

February 23, 2025, Seventh 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

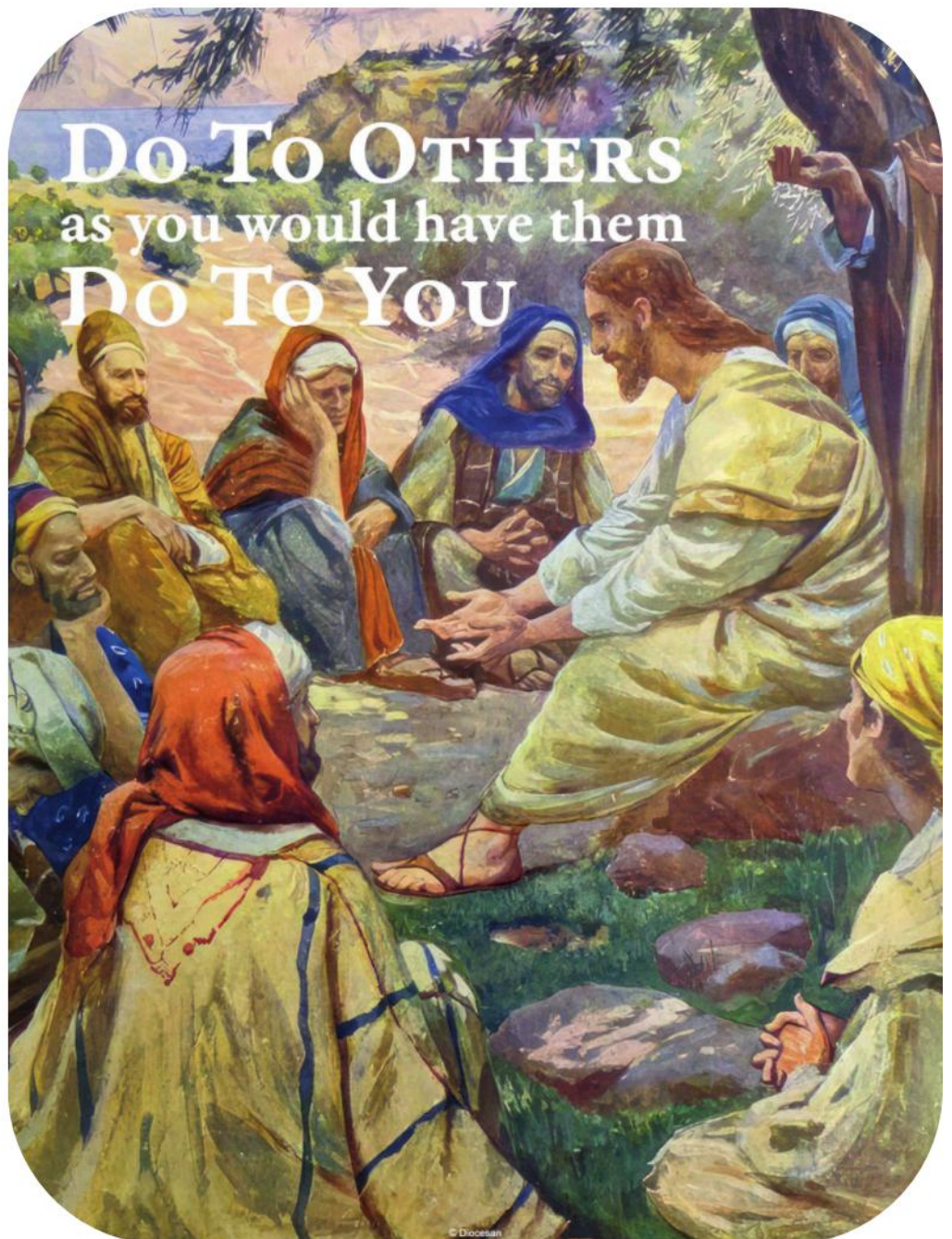
411 East Second Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.9272

Saint Paul

1000 W. Wenger Road
Englewood, OH 45322
937.836.7535

Saint Rita

5401 N. Main Street
Dayton, OH 45415
937.278.5815





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.



Guided by Faith

A Series on the Four Priorities Shaping Our Family of Parishes

The first article in this series features the Encounter Team. This team will develop a plan for members of our St. Gaspar Family of Parishes to discover and embrace a lifelong, loving relationship with Jesus.

The St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Implementation Team is excited to share updates on our Pastoral Priority Plan as we continue our journey together. This is the first in a series that will introduce our teams, reintroduce the priorities and provide an update on the progress the teams are making.

Begin with the Rosary

To launch our efforts the Encounter Team encourages you to begin communal Rosary prayer before Sunday Mass at each of our Family of Parishes. Here we learn about the life of Jesus through the mysteries of the Rosary. Blessed rosaries are available in the vestibule for those who may need one. We invite you to join us in celebrating our Lord through prayer and encourage you to make daily prayer and scripture study a part of your life.

Please refer to the bulletin for more details on this initiative and future opportunities for spiritual growth. The Devotionals Schedule is on page 12. If you would like to ask a question, or get involved with the Encounter Team, call Matt Ruttle at 937-278-5815 or email: mruttle@preciousbloodchurch.org. You can also submit feedback online at stgasparfamily.org.

Look for future bulletins to feature the work our Implementation Team is doing on the four priorities of the Pastoral Priority Plan:

- Encounter
- Unity
- Faith Formation and Education
- Communication

The Encounter Team is pictured from left to right: Brenda Kosir, Matt Ruttle, Michele Stoltz. a full list of Implementation Team Members see page 3.

Welcome

Newly Registered

@St. Joseph

Jeff & Mary Ann Smith

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, February 24, 2025

7:30 amHoly Trinity Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 amPrecious Blood Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

7:30 amHoly Trinity Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 amSt. Rita Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Dwayne Durr

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

7:30 amEmmanuel Family of Eleanor McBride
 8:30 amSt. Paul †Leo Streacker
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Albine Gjondrekaj

Thursday, February 27, 2025

7:30 amEmmanuel Liv/Dec members of the Beda & Rosa Hill Family
 8:30 amSt. Paul Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Sam Bitonti

Friday, February 28, 2025

7:30 amEmmanuel †Jerry/Jeanine Lochtefeld
 8:30 amPrecious Blood Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Joan Sprowl

Saturday, March 1, 2025

7:30 amEmmanuel †All Unborn Children and their Families
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph Int. of Cecilia Madison
 4:30 pmSt. Joseph For Our Parishioners
 4:30 pmPrecious Blood For Our Parishioners
 5:00 pmEmmanuel For Our Parishioners

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:30 amHoly Trinity †Alfre Ferguson
 8:30 amPrecious Blood For Our Parishioners
 8:30 amSt. Rita †Laura Keefe
 10:30 amEmmanuel †William & Julia Baumann
 10:30 amSt. Joseph †Angela MaCarthy
 10:30 amSt. Paul †Frances & Gladys De Brosse

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 February 23, 2025

Monday	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday	Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday	Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Implementation Team

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

Encounter

Brenda Kosir – St. Joseph
 Matt Ruttie – 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, February 24, 2025

Chair One Fitness Program

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

New Session through March 7

Our Lady of the Precious Blood Group

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

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Prayer Mates Sacred Reading

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

Bible Study: The Fountain of Youth

7:00-8:30 pm · St. Joseph/Parish Center

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Lunch with the Lord

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

Combined Councils Meeting

6:00-8:00 pm · St. Joseph/Parish Center

Catholic Life

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

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Splendor of Truth Book Read

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

Friday, February 28, 2025

Friday Hour

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

Fish Fry and Monte Carlo Night

6:00-10:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Saturday, March 1, 2025

CCD

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/School

Good News! Bible Study

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

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Children's Faith Formation

9:45-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Extended Hours at Emmanuel

Emmanuel is one of three Archdiocese of Cincinnati sites for the 2025 Jubilee, with extended pilgrimage hours.

Extended Weekday Hours:

Emmanuel Church will be open for 1 hour after each weekday Mass.

Extended Weekend Hours:

Emmanuel Church will be open for 2 hours prior to each weekend Mass.

Tours can be scheduled by contacting Deacon Rusty Baldwin: deaconrobaldwin@gmail.com

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin Date: March 9, 2025

Articles Due: February 28, 2025

St. Gaspar News



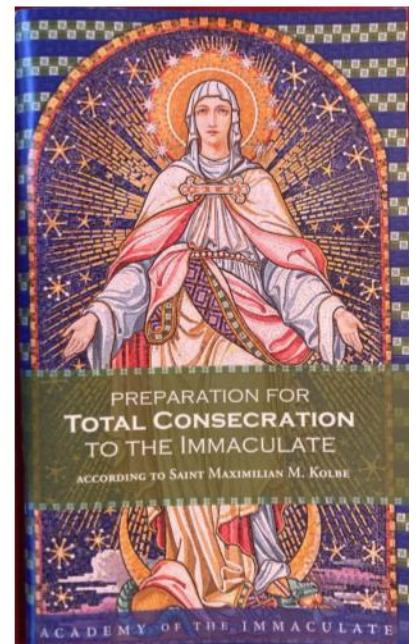
Walk with Mary this Lent

Join us for a Five Week Series!

@Precious Blood, Monday, March 3 - Monday, April 7, 7:30 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 Knebliek 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.

Through prayer and reflection, we will walk with Mary as she accompanies her Son to Calvary, embracing her sorrow and love. This Lenten journey invites us to deepen our relationship with Mary, who, as our spiritual Mother, leads us closer to Jesus. Becoming a child of Mary is a profound gift given by our Lord at Calvary. 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).



LENT

Fast + Pray + Give



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

Soup and Stations

@St. Paul, Tuesday evenings from 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.

Soup and Salvation

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

A soup supper is served once a month during Lent in the school before Friday night stations.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

St. Rita	April 8, after 8:30 am Mass
Precious Blood	April 10, 6:00 pm <i>Communal Penance Service</i>
Emmanuel	April 15, 6:30 pm <i>Communal Penance Service</i>

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. This devotion, which commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ, invites us to walk with Him on His journey from condemnation to the cross and His burial. The Stations of the Cross will be held weekly during Lent at the following parishes:

Emmanuel Church, Friday evenings beginning Friday, March 7, through Friday, April 11 (Living Stations, March 21)

St. Joseph Church, Wednesdays after Noon Mass beginning March 12

St. Paul Church, Tuesday evenings, beginning March 11, at 6:30 pm, followed by a soup supper

Each station reflects on a specific moment of Christ's suffering, from His condemnation by Pontius Pilate to His crucifixion and burial. This powerful devotion allows us to reflect on Christ's immense sacrifice, fostering repentance, gratitude, and spiritual growth during the season of Lent. We encourage all parishioners to join us in this solemn and prayerful journey as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. Walking the Stations of the Cross during Lent is particularly significant because Lent is a season of penance, reflection, and preparation for Easter. By meditating on Christ's suffering and sacrifice, Catholics are invited to reflect on their own lives, repent from sin, and grow closer to God. The devotion helps believers deepen their gratitude for Christ's ultimate sacrifice and strengthen their resolve to live according to His teachings.

Information on our First Lenten Mission in our Family of Parishes is on the following page.

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



SAINT GASPAR • FAMILY OF PARISHES

From the St. Gaspar Respect Life Group



March 5 - April 13 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**®

HELP SAVE LIVES IN DAYTON!

You can protect mothers and children:

- Join this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!
- Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!
- **With God's help**, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:
 - ✓ Over **25,000** saved babies
 - ✓ More than **150** closed facilities
 - ✓ More than **250** converted workers

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

How to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location:

Dayton Surgical Center of Planned Parenthood
Southwest Ohio (**see back)
1401 E. Stroop Rd, Kettering, OH

Vigil hours: 7AM to 7PM daily

Local contact: Jenny Belokonny

jkony1@gmail.com or 937-380-2229

Spring 2025 Events

Opening Rally – Sunday, March 2 @2PM

Featured Speaker: Jenny Shoup

Closing Rally – Sunday, April 6 @2PM

Featured Speakers: Suzanne and Rachel Guy

For more information and sign up to pray visit

40daysforlife.com/Dayton



Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph

Family Rosary and Potluck

@St. Joseph, Sunday, February 23, from 5:00-6:30 pm

The evening begins with the Rosary, followed by food and fellowship, making it a wonderful opportunity for families to come together in prayer and community. We provide fried chicken and drinks, and we invite you to bring casseroles, salads, and desserts to share. It's a perfect way to end your weekend with spiritual nourishment and quality family time.



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

Bible Study

Confession:

The Only Key to Living Forever

@St. Joseph, Tuesday, February 25, from 7:00-8:30 pm

This is the second offering for this one-time Bible Study in our Family of Parishes. "The Fountain of Youth: Confession: The Only Key to Living Forever" is a book by Dave Durand that offers a refreshing perspective on the Sacrament of Confession. The author shares insights into the often overlooked power of this sacrament, highlighting benefits such as reduced anxiety, emotional relief from sin, clearer thinking, increased energy to live one's faith, and heightened anticipation of heaven.

Deacon Brian Seibert and Fr. Jim Gaynor, C.P.P.S, will lead this engaging study. This study will include a free copy of Dave Durand's book.

Who Should Attend:

Open to everyone. Don't miss this chance to deepen your faith and prepare for Lent with fellow parishioners.

Please RSVP to St. Paul Parish at 937-836-7535.

The Emmanuel SVdP Conference

Could use your help with the following nonperishable grocery items for our monthly choice food pantry:

Green Beans
Tuna
Canned Chicken
Hamburger Helper
Pasta Sauce
Chicken Noodle Soup
Chicken & Rice Soup
Manwich
Mandarin Oranges
Paper towels
Toilet Paper

Donations of underwear (larger sizes) are also appreciated.

Please leave items in the SVdP box in the back of your parish.

We "THANK YOU!" for your continued support!!

Catholic Teaching on End of Life Care

Saturday, March 22, 2025

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

Join us for a presentation on Catholic Teaching on End-Of Life Care by Bob Wurzelbacher, Director of the Office for Respect Life Ministries for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Watch upcoming bulletins for further details.

Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph

Knights of Columbus Council 500 Monthly 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 Hilgeford, Grand Knight, at kofc500gk@gmail.com for further particulars.

Dayton Council #500 has been serving the downtown Dayton and surrounding area Catholic parishes since 1900. New members are welcome to join us in the council's 125th anniversary year as we continue our mission of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Dayton Council #500 is a proud and devoted sponsor of the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes bulletin. Vivat Jesus!

Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

This week, the St. Romanos Choir brings us a setting of Psalm 119:33: "Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statues, and I shall keep it unto the end." This lovely choral work was originally composed by Thomas Attwood, an English musician who studied under Mozart and held several high positions, including organist for George IV's private chapel. Our arrangement is edited by renowned American organist and liturgical music composer Gerald Near (b. 1942).



Thank you so much!

The members of the Emmanuel St. Vincent de Paul Conference
thank each and everyone who made our
11th Annual Fish/Sausage Fundraiser Dinner and Cash Raffle
a great success!

The real winners of the evening are our neighbors
whom we will be able to assist more generously with basic human needs
such as rent, utilities, furniture, appliances and food.

Should you feel so moved to participate in any aspect of our mission
to help the less fortunate in the downtown 45402 area,
we would be pleased to answer any of your questions.
Call Bill Burkhart, Conference President, at 937-672-8442
or join us at one of our conference meetings
held at 6:30 pm the second Monday of each month at the St. Joseph Parish
Center.



A New Nativity for Generations to Come Fundraiser Beginning for a New Emmanuel Nativity Set!

Our Nativity set at Emmanuel is beautiful but it is, in fact, different sets that have been combined over the years and at more than 40 years old, is showing its age. This year three fingers on Baby Jesus' left hand broke off and one of the kings is no longer usable at all. Other pieces are becoming more and more brittle and fragile. To this end, we are starting a fundraiser so that we can have a new Nativity ready for Christmas 2025. The new Nativity will have all the same figures with the addition (given enough donations) of an elephant and an elephant driver!

The new Nativity will be from the Demetz Art Studio of Italy. The Demetz Art Studio provided the stunning life-size nativity set for St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Our Nativity will be the same scale as our current set (with 30" figures) so that it will fit in the same space we use every year on the Sacred Heart of Jesus side of the sanctuary. Figures will be hand-painted and made of sturdy fiberglass. Fiberglass is more durable than our current ceramic set which means it will last for many, many years. Additionally, the figures will be individually packaged and stored in boxes with form fitting foam to protect them in storage and while moving them back and forth from the basement.

Total Cost \$29,400

A display with photos of the individual pieces is currently in the back area of the church with an itemized list of costs. The total cost of the Nativity as proposed is \$29,400. A price increase is expected in August so we hope to order soon!

How to Donate

Envelopes for donations specifically for the Nativity will be near the display. You can also simply put "Emmanuel Nativity 2025" on the memo line on your check. All levels of donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita



Adults Age 21 and older

From 6:00 to 10:00 pm in Pilliod Hall

Tickets are \$20 each (Eat-In) and \$15 each (Carry-out)

Carry-outs are only from 5:30 to 6:00 PM

Menu:

North Atlantic Cod Fish Loin from King Kold Meats, Sausage from Winner's Meats in Greenville, OH

- Coleslaw
- Baked Beans
- French Fries
- Sauerkraut

Home made cookies from Cookie Connection parishioners!

Games of Chance beginning at 6:30 pm: Horse Race, Black Jack and Showdown

Raffles: Prize Raffle, 50/50 Raffle and Booze Raffle

Come support one of the major fund-raisers to help St. Paul Parish educational programs, community, outreach/food pantry and building upkeep. Tickets for sale after Mass and at St. Paul Parish Office (937-836-7535) and from St. Paul Fish Fry Committee Members: Kathy Wirrig, Mark Casdorff, Barb Franz, Beth Langenkamp, Julie Borger and Linh Nguyen.

SIMPLY give

together, we can help end
hunger in our community.

**double match day
March 1**

On **double match days**, Meijer will match each \$10 Simply Give card contribution up to a maximum Meijer donation of \$10,000 per pantry/campaign.

Pick up \$10 donation cards at your local Meijer:

Englewood Meijer

to provide food to families in your community at:

SVDP NW Dayton Food Pantry

meijer

visit meijercommunity.com for more details

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Knights of Columbus Drive-Through

Friday Night Lenten Dinners

@St. Paul, March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 4 & 11

5:30 PM - 7:00 pm

The Knights will offer Friday night drive-through dinners of fried fish, French fries and coleslaw slaw during Lent. The cost is \$12 each plate, additional pieces of fish can be purchased. Credit Cards are accepted.

Encyclical Letter Read, Dilexit Nos

@St. Paul, Begins March 11

following Soup and Stations (see page 5)

Fr. Gaynor will lead this letter read following Soup and Stations at St. Paul. Stations begin at 6:30 pm, followed by a soup supper. "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.

St. Vincent De Paul, NW Dayton Conference



St. Vincent de Paul 3rd & 4th Quarters Newsletter

The St. Rita, St. Paul and Precious Blood Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

We serve our neighbors in the Northwest Dayton Region.

Do you want to help us help others?

*Use your monthly SVDP envelope

*Join our conference
Contact Becky Chestnut
937-307-7721

*Donate items for our

Food Pantry:

Body Wash

Cleaning Supplies

Deodorant

Laundry Pods

Mouthwash

Shampoo & Conditioner

Shaving Cream

Shaving Razors

Toilet Paper

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

None of what we do would be possible without the generosity of the parishioners of St. Rita, St. Paul and Precious Blood parishes. Thank you so much.

May God bless you richly!

LONG OVERDUE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

A sincere thank you is extended to the members of the Peace Makers and the students at Mother Brunner Catholic School who collected cereal for the Northwest Dayton Food Pantry in December. The students donated about 300 boxes of cereal for distribution to families, who received a Christmas Basket from our food pantry. This simple Act of Kindness gave our clients a healthy start to their day!

DOUBLE MATCH DAY COMING UP

During the Winter *Simply Give* Campaign, the purchase of *Simply Give* donation cards will be double-matched by Meijer on Saturday, March 1. Please support this hunger relief effort by purchasing a \$10 *Simply Give* card at checkout lanes on this date, and Meijer will donate \$20 to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Cards are available at St. Rita, St. Paul, and Precious Blood Churches. After all Masses on Feb. 22 and 23, members of our Conference will be at the doors of church with *Simply Give* cards to take to Meijer and purchase on March 1. *If you are not a Meijer shopper, you may donate to these members, who will purchase for you. Cards are always available at the entrance of church and at the checkout lanes at Meier Englewood.*

FILL THE HOUSE

Imagine finally finding affordable housing after staying in the SVDP shelter with your children, only to have nothing but the clothes you brought with you. Each week, we receive up to 100 calls for help with rent, utilities, and basic necessities. During Home Visits, we often find families in empty apartments without even a bed, chair, or kitchen supplies. Thanks to your generous donations, our Fill the House Ministry provides essential household items to help these families start fresh. Our supplies are now low, and we need your help again. We are requesting new pillows, lamps, kitchen and bathroom waste cans, laundry baskets, plastic hangers, everyday dishes (no china), and twin-size sheet sets. Donations can be left in the bins at St. Rita, St. Paul, and Precious Blood. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

BY THE NUMBERS

During the third quarter of 2024, we assisted our neighbors in need with:

- Over \$14,897.60 in rental assistance given to keep 53 families in their homes;
- More than \$18,254.32 in assistance given in order to keep 114 families' utilities and water on
- Over \$2,389.00 worth of furniture given to 11 families in order to improve our neighbors' quality of life

We also gave food to people from 232 households, feeding 218 seniors, 302 adults and 228 children through our food pantry.

During the fourth quarter of 2024, we assisted our neighbors in need with:

- Over \$15,394.15 in rental assistance given to keep 53 families in their homes;
 - More than \$19,090.08 in assistance given in order to keep 112 families' utilities and water on
 - Over \$1,676.00 worth of furniture given to 9 families in order to improve our neighbors' quality of life
- We also gave food to people from 312 households, feeding 232 seniors, 443 adults and 277 children through our food pantry.

Our Stewardship

Emmanuel, February 9, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$10,415
 SVDP\$1,041

Holy Trinity, February 9, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$4,196
 January Electronics.....\$3,801

Precious Blood, , February 9, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$4,012
 St. Vincent De Paul\$165

Saint Paul, February 9, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$2,398
 St. Vincent de Paul\$25

Saint Joseph, February 9, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$5,657
 Charity\$263
 Pipe Organ to Date.....\$157,533

Saint Rita, February 9, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$3,740
 St. Vincent De Paul\$104

Online Giving



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



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



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



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

Devotionals

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)
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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

St. Joseph's Stream is not available until further notice due to the completion of the new organ installation.

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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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 2/17/2025

Veronica Aguilar

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Kay Gallihar

Janet Rudy-Gerrard

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Michael Glackin

Carol & John Hargraves

Cammille Hazley

John & Joan Jankowski

Margaret Krisher

Colette Ann Kropp

Donna & Chuck L. & Mother

Baby Emmett Lawson

Amy Michel Magan & Family

Barb Mangan

Little Mason

Mary Lou McDaniels

Liz Medisch

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Debbie Shively

Victims of the 2 Recent Plane Crashes and Families

Catherine Winkler

Ann & Jack Wolf

Barbara Wooten & Family

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

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: Joe Barcinas, Jane Adkins and Laura Meixner. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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