

**May 11, 2025, Good Shepherd 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**

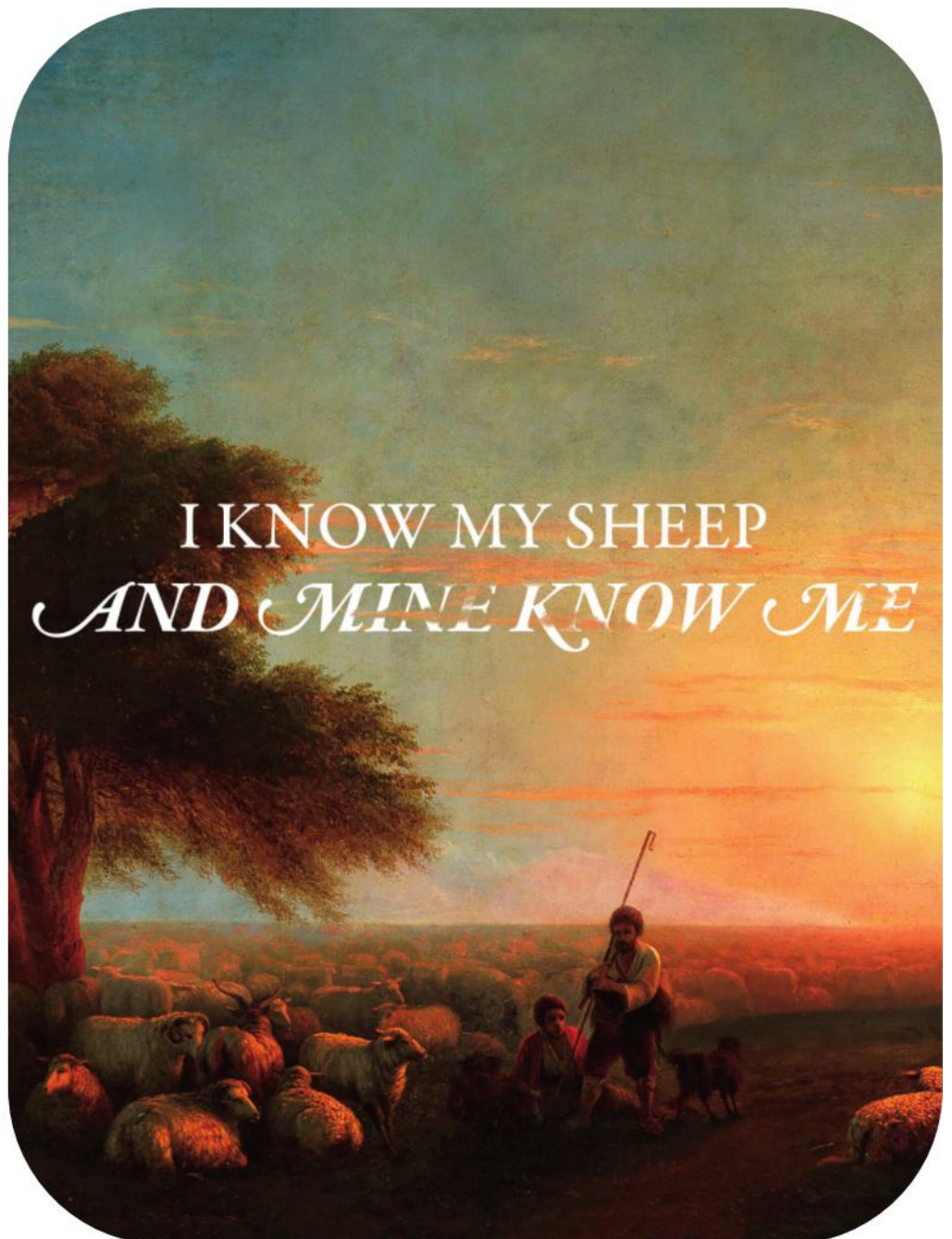
411 East Second Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.9272

### **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.

*This Sunday's bulletin showcases impactful articles that stem from the dedicated efforts of our Implementation Team, focused on the priorities of Encounter, Unity, Communication, and Faith Formation. We invite you to uplift our team in your prayers as they continue this work for our Family of Parishes.*

## On the Road

### Third Sunday of Easter Reflection

**By Matt Ruttle, Encounter Team Member**

"Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So Jesus went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.

(St. Luke 24: 29 – 31)

These two frightened and weary disciples, fleeing Jerusalem, on the road to Emmaus, urged this intriguing and beguiling man now walking with the , to 'stay with them' as night was falling. This peace-filled man joins them in fellowship at a supper inside an inn. He takes simple bread, says the blessing to "I AM" over the bread, breaks it, and distributes the bread to them. With this mysterious and enlightening action, their eyes are opened: "It is the Lord!"

We are like those weary and frightened disciples on the road to "our own Emmaus". We have already witnessed fears and uncertainties in our road toward full collaboration and unity as the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes. But, we are met "on this road" by a Man, who just happens to meet us along the way. He asks us what we are talking about – and where we are going. We urge Him to stay with us --- for we are nearing a "night of distress". He stays with us.

He opens the Scriptures for us so that "our hearts are burning within us". The Man then takes the simple loaf of bread, blesses His Father for it, breaks it --- and gives It to us. We see clearly now: "It is the Lord!" Alleluia !!!!

The Risen Jesus does indeed raise us up to new Hope and Joy by opening the Scriptures to us --- and sharing his precious Body and Blood with us. Alleluia !!!

We are not alone on this road to our Emmaus. The Lord strengthens us, leads us forward in Hope and resurrection Grace. Jesus also "opens up" the glorious vision of his resurrected Body found among each of us --- loved sisters and brothers in this "Family". And what a glorious vision it is! We are one in Baptism and Faith in our Lord!

Peace, Matt Ruttle, Love in Action Director, and member of our Encounter Team

## Sign Up for Flocknote

Visit: [StGasparFamilyDayton.flocknote.com](http://StGasparFamilyDayton.flocknote.com)

Text: GETGASPAR to 84576

If you need assistance with signing up contact:

Joan Macpherson at 937-276-5954.



## Photo of the Week

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes celebrated First Communion at Precious Blood and Emmanuel on May 4, 2205.

Scan the QR code to view the photos.



# Mass Times & Intentions

## Monday, May 12, 2025

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... Celebrant's Intention  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Fr. Gene Schnipke C.P.P.S.  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †For Our Parishioners

## Tuesday, May 13, 2025

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... Celebrant's Intention  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Jean Ridenour-Evenden  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Joy Anderson

## Wednesday, May 14, 2025

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Liv/Dec. Members of the Robert A. Drerup Sr. Family  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... Celebrant's Intention  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Rita Jurassich

## Thursday, May 15, 2025

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Stanley Dague  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... Celebrant's Intention  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Thomas & Reichert Families

## Friday, May 16, 2025

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Liv/Dec. Members of the Friel Family  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... For Precious Blood Religious  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Scott Acre

## Saturday, May 17, 2025

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Joe Spanel  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... For Our Parishioners  
 4:30 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Liv/Decd Members of the John Weisenbach Family  
 4:30 pm ..... **St. Paul** ..... Int. of Richard & Rose Marie Davis 60th Wedding Anniversary  
 5:00 pm ..... **Emmanuel** ..... For Our Parishioners

## Sunday, May 18, 2025

8:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Dec. Members of the Friel Family  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... For Our Parishioners  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Ruth Smith  
 10:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Int. of Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Hess  
 10:30 am ..... **St. Joseph** ..... Liv/Dec. Members of the John Weisenbach Family  
 10:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Jane Adkins

# Confession Schedule

## Monday Saturday

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

## Saturday

4:00-4:45 pm | Emmanuel

4:00-4:20 pm | St. Joseph

3:30-4:20 pm | St. Paul

## Sunday

8:00-8:25 am | Holy Trinity

## Requesting a Mass to be offered

A Mass Intention can be requested for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Mass intentions for 2025 can be scheduled by calling your parish office.



## Scripture Readings

### For the Week of May 11, 2025

#### Sunday

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

#### Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3,4; Jn 10:1-10

#### Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

#### Wednesday

#### Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

#### Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20

#### Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

#### Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

#### Sunday

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military

Yves Benihana  
 Michael Borgert  
 Nicholas Butler  
 John Carner  
 Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles  
 Jon Chachula  
 Laura Chachula  
 Eric Justin Dino  
 Eric Raymond Dino  
 Caleb Fowler  
 Jacob Gutwein  
 Christopher Harman  
 George Hinton  
 Ryan Hulsman

Nicholas Kern  
 Morgan Konsdorf  
 Connor "Bakir" Magill  
 Greg Marcus  
 Brittany Maurer  
 Zachary McIntyre  
 David Musgrove  
 Diane Nyirasimbi  
 Anthony Pelfrey  
 Gage Plasenthal  
 Matt Shulten  
 Luis Torres  
 Susan Varmuza  
 Justin Williams



## Parish Calendar

**Monday, May 12, 2025**

### The Mary Group

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

### God's Garden Work Day

7:00-8:30 pm • St. Paul/Garden

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

### Marriage Works

6:30-8:30 pm • St. Joseph/Parish Center

### PrayerMates

7:00-8:30 pm • Precious Blood/Church

**Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

### Lunch with the Lord (join at any time)

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

### SVDP NW Dayton

6:30-8:00 pm • St. Paul/Mtg. Room

### Catholic Life/OCIA

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

### Knights of Columbus Marian Council

7:30-9:00 pm • St. Paul/Mtg. Room

**Thursday, May 15, 2025**

### God's Garden Work Day

9:00-10:30 am • St. Paul/Garden

### OCIA

5:30-7:00 pm • Holy Trinity/Rectory

### Splendor of Truth Book Read

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

**Friday, May 16, 2025**

### Friday Hour

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

### No PraiseFest this Friday

**Saturday, May 17, 2025**

### Women's Day 2025

8:30 am – 2:30 pm • Holy Trinity/Trinity Center

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

### Benediction and Adoration

After Mass • Holy Trinity/Church

### Donut Sunday

After Mass • Emmanuel/School

### Donut Sunday

After Mass • St. Paul/Annex

## NATO Parliamentary Assembly

**May 22-26, 2025 in Downtown Dayton**

Information on the NATO Village road closures for downtown Dayton can be found on page 11. Our three downtown Dayton parishes are not directly impacted by the road closures, but we want our parishioners to know that traffic will be impacted due to so many streets being closed off. Please allow yourself more time to arrive to church, attend events and more.

The road closures are scheduled to begin May 20 and go through May 27.

## For Our Mothers

### Happy Mother's Day

### From the St Gaspar Respect Life Group



### The Mother

"The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral— a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body . . . The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation . . . What on God's good earth is more glorious than this; to be a mother?"

— Venerable Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty

### Bottles for Babies!

**May 11 - June 15**

The St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is hosting a Bottles for Babies campaign from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Money raised will benefit the life-saving work of Elizabeth's New Life Center, an organization which provides free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, prenatal care, and material assistance to abortion-vulnerable women. See page 10 for more information.



# Creating a Conversation: Your Voice Matters

## New! Parish Feedback Cards

*We're introducing Feedback Cards to make it easier for you to share your thoughts, questions, and ideas.*

One of the key goals of our Pastoral Priority Plan for Communication is to create a feedback loop — a two-way conversation between parish leadership and you, the members of our St. Gaspar Family of Parishes. Communication is more than announcements and updates — it's about listening, too.

### How it works:

- Pick up a Feedback Card at any of our parishes
- Fill it out with your comments or suggestions
- Return it in the designated drop-off area or hand it to an usher

Our **deacons** will collect the cards and ensure your feedback reaches the **appropriate staff members** or **pastor**.

## Easter Feedback Survey

We also invite you to complete our **Easter Survey** — a brief form to help us reflect on this season and improve together.

### Why it matters:

We want to know:

- What we did **right**
- What we could do **better**
- How we can **improve communication** with you

Please take a moment to scan the QR code and share your thoughts. Your voice shapes our mission.

Thank you for helping us grow in openness, connection, and shared faith. Together, we are building a stronger, more responsive parish family.

Let's keep the conversation going!

The Communications Team,  
Deacon Mike Prier  
Joan Macpherson  
Greg and Jen Smith

You can also follow this link for the survey:

<https://forms.gle/TBmDKiroCQzeLcZv7>



## 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 · St. Paul

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.**

## St Rita Novena

### May 14-May 22

St. Rita of Cascia's Feast Day is May 22.

Recite the following prayer daily beginning May 14: Holy Patroness of those in need, St. Rita, you were humble, pure and patient. Your pleadings with your divine Spouse are irresistible, so please obtain for me from our risen Jesus the request I make of you (mention it). Be kind to me for the greater glory of God, and I shall honour you and sing your praises forever. Glorious St Rita, your miraculously participated in the sorrowful passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Obtain for me now the grace to suffer with resignation the troubles of this life, and protect me in all my needs. Amen. Followed with 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, 1 Glory Be .

# Hearts in Action: Faith, Service, and Community

## Prepare Lunches for St. Vincent De Paul

**@Holy Trinity, Sunday, May 18 at 9:45 am**

We will be packing lunches for St. Vincent's on Sunday, May 18, at 9:45am in the Trinity Center at Holy Trinity and we could use your help. Details and a list of items needed are available at

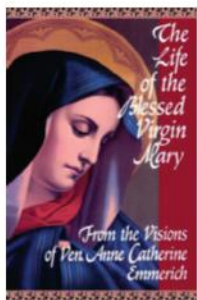
<https://bit.ly/42sqhNQ>

Please sign up by Sunday, May 11, 2025. Donated items may be turned in to the parish office at Holy Trinity on Sunday, May 11 from 9:45-11:00am. Your help in the past is greatly appreciated. We started this quarterly activity in July of 2023. As of our February 2025 bagged lunch date, we have bagged 1,031 lunches for St. Vincent de Paul. Your time and donations continue to be a blessing to those in need and we thank you! This program will continue in September and November 2025. If you need assistance with the sign-up link, please contact Leslie 937-901-5468 or Janet 937-623-9272. Sponsored quarterly by the Holy Trinity Social Action Ministry.



## Through Mary to Jesus, Every Monday Night

**@Precious Blood, Monday evenings, from 7:00-8:30 pm**



Are you looking to grow closer to the Blessed Mother? Consider joining our *Mary Group*—a weekly gathering centered on prayer, reflection, and devotion to Mary. Over the years, we've called ourselves many things—*Our Lady of the Precious Blood*, *Secret of Mary*, and *Walk with Mary*—but the heart of the group has always remained the same. Each Monday night from 7:00–8:30 PM at Precious Blood, we come together to pray the Rosary, read and reflect on a Marian book, and prepare for a personal consecration to Our Blessed Mother. These consecrations are often made at local churches or shrines such as St. Joseph's, Precious Blood, or the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, adding a beautiful pilgrimage aspect to our journey. We are now beginning a new book, and it's the perfect time to join us! Whether this is your first time or you're renewing a previous consecration, you are warmly welcome. Come walk with Mary. She always leads us closer to her Son. Contact Curtis Kneblak for more information at 937-276-5954, or via email: [ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org).

## Pipe Organ Project Update From the Organ Builder, Nicholas Koch

**@St. Joseph Church**

Progress continues steadily on the pipe organ build. The facade blueprint has been refined—dimensions have been removed, and the pedal tower has been mirrored to better illustrate the intended configuration. Please note that the center pipes are not shown in this

version due to time constraints. In the workshop, several key ranks have undergone significant progress: The Great 8' Gemshorn rank has been carefully reassembled with new stainless steel tuning collars. Each pipe has been precisely fitted to the rackboard to ensure a perfectly vertical standing position.

The Great 4' Octave rank (pictured on the left) has also received new tuning collars and has been fully fitted to its rack board.

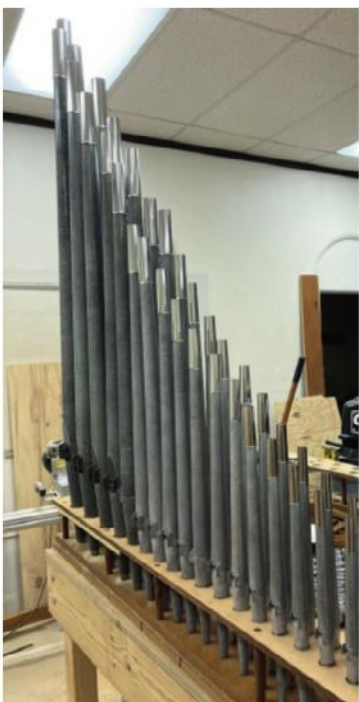
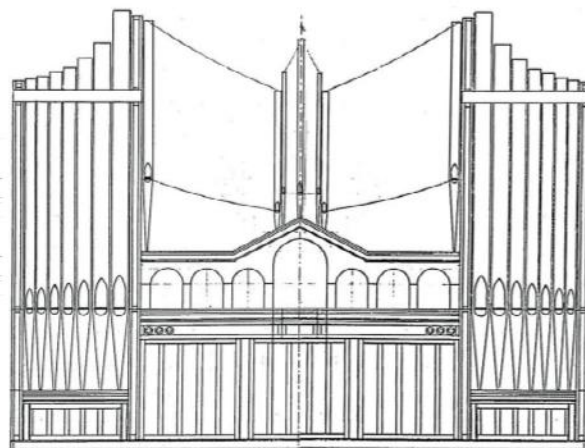
All other ranks have now been racked as well, with the exception of a few remaining bass ranks. More updates to come as work progresses!

### Mail in Your Donation:

St. Joseph Church  
411 E. Second St.  
Dayton, OH 45402



Please be sure to clearly state "Pipe Organ Donation"  
**Donate Online, Scan the QR code or visit** [www.myEoffering.com](http://www.myEoffering.com)



# Vacation Bible School



## One Program Two Campuses!

We are excited to invite you and your children to join us for The Great Journey—a vibrant and faith-filled Vacation Bible School experience where kids will discover the life of Christ and grow closer to Him by traveling through the seasons of the Church year. From Advent to

Easter, children will explore the richness of our Catholic faith through engaging music from Cat.Chat, dynamic videos, hands-on crafts, themed snacks, faith-filled stories of the Saints, games, and more. This year, we are thrilled to offer this program as one united family of parishes, hosted on two separate dates and locations for your convenience: Emmanuel Church and St. Paul Parish.

*Though the experience will be the same at both sites, each parish has its own registration process:*

## Register for VBS at Emmanuel

**@ Emmanuel, June 9-13, from 9:00-12:00 pm**

**For ages 4-11 (deadline June 1)**

Emmanuel: Online registration is available—quick, simple, and accessible from home. Make checks payable to Emmanuel. You can also pick up a paper copy in church or the parish office. An electronic payment option will be offered soon. Link to Register and/or volunteer:

<https://vbsregistration.ca/event/event-3204/>

1 child (\$20)  
2 children (\$40)  
3+ children (\$50)



## Register for VBS at St. Paul

**@ St. Paul, June 16-20, from 9:00 am—12:00 pm**

**For ages 4 to rising 5th graders**

St. Paul: Register using Flocknote:

<https://stgasparfamilydayton.flocknote.com/signup/209460>

You can also pick up copies at the church entrances, or the parish office. Make checks payable to St. Paul.

An electronic payment option will be offered soon.

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We are truly looking forward to journeying together with your children as they discover the beauty and meaning of each liturgical season—and as our parishes come together in faith, fellowship, and fun.

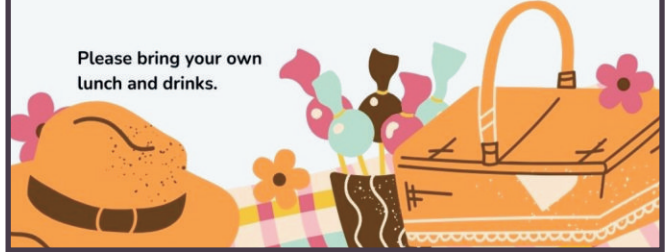
## School's Out Homeschool Picnic

Interested in homeschooling? Veteran homeschooling family? All are invited to an end of school year Mass and Picnic.

**22**  
May 2025

MASS AT EMMANUEL AT 10:30 AM  
Followed by a picnic at Indian Riffle Park  
2801 Indian Riffle Road, Kettering 45420

Please bring your own  
lunch and drinks.



## St. Vincent Care Corner

### Items In Most Need

**NW Dayton Food Pantry**

***Our shelves are bare of these personal care items:***

Body Wash/ Bar Soap

Deodorant

Mouthwash

Shampoo & Conditioner

Shaving Cream/Razors

Toilet Paper

Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Thank you for your generous donations! Please drop these items off at church in the SVDP bins.

## Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

***From Music Director, Michele Carner***

For most of us, the words to our processional today will sound familiar, as it takes its text from our Easter Sequence, "Victimae Paschali Laudes" (Christians, to the Paschal Victim). This text, attributed to Wipo of Burgundy (d. 1050), is over a thousand years old. Like the sequence itself (indeed, all sequences), the poetic words foster deeper contemplation of Scripture; in this case, of course, the Mary mentioned is Mary Magdalene, who carried the Good News to the disciples.

## Spring Cleaning May 14

***@St. Joseph***

On the second Wednesday of every month, volunteers join together to clean the church. The cleaning crew will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, May 14, at 9:00am. Please consider joining the crew to help with spring cleaning.





## Participating in the Mass

### Lord, Teach Us to Pray

#### *Verbal Prayers and their Beauty*

"Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples'. Jesus said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.'"

The Encounter Team – after inviting you to call upon the Holy Spirit's power and wisdom, in order to open your heart and soul to prayer – now focuses on verbal prayer and its beauty and simplicity. As children and youth, we were taught the traditional Catholic prayers of intercession, praise,

thanksgiving, and worship: the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Apostle's Creed, and the Rosary. These all laid the foundation for us to center our lives entirely on Jesus and his death and Resurrection – on the will of God, our Father, Abba or "Daddy" - and on the trusting obedience and love of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. We urge you to continue to use these beautiful and life-giving prayers to "grow your Faith" - like the parable of the tiny mustard seed growing into a very large bush that even the birds can nest in. The Encounter Team also encourages you to build upon family verbal prayers said together at mealtime, bedtime, and at special events taking place in our lives: births, deaths, baptisms, weddings, and life transitions - such as leaving for college or getting a new job.

The Venerable, Fr. Patrick Peyton (1909 - 1992) always repeated: "The family that prays together, stays together."

We also joyfully celebrate the Mass – and the Eucharist, which is the 'source and summit of the Christian life'. The verbal prayers of all of us at Mass - and those responding to / with our priest and deacon - again center us on the intense love of our Father "spoken" in his beloved Son, Jesus Christ – the "Word made Flesh". We fully enter into the death and Resurrection of Christ.

We urge you to read over – and to lovingly pray over – the liturgical prayers used at the Mass, especially the Eucharistic Prayers said by the priest. These are both very beautiful, majestic, and full of mystery. We are united in Christ!

We invite you to explore the full treasury of Catholic prayers – and to use them as solid foundations for your growing Faith. Come, O Holy Spirit, come !



## Saint of the Month

### St. Joan of Arc (1412–1431)

**Feast Day:** May 30

**Patroness of:** Soldiers, France, those who suffer for their faith

**"I am not afraid... I was born to do this." — St. Joan of Arc**

A peasant girl from Domrémy, France, Joan received visions of St. Michael, St. Catherine, and St. Margaret instructing her to drive the English from France. At just 17, she led French troops to major victories during the Hundred Years' War. Captured and condemned for her faith and gender, she was burned at the stake in 1431. Joan was canonized in 1920.

We invite you to emulate St. Joan's heroic faith:

Speak truth with love.

Stand firm in your beliefs.

Act with boldness in kindness.

Trust in God's voice over fear.

Talk about it around your dinner table or during family prayer time!

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# World Day of Prayer for Vocations

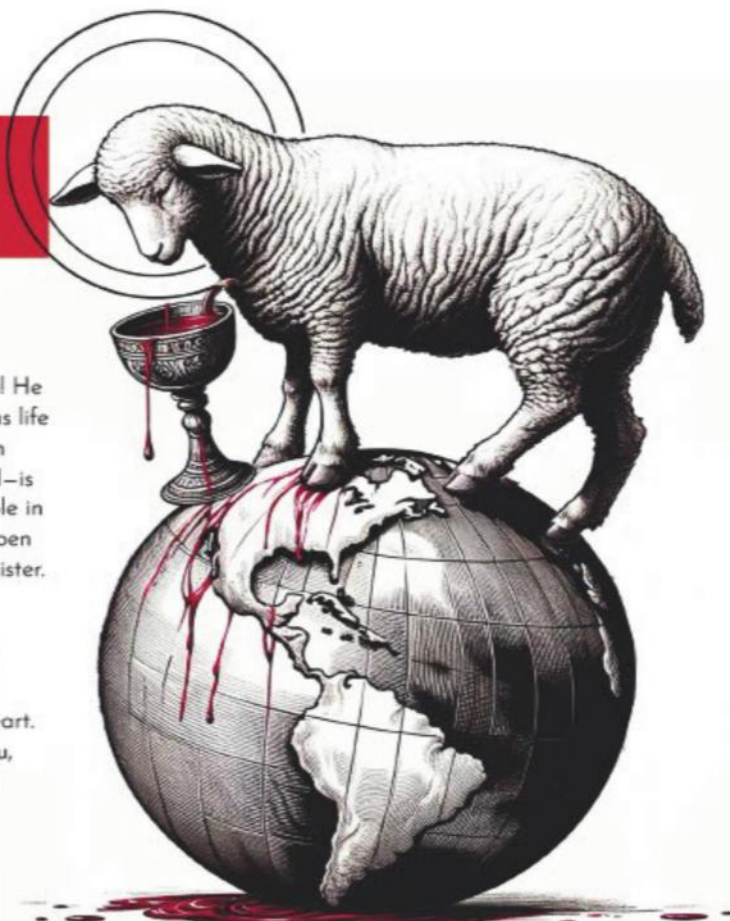
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As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, some to religious life and others to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. Encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life as a brother or sister.

## Message from Pope Francis:

Dear friends, the world pushes you to make hasty decisions and bombards you with a constant blare that prevents you from experiencing a silence that is open to God who speaks to the heart. Have the courage to pause, to listen to what your heart tells you, and to ask God about his dreams for you. Prayerful recollection helps us to realize that all of us can be pilgrims of hope.

Scan the QR code below to read more



## A Prayer for My Vocation

Loving God,  
You created me in your image  
and have gifted me in many ways. Through baptism,  
you call me by  
name to follow you in service of  
my brothers and sisters.

Pour forth your Spirit upon me, and  
touch me with the fire of your love.  
Give me the courage to respond to  
your call each day.

Open my mind that I may discern well  
the path you have planned for me,  
and fortify my heart to respond  
to your call with generosity

Make clear to me your will. I know  
I can do all things in you, my strength.  
I ask this in the name of Jesus, in  
whose blood I have been saved. Amen.

## How can I help?



Pray for your children and grandchildren  
that they will be open to whatever God is  
calling them to do and be willing to help  
them discern that call.



Take a "see something, say something"  
approach to potential vocations within  
your own family and parish communities.  
Simply say, "I believe you would be a  
great priest, brother or sister."



The involvement of your family in the  
activities offered in your parish will help  
create the life-giving environment  
necessary for nurturing priestly vocations.



To connect further:  
[vocation@preciousbloodus.org](mailto:vocation@preciousbloodus.org)



to read the  
message from  
Pope Francis





A fun, easy way to support  
the life-saving work of  
Elizabeth's New Life Center.

## St. Gaspar Family of Parishes May 11- June 15, 2025

For more information contact:

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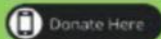
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### Sisters of the Precious Blood

#### **Dinner with the Sisters**

**Wednesday, May 14, from 6:00-8:00 pm**

Women's Dinner: Are you a woman between the ages of 18-45? The Sisters of the Precious Blood would like to invite you to join a small group of Sisters in Dayton from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm on May 14th for an informal dinner, prayer and faith-sharing. Please share the information with any woman you think might be interested...and please RSVP to Teri at [tiverson@cppsadmin.org](mailto:tiverson@cppsadmin.org).

#### **2025 Taste of the Shrine**

**@Maria Stein, Thursday, May 22**

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Early bird discount on tickets, 30 for \$30, is available now through May 16th. After May 16th, tickets are 24 for \$30. Tickets can be used to purchase food and drinks from participating vendors, samples of food and drink will be priced at 1-10 tickets each. In addition, there will be a \$1,000 raffle drawing during the event at 7:00pm.

Silent and live auction! You will have the opportunity to bid on items from local businesses. Food & Drink and Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Shrine, online at [mariasteinshrine.org](https://mariasteinshrine.org) or by calling 419-925-4532. The Shrine is located at 2291 St Johns Rd, Maria Stein, OH.

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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), 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

### **Pastoral Staff**

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### **Parish Communications Director**

**Joan Macpherson**

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## Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin Date: May 25, 2025

Articles Due: May 15, 2025

Ministry leaders should send information to the Communications Manager, Joan Macpherson via email at: jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org.

### **Full Page Flyer**

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

## Stephen Ministry

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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 5/6/25

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Andy Belt

Marlene Bertino

Bill

Theresa Bradley

Daniel Brooks

Rita Brun

Bill & Jayme Budde

John D'Agostino

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Sarah

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Debbie Shively

**Steve**

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and Family

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**Jan Weigandt**

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Please keep in your prayers the families and loved ones of Precious Blood parishioner, Ronald Henne, whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, May 5, at Precious Blood Church. 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.

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