

March 9, 2025, First Sunday of Lent



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

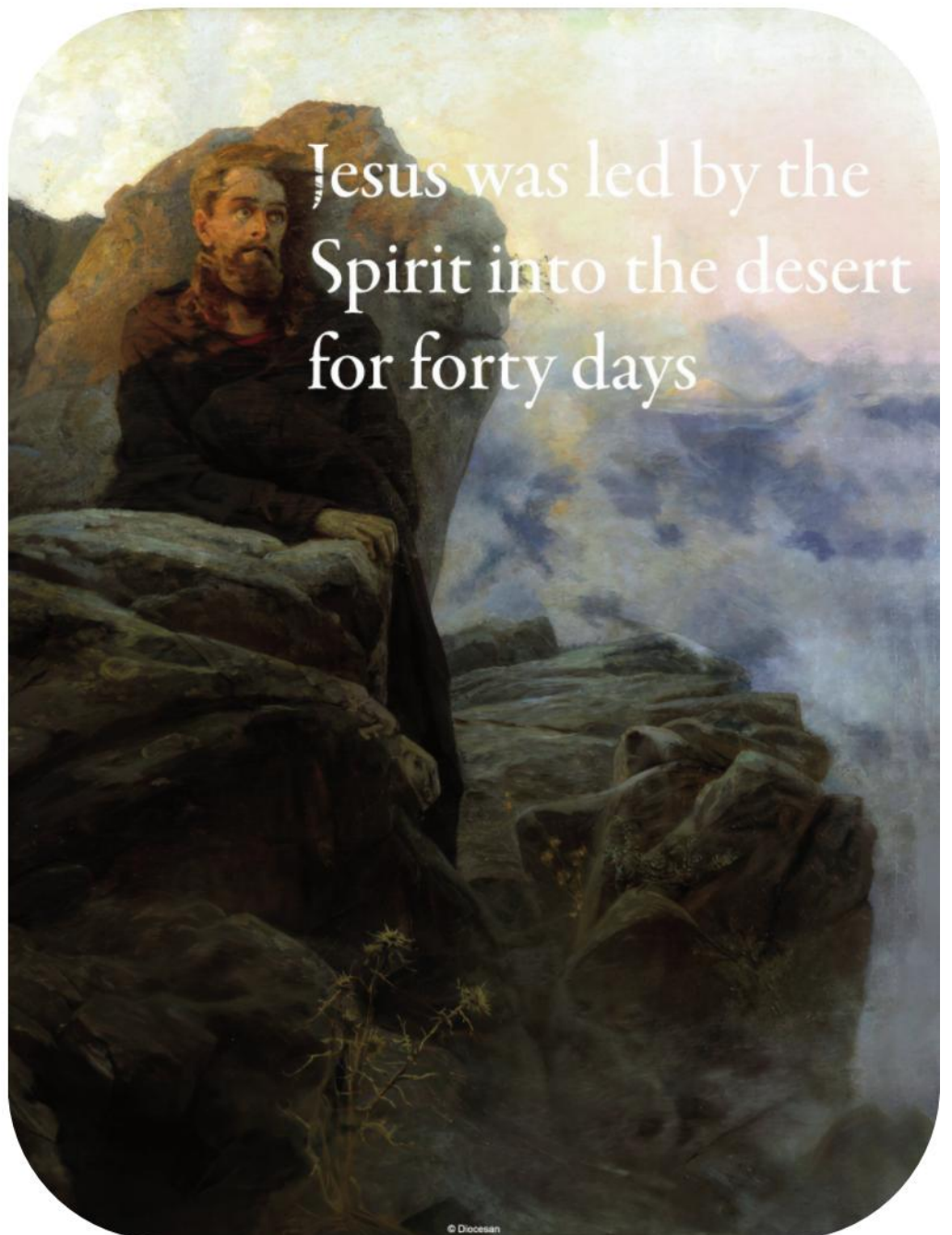
411 East Second Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.9272

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

We are in Lent. It's probably going to get difficult for us now. Each Lent presents its own obstacles and difficulties. I guess that I truly notice these difficulties during this time. It is not whether I fail or succeed in these difficulties, it is whether I take up the cross of this difficulty. A willingness to continue to carry that cross.

I often tell you that Satan is the ruler of this world. Scripture passages talk about that. "The ruler of this world will be cast out." In today's gospel, we see Satan tempting Jesus in the desert.

"The devil said to him,
"I shall give to you all this power and glory;
for it has been handed over to me,
and I may give it to whomever I wish.
All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply,
"It is written
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."

Jesus does not deny that Satan has power in this world. Sure, the world is beautiful and it is created by God but it is wild, dangerous, and evil also.

So you and I are living in the world that is ruled by Satan. If you're baptized, you're an enemy of Satan. He's coming after you. Please, please do not dismiss this understanding.

**Satan wants to destroy you.
He despises you.
Who can help you? Jesus.**

You are not a match for Satan. Your own intellect and strength will not conquer Satan. Only the power of Jesus can save you against evil. This is the quandary we are in. If you do not draw close to Jesus, you will eventually draw close to evil. It's one or the other. You're going to serve somebody in this world. It might be the devil, it might be the Lord, but you're going to serve somebody.

I beg you, draw close to Jesus during this lent. You will not regret it. You will find out how weak you are but that is not a loss. Just keep drawing close to Jesus.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. Amen.

Fr. Tony Fortman

Welcome

@St. Joseph

Newly Baptized: Noah Thomas Ostendorf, child of Brian & Emily Ostendorf

We joyfully welcome those baptized this week into the family of God and our parish community. May the grace of baptism strengthen them and their families as they grow in faith. Please join us in praying for Noah and his family as they embark on this beautiful journey of faith.



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 10, 2025

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Geraldine Slattery
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** For Pope Francis Good Health

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Joe Barcinas
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Jim Pattit

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Merlin Triplett
 8:30 am **St. Paul** Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Robert Obach

Thursday, March 13, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Anthony Rocco
 8:30 am **St. Paul** †Lucille & Matt Heck
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Tom Zimmerman

Friday, March 14, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** Liv/Dec. Members of the Bernhard Family
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †William & JoAnn Penno
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** Steve Shampton, Hudson & Everett Shampton

Saturday, March 15, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** Liv/Dec Members of the Weixelman/Muckenthaler Family
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Christine Durr
 4:30 pm **St. Joseph** †Susan Smith
 4:30 pm **Precious Blood** †Alfred Ferguson
 5:00 pm **Emmanuel** For Our Parishioners

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Magdalene Moorman
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Winifred Ferguson
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Mary Dexter
 10:30 am **Emmanuel** †Craig Hathaway
 10:30 am **St. Joseph** For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am **St. Paul** For Our Parishioners

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 9, 2025

Monday	Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

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 10, 2025

Chair One Fitness

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

Walk with Mary (there is still time to join)

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

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

PrayerMates: Stations and Lenten Practices

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood/Church

Soup & Stations

6:30-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Church & Mtg. Room

Encyclical Book Read

6:30-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Lunch with the Lord

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

Stations of the Cross

After Noon Mass · St. Joseph/Church

Catholic Life/OCIA

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

Lenten Mission: The Last Supper Teachings

6:45-9:00 pm · St. Joseph/Parish Center

Thursday, March 13, 2025

Fr. Patrick Gonyeau Meet and Greet

After Noon Mass · St. Joseph/Parish Center

Splendor of Truth Book Read

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

Lenten Mission: The Last Supper Teachings

6:45-9:00 pm · St. Joseph/Parish Center

Friday, March 14, 2025

Friday Hour

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

Knights of Columbus Drive-Thru Fish Fry

5:30-7:00 pm · St. Paul/Parking Lot

Saturday, March 15, 2025

CCD

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/School

Good News! Bible Study

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

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Children's Faith Formation

9:45-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin Date: March 23, 2025

Articles Due: March 13, 2025

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

St. Gaspar Highlights

Dignity in Life & Death Catholic Teaching on End-of-Life Care With Bob Wurzelbacher

@St. Joseph Parish Center, Saturday

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.

Stations of the Cross

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

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.



PrayerMates Tuesday evening Adult Faith Formation includes prayer and group discussion. You are welcome to join PrayerMates for Stations this Lenten season if you prefer a small group experience. They meet at 7:00 pm at Precious Blood.

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



A Special Meet and Greet has been planned with Fr. Pat for Thursday, March 13 at St. Joseph Parish Center after the Noon Mass. Everyone is welcome, and bring your lunch if you would like.

Meeting the Implementation Team Part III

Strengthening Unity in the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes



Unity Priority: *To foster a cohesive St. Gaspar Family of Parishes that welcomes all ages and stages of faith by extending grace and acceptance to all. What does this priority mean? Each of our six parishes has a unique identity. It is our hope that by working together, these identities will continue to prosper and flourish.*

Representatives of the Unity Priority:

Priority Leader: Joe Hurr, Business Manager for Precious Blood, St. Paul, St. Rita

Goal Leader: Charlie Gross, Emmanuel

Goal Leaders: Leslie and Richard Iannarino, Holy Trinity

Goal: By July 2026, create a sense of belonging for all ages in a supportive, encouraging, and welcoming atmosphere by scheduling six faith and fellowship events, rotating locations throughout the year, using all our family facilities.

For this goal, we are working on promoting some of the events already taking place within our St. Gaspar Family: Trinity Sunday at Holy Trinity with Mass and fellowship after Mass and Corpus Christi Vigil Mass at Emmanuel with street decorating during the day (both in June); St. Gaspar Family picnic at St. Paul's in August; St. Joe's Street Party preceded by Eucharistic procession and benediction (date TBD); Precious Blood 75 th Anniversary in November. Other events are being considered but no information is available at this time.

Goal: By the end of November 2025, define and unify appropriate ministries to strengthen our Christian service and outreach to our St. Gaspar family and the community. Currently we have a St. Gaspar Right to Life Ministry with representatives from different parishes. There are two St. Vincent DePaul conferences that each serve communities in their areas, one north and one south. We will continue to explore more opportunities for ministries to work together in our St. Gaspar Family.

This all takes a team, members from all parishes. If you are interested in helping us promote, volunteer, work with those already planning these events, and brainstorm new ideas, please contact us.

Leslie Iannarino – leslieiannarino@hotmail.com; 937-901-5468

Rick Iannarino – riannarino@woh.rr.com; 937-620-3719

Charlie Gross – charlie@ferndaleconsulting.com; 937-239-3298

Pictured above from left to right: Charles Gross, Leslie Iannarino and Rick Iannarino.



Knights of Columbus

Drive-Thru

Friday Night Lenten Dinners

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

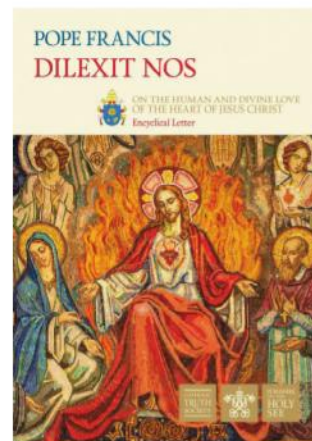
The Knights will offer Friday night drive-thru dinners of fried fish, french fries and coleslaw during Lent.

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

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.

From Shamrocks to St. Joseph's Table: A March of Feasts



The Feast of St. Joseph is being celebrated in special ways at both Emmanuel and St. Joseph Churches. Join us for these meaningful traditions!

@Emmanuel, Sunday, March 16, after 10:30 am Mass

We will have blessed bread available for families to take home after Mass.

After Mass we will also have a St. Joseph's Table in the school building.

We are asking people to bring a dish to share: fruit, veggies, a brunch item, bread, muffins, or an Italian dish and a non perishable item for SVDP

@St. Joseph Church, Wednesday, March 19, after Noon Mass

You are invited to join us for the celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day at our Noon Mass with the Blessing of St. Joseph's Table. Bread will be distributed after Mass.

The tradition of the "St. Joseph Table" of food ("la tavola di San Giuseppe") has its origins in Sicily. Legends from the Middle Ages attributed the end of a devastating drought to a prayer-devotion that the Sicilian people made to St. Joseph. This celebration is a symbolic "thank you" and renewal of the Sicilian people's devotion to St. Joseph. It is a shared celebration with the entire community where the riches of food are given as alms to the poor:

Traditional etiquette is that no one can be turned away from this table.

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!



Saint of the Month Initiative

The Faith Formation Committee is launching a *Saint of the Month* initiative to help parishioners—both children and adults—engage more deeply with the lives of the saints. Each month, a different saint will be highlighted through classroom materials, parish communications, and events like Donut Sunday. Prayer cards will also be available to encourage devotion. Over time, we hope to introduce lesser-known saints to expand our faith and knowledge of these incredible role models. Stay tuned for more ways to participate in this exciting new effort!



Spend some time with our Lord this Lent

There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays during Lent at St. Joseph Church following the Noon Mass until 4:00pm.

There will be private meditation as well as occasional group prayer as follows:

- 12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Rosary
- 2:00 Seven Offerings of the Most Precious Blood
- 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayer to the Divine Mercy
- 3:30 Rosary - Sorrowful Mysteries
- 3:50 Benediction followed by opportunity for Confession

Come for an hour, or just drop in for a few minutes whenever you can for personal prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

He'll be waiting for you.

Music News

Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

Perhaps you recall that there are four Marian antiphons which are proper to specific liturgical seasons. These include "Salve Regina" used in Ordinary Time between Easter and Advent; "Alma Redemptoris Mater" from Advent to Candlemas; and "Regina Coeli" at Eastertide. We begin our Lent this week with the beautiful "Ave Regina Caelorum" from the 13th century: "Hail, O Queen of the heavens. Hail, O Lady of the angels. Hail, the root of Jesse, and the portal from which the world's true Light is risen. Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, O fairest of all creatures. Farewell, O most lovely one; pray for us to Christ, our Savior."

Music Scholarship

Dear Emmanuel parishioners, do you or your child sing or play an instrument? Would you like to use that talent to support the music program here? You may be just the person to apply for one of the scholarships offered by the Emmanuel Music Fund! Two winners will be chosen to receive \$300 each toward private music lessons. Application forms for 2025 with all the details may be found on the tables in the back of church or downloaded from emmanuelcatholic.com. Contact Michelle Carner, Music Director, at 937-478-4097 or at michelle@carners.com with any questions.

Almsgiving at Holy Trinity

Two Good Causes

This year our Almsgiving Projects are for the Good Neighbor House and the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl effort.



Good Neighbor House

The Good Neighbor House located on E. First Street in downtown Dayton is committed to making a difference in the

lives of people who need a helping hand and the under-served in our community.

Their wish list includes:

- Stickers for Children
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Snack Packages: Nuts, fruit cups, crackers, chips, cookies, granola bars
- Copy paper
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Manual Can openers
- 12-16-gallon trash bags



CRS Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. The simple cardboard boxes are in the back of church to collect Lenten alms. It comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families throughout the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections, stories and opportunities to put alms in their rice bowl. **Please return boxes with donations by April 13.**

Come Brunch with Us!

(formerly known as Coffee & Donuts)

@St. Joseph, Sunday, March 9

Join us for brunch this Sunday, 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!

Pick Up Your Envelopes!

From Holy Trinity

Please pick up your Offertory Envelopes from the back of church by March 20. After that, they can be picked up at the Church Office. If you do not need your envelopes, please let us know. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus

Open House

@Bainbridge Hall, Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 pm

Attention St. Gaspar Family of Parishes men: Join us on March 18th for our open house! Come experience what it means to be a Brother Knight.

Open to all Catholic men 18 years of age and older

Bring your son, brother, father, neighbor, friend

Presentations will start with prayer around 7:00 pm

Learn from our members what we do in the community and surrounding areas

Presentations will end in prayer around 8:00 pm

Also on the agenda is a 50/50 cash raffle, food, and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you there!



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Knights of Columbus

St. Gaspar Youth Ministry

Praisefest

@St. Joseph Church, Friday, March 21, from 7:00-10:00 pm

Praisefest is an evening of adoration, prayer, confession, and fellowship for teens ages 13 through high school seniors. Please contact Nicole Bartz with any questions at 937-956-8999.

First Communion Retreat

With the Children of Mary

@Emmanuel, Saturday, March 22

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

For First Communicants and their parents from Emmanuel, St. Joseph and Holy Trinity.

For more info:

Tanya Lee 937-228-2013 or
michaelllee25mel@gmail.com



RSVP using the QR code.

SKATE WORLD - KETTERING
ROLLER SKATING PARTY

FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12

SUN MAR 30 | **5-8 PM**
\$16 FOR RENTAL, UNLIMITED PIZZA, DRINK, \$2 ARCADE BUCKS

Lenten
SERVICE PROJECT

The Children's Faith Formation Program will be making Easter baskets for the St. Vincent De Paul food pantry to distribute. Donations can be brought to class on Sunday mornings and given to the teachers. The last Sunday to bring in donations is April 13th.

Items needed: Candy, small toys such as coloring books, crayons, yo-yos, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, Easter Baskets, etc. (We will put items together in baskets.)

Questions- ask Erica
erudemiller@preciousbloodchurch.org
937-836-7535 ext 2008

John Paul's
Croupe Presents...

Irving Berlin's

White Christmas

March 13 2:00pm
March 14-15 6:00pm

Dave Finkelman Auditorium
Middletown, OH

St. Gaspar Respect Life Group



Whose Body?

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

The second category of pro-abortion arguments is "A Woman Has a Right to Control her Own Body". Indeed, we all have this right, as long as we do not abuse that right to harm other people. You cannot swing your fist to hit someone in the nose. You cannot falsely cry "fire" in a crowded theater. Basic biology and human embryology demonstrate that an unborn child is just as human and just as alive as his or her mother. From the moment of fertilization, the genetic code for the baby's hair and eye color, height, and many other physical characteristics are set – features which often differ from that of the mother. Abortion doesn't kill a part of the mother – abortion kills a separate human being, her baby. See *When They Say . . . You Say*, p.11, available in Emmanuel pro-life pamphlet rack or online at: nrlc.org/uploads/WhenTheySayPacket.pdf.



FAQ

- **I thought Ohio is a pro-life state?** Because of the passage of Issue 1, Nov 2023, abortion is now protected up to 21 weeks and 6 days of pregnancy in our state constitution. However, the amendment allows abortion at any stage of pregnancy if a doctor [aka the abortionist] determines that the patient's health or life is at risk.
- **Is it too late to do something about this problem?** NO, it is never too late to do the right thing - the loving thing. God uses our prayers no matter the situation. BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS.
- **Do I have to make contact with those going in or out of the abortion facility?** No, the focus is a prayerful witness. However, there are training opportunities on how to engage in a compassionate loving way those entering or leaving the abortion facility.
- **How do I sign up to pray?** Go to 40daysforlife.com/Dayton. You will find a calendar where you can sign up to pray any day and any time from 7AM to 7PM during the 40-Day Vigil (March 5-April 13).
- **Can I bring a friend:** Absolutely! Extend a personal invite to others among your family, friends, church, organization or neighborhood. Offer to pray with anyone who is new to praying on the sidewalk.
- **I feel unqualified.** Then you are PERFECT for the mission. God has already qualified you. He has placed within you the desire to be a blessing to babies, moms, dads and those in the abortion building.
- **Are there any other ways I can help?** YES! Learn volunteer opportunities one of our local pregnancy resource centers: Elizabeth New Life Centers (937-226-7414), or Hope Rising (937)250-6548) or at Dayton Right to Life (937-461-3625). Ask God to direct your path.

Whether this is your first time praying or you are a veteran, your **presence** on the sidewalks **makes a difference**. Those who have prayed often are there to help those who are praying for the first time – **you are not alone**.



Our Stewardship

Emmanuel, February 23, 2025

Sunday Collection \$4,773
SVDP \$477

Holy Trinity, February 23, 2025

Sunday Collection \$1,924

Precious Blood, , February 23, 2025

Sunday Collection \$4,107
St. Vincent De Paul \$305
Electronic Giving Feb. \$5,789

Saint Paul, February 23, 2025

Sunday Collection \$3,630
St. Vincent de Paul..... \$586
Electronic Giving Feb. \$4,154

Saint Joseph, February 23, 2025

Sunday Collection \$6,309
Charity \$252
Pipe Organ to Date \$167,908

Saint Rita, February 23, 2025

Sunday Collection \$4,497
St. Vincent De Paul \$375
Electronic Giving Feb. \$920

Online Giving



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



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



St. Joseph
[members.myeoffering.com/
#/landing](https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing)



Emmanuel
[osvhub.com/
emmanuelchurch/giving/
funds](https://osvhub.com/emmanuelchurch/giving/funds)

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)

Family Rosary and Potluck Twice a Month in our Family of Parishes

@Precious Blood, Sunday, March 9

@St. Joseph, Sunday, March 23

Join us for our Family Rosary and Potluck, a wonderful opportunity for prayer and fellowship! We gather at Precious Blood on the second Sunday of each month and at St. Joseph on the fourth Sunday. The evening begins with the Rosary, followed by a shared meal. We provide fried chicken and drinks. just bring a side dish or dessert to share.

All are welcome to come together in faith and community!



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.

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

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

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 3/3/2025

Veronica Aguilar
Darryl Allen
Andy Belt
Ron Patty Boeckerman
Ken Brown
Sheila Buerhle & Family
Betty Chase
John D'Agostino & Family
Marty DeMange
Dodie
Fran Franchina
Kay Gallihar
Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Jeffrey Glackin
Michael Glackin
O'Dell & Shari Graves
Carol & John Hargraves
Sean & Nancy Hathaway

Camille Hazley
John & Joan Jankowski
Colette Ann Kropp
Donna & Chuck L. & Mother
Tim Lewis
Amy Michel Magan & Family
Mary Jane Masten
Diane Meier
Nancy N. & Family
Ron & Family
Kori & Mike Schnieder
Archbishop Dennis Schnurr
Debbie Shively
Victims of the 2 Recent Plane Crashes
and Families
Nancy Weisner
Catherine Winkler
Ann & Jack Wolf
Barbara Wooten & Family

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: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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