

# Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

February 26, 2023

1st Sunday in Lent

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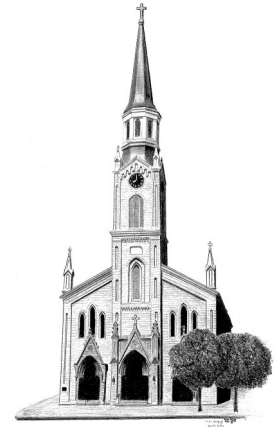
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 27

7:30 AM Holy Trinity ..... Justin Shoemaker  
12:00 PM St. Joseph ..... Bob Sichman

### Tuesday, February 28

7:30 AM Holy Trinity ..... Joan Sprowl  
12:00 PM St. Joseph ..... Mr. & Mrs. Drake Madison

### Wednesday, March 1

7:30 AM Emmanuel ..... Chris Enochs  
12:00 PM St. Joseph ..... Marian Hecker

### Thursday, March 2

7:30 AM Emmanuel ..... Living & deceased members of the  
Sauer Family  
12:00 PM St. Joseph ..... Joann Johnson

### Friday, March 3

7:30 AM Emmanuel ..... Intention of Tom & Rita Ostendorf  
12:00 PM St. Joseph ..... Carol Brokamp

### Saturday, March 4

7:30 AM Emmanuel ..... All Unborn Children & Their  
Families  
12:00 PM St. Joseph ..... Faye Dunnigan  
4:30 PM St. Joseph ..... Shirley McGarvey Clough  
5:15 PM Emmanuel ..... Joseph Penno

### Sunday, March 5

8:30 AM Holy Trinity ..... For the Parishioners  
10:00 AM St. Joseph ..... For the Parishioners  
10:30 AM Emmanuel ..... For the Parishioners  
11:30 AM Holy Trinity ..... Ted Randall

### Next Week's Readings:

Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

### Confessions:

Emmanuel: Saturday: 4:00-5:00 PM, Sunday: 10:00 AM  
Holy Trinity: Sunday: 8:00 AM  
St. Joseph: Monday-Saturday: 11:30 AM; Saturday: 4:00 PM

## Emmanuel Church

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**Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and  
Benediction** at Emmanuel on Tuesdays 7:00 PM

**Contact your parish office to:** Register, schedule Baptism,  
Weddings or Ministry to the Homebound.

## DEACON RUSTY'S REFLECTION

John Milton, the brilliant 17th century poet based his epic poem, *Paradise Lost*, on the episode we read today from Genesis. In that work, when Milton's Satan first beheld Adam and Eve before the fall, he was, despite being filled with hatred and envy, amazed at how "closely they resembled God," and he was, despite himself, in awe of the nobility, beauty, and innocence God had given them. Such was the image and likeness they were created in. In what St. John Paul II called their original nakedness, they were naked and NOT ashamed.

The original nakedness of Adam and Eve meant much more than not wearing clothes; it meant there were no barriers to the communion they (and we) were made for, it meant we could see the world as God did, we could gaze into each other's souls without any fear of being used or exploited. Our bodies were not just the servants of our spirit but full and equal partners, if you will. Our bodies enable the goodness in our spirit to have visible expression.

After the fall, the shame Adam and Eve felt was not that they were naked, per se. They were ashamed of what their nakedness revealed about the inner state of their soul, namely, the loss of communion with God and each other. Now, their body and spirit were at war, each trying to dominate the other.

But Our Lord, in his victory over Satan in the desert regained for us the opportunity, not to restore the Paradise Adam and Eve lost – his victory gained us infinitely more than that. In His victory, He offers us the gift of eternal beatitude with the Most Holy Trinity. He invites us to be partakers/sharers in the very divinity of God.

It is tragically ironic that this was the very thing Satan tempted Adam and Eve with: "You will be like gods," the serpent said! God wanted this for us all along, but not through grasping, disobedience, and rebellion, but through communion with Him; as a gift received, not as wages earned or spoils taken!

The 2nd reading contained an oblique reference to the New Adam who would resist and defeat the temptation of Satan that the Adam and Eve of Genesis succumbed to. In his temptation, Our Lord also shows himself to be this New Adam for in all the ways Adam failed, he triumphed. And he did this first and foremost by showing up to the fight! Adam was by Eve's side throughout the entirety of the temptation but did not say a word. Our Lord, the New Adam, did what the Old Adam wouldn't, he resisted Satan to his face and conquered in the very same areas Adam and Eve were defeated.

Adam and Eve succumbed to the lust of the flesh. Satan tempted Our Lord in the same way to which Our Lord countered: "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." This is why we fast during Lent, to tame the inordinate desires of the flesh for food and pleasure. Adam and Eve succumbed the lust of the eye, with possessing knowledge that was not theirs to have. Satan tempted Our Lord in the same way, but Our Lord countered: "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." This is why we give alms during Lent, to counter the lust of the eye, to tame the desire for possessions and power. Finally, Adam and Eve succumbed to pride, "You will be like gods!" Jesus rejected this cross-less glory and said, "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." This is why we are called to special times of prayer during Lent, to counter our pride and to humbly acknowledge our total dependence on He who is God.

Victory over sin – as vital as that is, is not Our Lord's ultimate vision for us – his victory, his sacrifice gained for us infinitely more than that. He offers us the gift of eternal beatitude with the Most Holy Trinity. He invites us to return to the nobility, beauty, and innocence God gave us in the beginning. More than that, He invites us to be partakers in the very divinity of God himself!

## REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks** to everyone from our parishes who has supported the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For more information or to donate online, please visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](https://CatholicAOC.org/CMA). Thank you!

	Goal	Pledged
Emmanuel Parish:	\$19,126.00	\$17,210.00
St. Joseph Parish:	\$17,760.00	\$12,001.60
Holy Trinity Parish:	\$14,461.00	\$ 3,225.00

**Lenten Prayer** – "Merciful God, wash away my faults and stains with your precious blood, and give me the protection I need to amend my life and surrender myself wholly to you." St. Peter Canisius

### Lenten Scripture Series "In The Beginning Was The Word..."

The Gospel of John and the Passion Narratives with Presenter Dennie Stieritz will take place on Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Center.

**The Annual Ultimate Guide to Lent** is back for 2023 and filled with inspirational content to help you and your family experience the life-changing power of Lent. With stories of hope, meditations for kids, reflections on sacred art, and, of course, meat-free recipes, there is something for everyone in this free digital publication. Go to <https://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/Lent2023> for your copy.

**40 Days for Life...**The Spring Campaign for 40 Days for Life goes until April 2nd. More details at [www.40daysforlife.com/dayton](http://www.40daysforlife.com/dayton).

### Are You Celebrating a Significant Wedding Anniversary 2023?

Request a certificate signed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr by visiting: <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources>. For more details contact the Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at [cne@catholicaoc.org](mailto:cne@catholicaoc.org).

**Identify Internet Scammers...**Join Adam from Demeter I.T. for an interactive training on how to spot phishing emails and text messages. This session is free and anyone may attend. Saturday, March 18th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Center.

**It's Not Too Late To Study the Mass.** It doesn't matter if you have not yet begun or if you have fallen behind, because The Mass will be available free of charge for all of 2023! To find every episode of this excellent video series from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Ministries along with Archbishop Schnurr's own brief insights visit [catholicaoc.org/theMass](https://catholicaoc.org/theMass). Each episode of the series is only about 25 minutes. This is a great way to deepen your understanding and appreciation of the Mass and experience it in a whole new way.

**March 8-14th Is Catholic Sisters Week** - Fifty-two weeks a year, women religious intercede for others, stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, heal the sick, share spirituality, promote peace, create community, offer hope...But for one week, we shine the spotlight on these women religious. Please consider how you might shine a light on Catholic sisters who have touched your life during this week! For more ideas, contact Maria Reinagel, Director of the Office for Consecrated Life, [mreinagel@CatholicAOC.org](mailto:mreinagel@CatholicAOC.org)

**The Encounter Ministries**, an approved ministry within the Archdiocese, will be leading a Transformation Night in downtown Dayton at St. Joseph Church on Friday evening, March 3. The evening includes Eucharistic adoration at 6:30pm, speakers Tom & Lisa Ponchak at 7:30pm and prayer ministry at 8:15pm. This night is open to all ages, and you may attend as much or as little of the evening as you prefer, beginning with Holy Mass at 5:30 PM. Come, be with us and be transformed!

### Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Yves Benimana	Jacob Gutwein	David Musgrove
Michael Borgert	Christopher Harman	Diane Nyirasimbi
John Carner	Nicholas Kern	Anthony Pelfrey
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Morgan Konsdorf	Jessica Pruitt
Jon Chachula	Greg Marcus	Susan Varmuza
Laura Chachula	Alex McGarvey	Justin Williams
Caleb Fowler	Zachary McIntyre	

## EMMANUEL CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for Feb. 19, 2023

Weekend Offertory:	Collection:
	\$ 6,103.00
St. Vincent dePaul:	\$ 610.30
Earthquake CRS:	\$ 2,192.00
Year to Date Deficit:	\$(11,757.00)

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Fr. Angelo & Fr. Seraphine*

### Prayer List

Virginia Allen	Tim McCrate	Special Intention
Ed Chartrand	Patrick McDonald	Adam
Nancy Cartuyvelles	Michael Mitchell	Christine
Michael Dalessio	Kathy Proffitt	Dale
Marilyn Dehner	Randy Rosenthal	Grant
Annette Fohl	Katie Schultz	Justin
Cindy Gardina	Louie Schulze	Kelli
Craig Hathaway	Robert Thoman	Helen
George Hendrix	Jan Timerding	

**Join us for Stations of the Cross** each Friday during Lent starting at 7:00pm.

**Bible Study: Session 4 of Ezekiel...** Dr Alan Mostrom will explain "Israel's Infidelity" which covers Ezekiel 20-24. Ezekiel prophesies Israel's future restoration -- all Twelve tribes returned from exile -- despite their history of sin. Jerusalem is finally sieged and captured by Babylon. Come and hear Dr Mostrom explain our Jewish roots in the Old Testament. This coming Tuesday, February 28th at 8pm sharp.

**First Friday Mass for healing**, with anointing, will be on Friday, March 3rd at 7:30pm (after Stations of the Cross) with Fr. Vincent Chembakassery. If you are sick, or have been exposed to coronavirus, Zoom in, and we will pray for you remotely: Meeting ID: 342 742 4499, Passcode: 700.

**You might have noticed** that the organ is unusually quiet this week. From the GIRM: "In Lent the playing of the organ and musical instruments is allowed only in order to support the singing. Exceptions, however, are Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts" (313). The organ, too, must wait until Easter to ring out its full joy.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention...**For parishes.

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

### From the Joyful Noiseletter:

Sign outside Lititz (PA) Moravian Church:  
"In the midst of darkness Jesus is still the light."

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for Feb. 19, 2023

Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,250.00	\$3,498.00
Earthquake relief:		\$1,507.00

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**Catholic Ministries Appeal**—This year's CMA is underway. Please help us reach our goal by sending in your pledge as soon as possible.

**Welcome** to our newly baptized Emma May Petraiuolo, daughter of William and Kari, baptized last Sunday at Holy Trinity. Congratulations to the proud parents.

**The Chosen** – Join with us Tuesday evenings at the parish office building to view and discuss the movie "The Chosen". All are welcome – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**We are very appreciative of everyone** who supported our Fish and Sausage Fry Saturday evening. Whether it be by attendance, helping set up, selling tickets, donating baked goods, working the games or in the kitchen, Thank you. And, a special thank you to our Ways and Means committee, TT Gambrell and Julie Williams and our kitchen manager and cook par excellence, Barb Gilbert.

If you would like a copy of your offertory contributions **for 2022, please call Judi at the parish office** 937-228-1223 between 8:00 a.m. and noon.

**Ladies – please plan to be with us for Women's Day**, May 20th in Trinity Center. More info will follow. Take care of yourself by attending this event designed especially for you.

**Surge of the Heart** led by Jon Leonetti, an international Catholic speaker and author will lead our Family of Parishes in a Parish Mission April 23rd and 24th at Holy Trinity. Mark your calendars now – You won't want to miss this.

**To our elderly and homebound:** If it has been a while since you have been able to worship with us and would like to have a priest come and visit you and bring you Holy Communion, please call the parish office and let us know. Call 937-228-1223.

**Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for April 8 starting at noon for the youngest children. If you would like to help prepare for the hunt by filling plastic eggs, you are welcome to stop by the parish office and pick up eggs to fill. Please do not go out and buy eggs, as we have so very many that we carry over from year to year. Thank you.

**Start gathering together your no longer wanted, but still very usable household items!** We are having a Rummage Sale Saturday, May 6 in Trinity Center. Drop off dates for your goodies will be in April. Remember one person's trash is another's treasures. Please, no clothes, shoes or technical books.

**Thanks** to all who are participating in our recycling program here at Holy Trinity. The green and yellow dumpster at the north end of Bainbridge Street are there so we can recycle magazines, newspapers, office papers and cardboards.

Please continue to bring your aluminum beverage cans to the parish when you come to Mass or when you are passing through the area, you can put them at the garage door. Please tie bags shut. We also recycle spent batteries. Please place them in the plastic tub on the steps in the vestibule, so they can be disposed of properly.

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

## Generous Contributions for Feb. 19, 2023

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$6,667.50
Charity:	\$ 126.00

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.  
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We are happy to welcome Regine (Gine) Elliott as our new Office Manager and to our parish family. Gine has lots of experience working in a parish office and will be a wonderful addition to our team. She worked in the advancement division at UD and at St. Albert the Great parish in Kettering. Gine and her husband are happily at that stage in life where their four children are all college age. Her oldest brother is a Precious Blood priest. Please welcome Gine when you see her at Mass or around the parish.

**Have you thought about what you're going to do for Lent this year?** Sometimes we get so busy Lent is half over before we decide what we can do to bring us closer to the Lord during these 40 days. The focus is usually on giving up something but there are other ways to strengthen our relationship with the Lord and one another. Maybe this year we can think of something we can do each day of Lent to show God's love for each other.

**Are you interested?** We are looking for a wedding coordinator to help guide and organize couples with details about celebrating their marriage at St. Joseph Church, assisting with the rehearsal and various aspects of the wedding day. If you're a self-starter, patient, organized and punctual, we're looking for you. Please contact Chris for details, [lockhartchris411@gmail.com](mailto:lockhartchris411@gmail.com).

**We need a couple more people** to serve on the altar at the 10:00 Mass. Training is provided. Please call the rectory if you are willing to help.

"Indeed, if we had God's Word always in our heart, no temptation could separate us from God and no obstacle could divert us from the path of good."  
Pope Francis

*Please keep the following people in your prayers.  
Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.*

Cheryl Anderson	Junior Fowler	Mary Beth O'Connor
Austin Beggin & Family	Michael Glackin	Greg Osif
Colby Berry	Gary Grump	Vanessa Padgett
Jim Brokamp	Bennett Hart	Victor Polovskis
Bob Bruns	Carol Hartke	Theresa Reiff
Brent Buschur	Paul Hartke	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Kathy Buschur	Marie Henry	Terri Sullivan
Sara Bustetter	Andrea Kittel	Jack Summers
Mooneen Caufield	Colette Kropp	Karen Thomas
Michael Culp	Alma Landry	Tony Trick
Rita Downs	Colleen Maples	Joann Weisenbach
John Fitzgerald	William Meikle	Sharon Wenzel
Jim Flynn	Joe Moretto	Linda

## Area Activities

**Naim** members will be "Wearing the Green" at the March 13, St. Patrick's themed gathering in the St. Henry PAC, 6660 N. Springboro Pike. The Meeting Begins at 7 PM followed by cards & lots of conversation. Naim is the social & religious organization for widowed Catholics. For details contact Sue Caufield, 937-395-9891.

**Women's Retreat – The Identity of the Catholic Woman**  
This is for women of all ages. Mass, adoration, confession, meals and guest rooms available - all for a donation. The retreat will be held March 17 & 18 at Presentation Ministries' Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, in Peebles, Ohio. To register, or for details, call 513-373-2397 or go to [www.presentationministries.com](http://www.presentationministries.com).

**National Men's Conference – Saturday, March 25, 2023** - The National Men's Conference (formerly known as the Cincinnati Men's Conference) will be held on Saturday, March 25th at the Cintas Center on the campus of Xavier University. Join us as we hear from inspiring presenters, including keynote speaker Jonathan Roumie of The Chosen, grow in fellowship, and build our relationship with Jesus Christ centered on the Eucharist. Mass will be concelebrated by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr and Bishop Earl K. Fernandes. For details and to purchase tickets go to [nationalmensconference.com](http://nationalmensconference.com).

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