should be a “wanted child”, and claim that any social problems of the mother make the child unwanted. They say that abortion is the solution to poverty or abuse but, in reality, killing the child does not address the social issues.

“A poor mother is still poor the day after her child is aborted.”

An abused mother still returns to an abusive situation after the abortion. Such social arguments for abortion should be countered with information on the services provided by pregnancy resource centers, and the large numbers of couples waiting to adopt babies, including babies with medical problems.

See *When They Say. . .You Say*, p.14, available in Emmanuel pro-life pamphlet rack or online at: nrlc.org/uploads/WhenTheySayPacket.pdf.

Music Notes

Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

From Emmanuel's Music Director Michelle Carner

Hymnary.org has this interesting tale regarding our Palm Sunday processional, “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”: “Theodulph, bishop of Orleans, wrote this text around 820 while he was imprisoned at Angers, France, for conspiring against King Louis the Pious. A probably apocryphal story from the early sixteenth century states that in a Palm Sunday procession King Louis passed the prison in which Theodulph was housed and heard the imprisoned bishop singing this hymn. According to the legend the king was so moved that he freed Theodulph and decreed the singing of ‘All Glory, Laud, and Honor’ on all subsequent Palm Sundays.”



Console Arrives at St. Joseph

Exciting progress is being made on the organ as new flooring and the custom-made console are now in our choir loft. The craftsmanship and attention to detail are truly remarkable.

If you would like to donate, there are envelopes available in church, or give online by setting up your giving profile here: <https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>, or scan the QR code.



Our Stewardship

Emmanuel, March 30, 2025

Sunday Collection \$4,968

SVDP \$496

Holy Trinity, March 30, 2025

Sunday Collection \$2,117

March Online Giving \$2,462

Precious Blood, March 30, 2025

*Sunday Collection \$4,995

St. Vincent De Paul \$415

March Online Giving \$6,066

Saint Paul, March 30, 2025

*Sunday Collection \$6,790

St. Vincent de Paul..... \$507

March Online Giving \$5,689

Saint Joseph, March 30, 2025

Sunday Collection \$5,435

Charity \$255

Pipe Organ to Date \$172,451

Saint Rita, March 30, 2025

Sunday Collection \$3,301

St. Vincent De Paul \$70

***QCD Gifts**

A gift that keeps on giving

We're grateful to share that recent Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from a parishioner's 401(k) made a meaningful impact on St. Paul's and Precious Blood's Sunday offertory.

If you're age 70½ or older, you too can make a tax-free donation directly from your 401(k) or IRA to the church. This type of giving can fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) without increasing your taxable income—a win for both you and our parish.

Thanks to this thoughtful form of stewardship, we're seeing real growth in support for our mission and ministries. To learn more about how a QCD can bless both your finances and our faith community, speak with your financial advisor.

Area News

Maria Stein Shrine

Tenebrae Service

The Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics will be hosting a Tenebrae Service on Wednesday, April 16th in the Adoration Chapel at 7:30pm. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. John's Rd. in Maria Stein. For more event information, visit www.mariasteinshrine.org

The word 'Tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to meditate deeply on the Passion story. Christ's betrayal, abandonment, and agony are felt deeply in this prayer. However, we are left remembering that the story is not over, and that Christ will fulfill his mission in three days' time. Fr. John Tonkin will lead us as we reflect on scripture passages and hymns sung by the Quo Vadis Choir. The shadows will grow around us as candles are extinguished.

Online Giving



Holy Trinity

holyltrinitydayton.org/online_giving/



Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita

northwestdaytoncatholic.org/donations/



St. Joseph

members.myeoffering.com/#/landing



Emmanuel

osvhub.com/emmanuelchurch/giving/funds



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), 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/livestream/>

St. Joseph Church, Sunday, 10:30 am

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

Hearing Aid Receivers available at St. Joseph. Are you having difficulty hearing the Mass? If so, we have hearing aid receivers available for your use. Just ask an usher and they will get you one. You can keep the hearing aid receiver to use each week. When you no longer need to use it just return it to an usher.

Staff Directory

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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 4/7/25

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Carol Greer

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Colette Ann Kropp

Phil Lange

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Diane Meier

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Steve Peralta

Pope Francis

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr

Fr. Jim Seibert

Debbie Shively

Conrad Slorp

Ted Sollmann

Mike Tanner

Catherine Winkler

Prayer List Guidelines

New names appear in bold.

Names remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless we are notified otherwise.

Adding a name to the prayer list:

The St. Gaspar Family of parishes prayer 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.

With Sympathy for those we have lost: We extend our sympathy to the family of parishioner Shirley O'Neil whose funeral Mass was offered at St. Joseph. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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