

March 2, 2025, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



WHEN YOU GIVE
ALMS

WHEN YOU
PRAY

WHEN YOU
FAST

YOUR FATHER WHO SEES
WILL REPAY YOU



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



In today's first reading and the gospel from Luke, we see that we are to listen to a person's speech to determine their goodness or evil.

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

You and I are called to build people up in this life. We are not to tear people down. But there are times when we have to speak the truth and in speaking the truth, we may hold other people accountable for their actions and speech.

As Christians, we are to be servants to the world. Even if people do not believe in Jesus.

We are enlightened by Christ. He is the light of the world. All power and authority on earth and in heaven has been given to Him. Jesus has a right to teach and guide us. He teaches us through His church. The church is our mother. Mothers have a right to teach their children. If we keep our eyes on Jesus and believe in Jesus and His church, we will be on the right track.

The problem is that we have voices that ignore Jesus. Do we listen to those voices continuously?

During this Lenten season, we have the opportunity to draw close to the voice of the Lord. This is intentional listening on our part. This means that we spend time with scripture, preferably the gospels. To know the mind and heart of Christ. You do have permission to do this. If you don't do this, this is because you choose not to do it. This is because you prefer other voices.

There will be a day when we meet the creator. If we do not know Him and His heart, we are the only people to blame. You do have a choice. The more you enter into Christ's voice, the more your heart will be changed. The more you will bear fruit. The voices of the world will not bear fruit in the kingdom of God.

God bless you all, Fr. Tony

Welcome

Newly Registered

@St. Joseph

Don Arnett

We are blessed to have you with us. Our parish family thrives when we come together to share our faith, time, and talents. We invite you and your family to get involved in our ministries, events, and service opportunities.



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

Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, March 3, 2025

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Harold Brown
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Paul Deschler

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Andy Marapese
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** .. †Dec. Members of the John Bossey Family

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Lavinia Triplett
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 am **St. Rita** Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** For Our Parishiners
 7:00 pm **St. Paul** Celebrant's Intention
 7:00 pm **Holy Trinity** Celebrant's Intention

Thursday, March 6, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** Int. of Tom/Rita Ostendorf
 8:30 am **St. Paul** Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Vivienne Canavan

Friday, March 7, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Cecilia Muckenthaler
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †John Weigandt
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Poor Souls

Saturday, March 8, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Mary Ann Robinson
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Barbara & Joe Kavy
 4:30 pm **St. Joseph** †Carol Brokamp
 4:30 pm **Precious Blood** For Our Parishioners
 5:00 pm **Emmanuel** For Our Parishioners

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:30 am **Holy Trinity** Int. of Gary and Mary Buschur
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Cy Schwieterman
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Virginia Jette
 10:30 am **Emmanuel** †David Kronauge
 10:30 am **St. Joseph** For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am **St. Paul** †Herbert & Monica Rammel

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



Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 2, 2025

Monday Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5,6, 7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday **Ash Wednesday**
 Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday First Sunday of Lent
 Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Implementation Team

Use the QR code or visit stgasparfamily.org to learn more, ask questions or volunteer.

Encounter

Brenda Kosir – St. Joseph
 Matt Ruttler – Staff
 Michelle Stoltz – St. Paul

Unity

Charlie Gross – Emmanuel
 Joe Hurr – Staff
 Leslie Iannarino – Holy Trinity
 Rick Iannarino – Holy Trinity

Faith Formation and Education

Julie Borger – St. Paul
 Sue Seibert – St. Paul
 Deacon Brian Seibert - Staff
 Sue Whatley – St. Rita

Communication

Joan Macpherson – Staff
 Deacon Mike Prier – Staff
 Greg Smith – Precious Blood
 Jen Smith – Precious Blood



Parish Calendar

Monday, March 3, 2025

Chair One Fitness Program

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

New Session through March 7

Walk with Mary

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

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Emmanuel Winter Bible Study: Book of Revelation

8:00-9:30 pm · Emmanuel/School

Prayer Mates: Stations and Lenten Practices

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood/Church

Knights of Columbus Council 500

7:30-9:00 pm · Bainbridge Hall

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Lunch with the Lord

11:30 am-12:30 pm · Holy Trinity/Rectory

Catholic Life

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

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Splendor of Truth Book Read

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

Friday, March 7, 2025

Friday Hour

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

Fish Fry at Holy Trinity

6:00-11:00 pm · Holy Trinity/Trinity Center

Mass with Healing and Anointing

7:30 pm · Emmanuel/Church

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Emmanuel Winter Bible Study: Book of Revelation

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/School

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9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/School

Good News! Bible Study

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

Couples Adoration

6:30-9:00 pm · Emmanuel/Church

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Children's Faith Formation

9:45-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Come Brunch with Us

After Mass · St. Joseph/Parish Center

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin Date: March 16, 2025

Articles Due: March 6, 2025

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



Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

Emmanuel	7:30 am Mass & Ashes
Precious Blood	8:30 am Mass & Ashes
St. Rita	8:30 am Mass & Ashes
St. Joseph	12:00 pm Mass & Ashes
Holy Trinity	7:00 pm Mass & Ashes
St. Paul	7:00 pm Mass & Ashes

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Join the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes in a meaningful Lenten tradition by participating in the Stations of the Cross.

Emmanuel, Fridays Beginning March 7, at 7:00 pm

Precious Blood, Tuesdays, Beginning March 11, 7:00 pm

St. Joseph, Wednesdays, Beginning March 12, after Noon Mass

Soup and Stations

St. Paul, Tuesdays, Beginning March 11-April 8, 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross are followed by a communal soup and bread supper at St. Paul on Tuesday evenings. If you would like, bring a soup to share.

Soup and Salvation

Emmanuel, Friday, March 28 & April 11, 5:30 pm

Join us for a light soup supper in the school before Friday night stations on March 28 and April 11.

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration &

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Joseph, Saturdays, March 8-April 12

Join us after the Noon Mass until 4:00 pm at St. Joseph

Lent calls us to deepen our relationship with Christ, and Eucharistic Adoration offers a time for silent prayer and contemplation in His presence.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way to prepare for Easter by receiving God's mercy and healing.

St. Rita: Tuesday, April 8, after 8:30 am Mass

Precious Blood: Thursday, April 10, 6:00 pm, Communal

Emmanuel: Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 pm, Communal

THE LAST SUPPER TEACHINGS OF JESUS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

St Gaspar Family of Parishes Lenten Mission

Description: In St. John's Gospel, we read that on the night before Jesus died for us, He spoke about the Holy Spirit. During this Lenten season, setting aside time for this mission to learn more about how God works in our lives is a way to give God more of our hearts and minds to work with. This mission will be a prayerful opportunity to dive into the teachings of Jesus on the Holy Spirit that He gave at The Last Supper. By doing so, your life in the Holy Spirit and daily experience of life in God's presence will be tremendously blessed and empowered.

Wednesday, March 12th at St. Joseph-Session One: "The First Three"

- 6:45pm: Holy Rosary
- 7:15pm: Last Supper Teachings of Jesus on the Holy Spirit, Part 1.
- 8pm: Eucharistic Holy Hour with guided meditations

Thursday, March 13th at St. Joseph-Session Two "The First Four"

- 6:45pm: Holy Rosary
- 7:15pm: Last Supper Teachings of Jesus on the Holy Spirit, Part 2.
- 8pm: Eucharistic Holy Hour with guided meditations

MAR

12 & 13

6:45pm-9pm



Fr. Patrick Gonyeau



Join us for the Holy Trinity Fish Fry the First Friday of Lent!

@Trinity Center, March 7, doors open at 6:00 pm

Enjoy a delicious meal with fish, French fries, mac-n-cheese, slaw, and desserts, plus two drink tickets for beer, wine, or soda pop. Carry-out is available from 4:40 to 5:30 p.m., with doors opening for dine-in at 6:00 p.m.

*Stay for a night of fun and games
from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.*

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door—grab yours after Mass and don't miss this beloved Lenten tradition! Holy Trinity Fish Fry _____



**Knights of Columbus
Drive-Through
Friday Night Lenten Dinners**

@St. Paul, March 7-11, 5:30 PM - 7:00 pm

The Knights will offer Friday night drive-through dinners of fried fish, french fries and coleslaw during Lent.

The cost is \$12 each plate, additional pieces of fish can be purchased. Credit Cards are accepted.

**Encyclical Letter Read
Following Soup and Stations at St. Paul**

@St. Paul, following Soup and Stations, Begins March 11

"Dilexit Nos" ("He Loved Us") is an encyclical issued by Pope Francis on October 24, 2024, during the twelfth year of his pontificate. This document invites the faithful to deepen their devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, emphasizing its transformative power for personal spirituality and the Church's mission in a divided and materialistic world.

Please email Fr. Gaynor so that he knows how many books to order: sgaynor2012@gmail.com or text: 419-852-6516.

Walk with Mary this Lent | 5 Week Series



Preparation for the Total Consecration to Mary

@Precious Blood, Monday, March 3 - Monday, April 7, 7:00 pm

Join us for five Mondays this Lent as we journey with Mary, our spiritual Mother, to the foot of the cross. Each evening will begin with the Rosary, followed by a presentation from Curtis Kneblak on the Blessed Mother's role in our spiritual lives and her significance in our path to holiness. Together, we will prepare to make or renew our consecration to Mary using the booklet *Preparation for the Total Consecration to the Immaculate according to St. Maximilian Kolbe*, which will guide us in offering ourselves fully to our Blessed Mother before Palm Sunday. Let Mary guide you as you take up your cross and follow her to the foot of Christ's crucifixion, where you too will hear the words: "Behold your Mother" (John 19:27).

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Special Mass & Festivities

@St. Joseph, Monday, March 17, beginning at 11:30 am

Join us on Monday, March 17, for a beautiful St. Patrick's Day celebration at St. Joseph Church. Beginning at 11:30 am, enjoy traditional Irish melodies performed by the choir. Join us for the entrance and exit procession featuring:

- A bagpiper leading the way
- The cross bearer
- The American and Irish flags
- The Knights of Columbus color guard
- Irish dancers in traditional costume carrying Shamrock plants to adorn the church

This special Mass is organized by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Mary of the Gael Division #1, and the Men's Ancient Order of Hibernians, John F. Kennedy Division #1—two dedicated organizations honoring Irish heritage and faith. Before and after Mass, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians will be selling Irish Soda Bread and Green Carnations. A portion of the proceeds will support missions and charities sponsored by the National LAOH. Come celebrate faith, heritage, and community with us! All are welcome!





Dignity in Life & Death

Catholic Teaching on End-of-Life Care

With Bob Wurzelbacher

Director, Office for Respect Life Ministries

@St. Joseph Parish Center, March 22, beginning at 2:30 pm

Bob Wurzelbacher, Director of the Office for Respect Life Ministries with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, will give a presentation on Catholic teaching concerning medical decision making at the end of life, from cancer treatment to artificial feeding decisions. He will also discuss how to prepare yourself or your loved ones by answering questions related to living wills and healthcare power of attorney.

Bob Wurzelbacher has been the Director for the Office for Respect Life Ministries since 2017. He holds a National Catholic Certification in Healthcare Ethics, and has walked with his father and father-in-law through end-of-life decision making. He is married and has 2 teenage daughters.

Meeting the Implementation Team Part Two

How We're Strengthening Parish Communication



As we continue our series introducing the teams working on the four priorities of our Pastoral Priority Plan, we turn our focus to the team working on the fourth priority, "Communication."

The Communications Team is dedicated to ensuring that parishioners not only receive important information but also have opportunities to share their thoughts and be heard.

Communication Team from left to right: Jen and Greg Smith, Deacon Mike Prier, Joan Macpherson.

Our Goals

1. Have a communication loop, inclusive of information sharing with parishioners, and parishioners being able to give input to the St. Gaspar's Leadership Team by July 1, 2025.

We have provided several opportunities for providing feedback electronically by making forms available on our shared landing page stgasparfamily.org. We are currently in the process of providing a form that will be available at all of our churches that will allow for in person feedback. The form can be completed in church and returned to the presiding Deacon, or take the form home, and return it in the offertory basket.

2. Formalize a Person to Person Process for Consoling the Broken Hearted, and welcome the estranged and the newcomer by Advent 2026.

The goal is to create a compassionate, structured, and sustainable process for consoling those who are grieving and warmly welcoming newcomers into the parish community. This initiative will ensure that no one feels isolated or overlooked, fostering a culture of care, connection, and belonging.

Be a Part of our Team!

Join us in building a more welcoming and compassionate parish! Whether you have a heart for listening, a gift for hospitality, or a desire to support those in need, there's a role for you. Reach out to learn how you can get involved in this meaningful ministry. Provide your feedback! Be on the lookout for more surveys, opportunities to reach out to those in need and have your feedback ready. We want to hear from you. For more information and to volunteer for this team, email Joan Macpherson at jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org, or call 937-276-5954.

Page 3 includes the full list of Implementation Team Members.

St. Gaspar Respect Life Group

PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN KETTERING

Dayton Surgical Center of Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio



PSA from Planned Parenthood released on Jan 17, 2025

“Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Women's Med Center in Kettering. Planning for this acquisition has been in process since July, in response to Dr. Martin Haskell's intent to retire, and was finalized in December 2024. This expansion is a vital step in ensuring that individuals in the Dayton area have access to essential reproductive health services *and is the first abortion center addition for Planned Parenthood in Ohio*, following the constitutional protection of reproductive health care in 2023.”

Different owners but the same business – abortion; but a huge difference in that these new owners are the largest provider of abortion in the U.S. Prior to the purchase it was thought about **80+ babies per week were killed**; that will likely increase under the new owners. We will keep you posted.

Our prayerful presence continues to be urgent as we PRAY, FAST and WITNESS to the lives of these pre-born boys and girls who are denied the right to life and whose moms are at risk for emotional, physical and spiritual difficulties.

Consider this Lenten Resolution for the 40 Days for Life 2025 Spring Campaign.

In the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before His Crucifixion, Jesus asked Peter, John and James, to stay awake and spend one hour in prayer with Him. 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign is an opportunity to be with Jesus – to spend one hour in prayer at the abortion mill, praying for your pre-born brothers and sisters and to pray for mothers and fathers considering abortion.

Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft: Welcoming Special Guests!

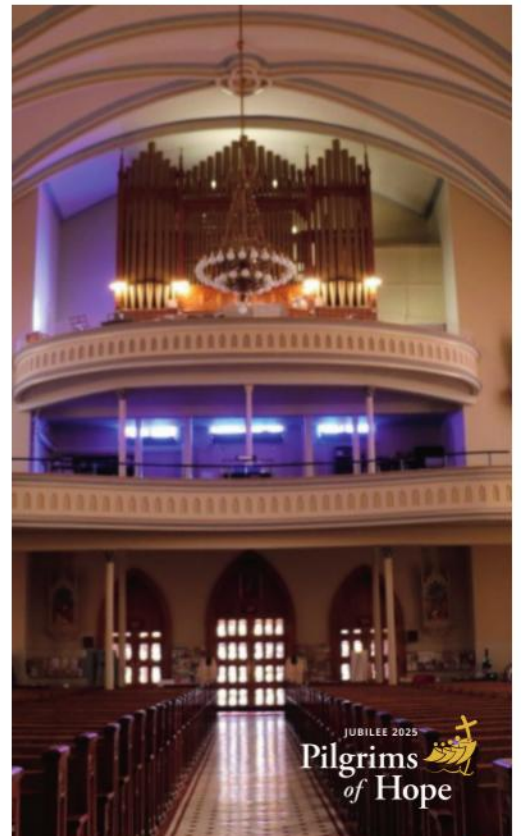
We have some special guests in the loft today! Joining us are Brother John Glasenapp and Brother Gregory Morris, Benedictine monks from St. Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana. Brother John is the Founding Director of the Institute of Sacred Music at St. Meinrad, which has already become one of the country's leading research institutes in Gregorian Chant. They are joined by Sister Jeana Visel from the Monastery of the Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand Indiana.

We also have Professor Margot Fassler, who is a Professor of Music History and Liturgy at the University of Notre Dame. Last night, at the planetarium at the Boonshoft Museum, she presented a light show and surround sound visualization of the music and artwork of Saint Hildegard of Bingen from the Twelfth Century. She is one of the world's leading scholars of the history of music and liturgy in the Church.

We also have Hunter Hensley, a retired Professor of Voice from Eastern Kentucky University. For the last several decades he has traveled the country to learn the vocal technique of Gregorian Chant from the country's top performers and scholars. He has taught at St. Meinrad. He led a small choir of the country's best singers on a tour of the Vatican. This summer, he is hosting a week of singing with the monks of Holy Cross Abbey in Virginia.

Professor Hensley will be singing the Offertory chant for us this morning.

Afterwards, our guests will make their way down the stairs from the choir loft to meet you and your families.



The Marriage Ministry Team of St. Gaspar Family of Parishes
invites you and your spouse or fiancé to a night of



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SAT. MAR. 8 | 6:30 - 9 P.M.

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
149 Franklin St. Dayton

Please arrive at
6:30 to settle children with babysitting in
the church basement. Adoration will begin
at 7 in the Church, led by Deacon Rusty
Baldwin. We will meet afterwards in the
school building for refreshments and
fellowship. Please bring a snack to share.
We hope to see you there!

Babysitting is available at \$4 per child, \$15
family max. RSVP to reserve your spot.

Save the Date for our next social event on
Saturday April 12th!

RSVP to Courtney Mark at marriageuncorked@gmail.com

Come Brunch with Us!

(formerly known as Coffee & Donuts)
@St. Joseph, Sunday, March 9

Join us for brunch Sunday, March 9, in
the Parish Life Center after the 10:30am
Mass. Come celebrate our new
name! Enjoy good food and fellowship!
If you would like to add to the brunch
selection, items can be dropped off
before Mass, starting at 10:00am.

Join the Cleaning Crew

@St. Joseph, Wednesday, March 12

The cleaning crew will be cleaning the
church on Wednesday, March
12. Please consider joining the crew -
additional help is appreciated!

Mass for Healing with Anointing

*@Emmanuel, Friday, March 7
7:30 pm, following Stations of the Cross
at 7:00 pm*

If you are sick, or have been exposed to
the Flu, corona virus, etc., please be sure
to bring & wear a mask.

(Note: we are getting feedback that
zooming the mass is not very audible &
visible, so we will cease offering that
option since the viruses have diminished
& masks are plentiful.)

Knights of Columbus Council 500 Meeting

*@Bainbridge Hall, Tuesday, March 4
from 7:30-9:00 pm*

The monthly council meeting is held on
the first Tuesday of each month
beginning at 7:30 pm. Please contact Sir
Knight Drew Hilgefard, Grand Knight, at
kofc500gk@gmail.com for further
particulars.

First Sunday Brunch

*@Bainbridge Hall, Sunday, March 2
9:00 am—1:00 pm*

Please join us at Bainbridge Hall with
your friends and parishioners for
fellowship and a fabulous
brunch menu prepared by
Key Ingredient Catering.
Cost is \$17.



Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

Ready for something better? Listen to Jesus.

It may be tempting to think of Lent as a spiritual self-help season, a time to give up bad habits, eat better, or exercise. While a healthy lifestyle is important and can have a positive impact on our physical and emotional being, Lent is first and foremost a spiritual season, one in which we are called to re-order our lives so that Christ will be at the center of all we are and do.

Impact this month

Listen to God in prayer.

Listen through fasting, in order to be more attentive to your hunger for God.

Listen by sharing with those who are in need.

Listen by being attentive to your heart and mind throughout this season.

Every one of us has things in our life that need to change: times when we are impatient, selfish, and inwardly focused. And yes, even those bad habits and unhealthy choices can affect our relationship with God and others; unhealthy lifestyle choices are not good stewardship of our body, mind, or spirit.

While it is easy to turn in on ourselves or look outwardly toward others with judgment, the readings this month remind us that there is a better way, one that frees us to be the persons God created us to be. On the mountain as Jesus was transfigured, leaving the disciples in awe, God said, "This is my chosen Son; *listen* to him." This Lent, let us listen to Jesus and learn from him.

Face temptation. Jesus faced temptation by staying focused on and trusting in God and God's ways. When you are tempted to take the easy way out or give up on your resolution entirely, turn to God in prayer knowing that the Lord is ready to guide and strengthen you.

Stand firm. The purpose of the traditional Lenten practice of fasting is to be more keenly aware of our hunger for God. When fasting from food or a favorite treat, be steadfast in your commitment to Jesus and bear the fruit of faith.

Multiply love. Jesus tells us to store goodness in our heart. We must be ready to share the love, mercy, and hope of Christ at all times, in every circumstance.

Focus first on your relationship with the Lord as you make your Lenten resolutions this year. . When we listen prayerfully and change our lives according to God's ways, we are sure to find something better, life filled with light, purpose, and meaning.



The Gospels are truly Good News — the good news of Jesus Christ! The Gospels during Lent spread out before us accounts of Jesus as God-with-Us, encountering people who, like us and all of humanity, are broken and sinful, who fail to bear fruit, who are blind to God’s love and dead to all that love offers.

The First Sunday of Lent always includes an account of Jesus facing temptation in the desert. Jesus holds true to all that he knows is of God. *Do you also reject sin and temptation, staying focused on God and God’s ways?*

On the Second Sunday of Lent, Peter, James and John go to the mountain with Jesus. There, they have a most profound experience of Jesus, who was transfigured before their eyes; they encounter holy ones of Israel’s past; and they hear the voice of God! Pope Francis calls us to be open to an encounter or renewed encounter with Christ’s love, daily! (EG, 2). *What experiences of God’s love have touched your mind, heart, and actions? How are you called to hear the voice of mercy that calls you to reach out to others with God’s love?*

During the third, fourth, and fifth weeks of Lent, two Gospel passages are possible for Sunday Mass, since the Gospel for the celebration of the scrutinies with the Elect who will be initiated at the Easter Vigil are the same from year to year. On March 23 and 30 we hear:

- The parable of the fig tree that does not bear fruit, yet receives the mercy of the gardener;
- The account of the Samaritan woman, who encounters Jesus’ merciful attention at the well and who teaches us about being open to conversion and to sharing the love of Christ with others;
- The story of the son who takes his share of his inheritance before his father has died (imagine that!) and whose father waits for his return, running to him with a joyful and lavish expression of forgiveness and mercy;
- The narrative of the man who is healed of his blindness when everyone around him seems determined to live in darkness rather than embrace Christ’s vision of mercy and love;

How do you experience God’s mercy, forgiveness, compassion, and love, especially when you are least deserving of it? How does faith enlighten your mind and heart so that you are ready to see and respond to God’s love?

Find patience (and hope) in the journey

“Beyond the darkness we glimpse a light: we come to realize that evangelization is sustained by the power flowing from Christ’s cross and resurrection. In this way, we learn to practice a virtue closely linked to hope, namely *patience*. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy one another’s company.



A renewed appreciation of the value of patience could only prove beneficial for ourselves and for others. Saint Paul often speaks of patience in the context of our need for perseverance and confident trust in God’s promises. Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life.

This interplay of hope and patience makes us see clearly that the Christian life is a journey calling for moments of greater intensity to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps towards the goal of our encounter with the Lord Jesus.”

(Spes non confundit, 4, 5)

Our Stewardship

Emmanuel, February 16, 2025

Sunday Collection \$5,384
 SVDP \$538

Holy Trinity, February 16, 2025

Sunday Collection \$2417

Precious Blood, February 16, 2025

Sunday Collection \$4,652
 St. Vincent De Paul \$127

Saint Paul, February 16, 2025

Sunday Collection \$2,711
 St. Vincent de Paul \$15

Saint Joseph, February 16, 2025

Sunday Collection \$7,992
 Charity \$7,098
 Pipe Organ to Date \$167,533

Saint Rita, February 16, 2025

Sunday Collection \$2,624
 St. Vincent De Paul \$70

Online Giving



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



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



St. Joseph
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Prayer Life

As part of our commitment to fostering encounters with Christ, the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes invites all parishioners to deepen their relationship with God through prayer and devotion. Our Encounter Team encourages each of us to set aside time for meaningful prayer, whether in community or personal reflection. Join us for these regular devotional opportunities across our parishes to seek grace, offer intentions, and grow in faith together.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday

11:30 am -12:30 pm · St. Rita

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel

Doors open at Emmanuel 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

12:45 pm · Holy Trinity

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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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 2/20/2025

Veronica Aguilar

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Andy Belt

Andrea Emilia Bernabey

Gary Berthiaume

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Kay Gallihar

Janet Rudy-Gerrard

Jeffrey Glackin

Michael Glackin

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Cammille Hazley

John & Joan Jankowski

Margaret Krisher

Colette Ann Kropp

Donna & Chuck L. & Mother

Baby Emmett Lawson

Tim Lewis

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Barb Mangan

Little Mason

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Mary Lou McDaniels

Liz Medisch

Diane Meier

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Archbishop Dennis Schnurr

Debbie Shively

Victims of the 2 Recent Plane Crashes and Families

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Catherine Winkler

Ann & Jack Wolf

Barbara Wooten & Family

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: for St. Paul parishioners, Jane Marx, Jane and Mary Lou McDaniels. Holy Trinity parishioner Joseph (Joe) Jeckering.

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