

March 24, Palm Sunday



# SAINT GASPAR

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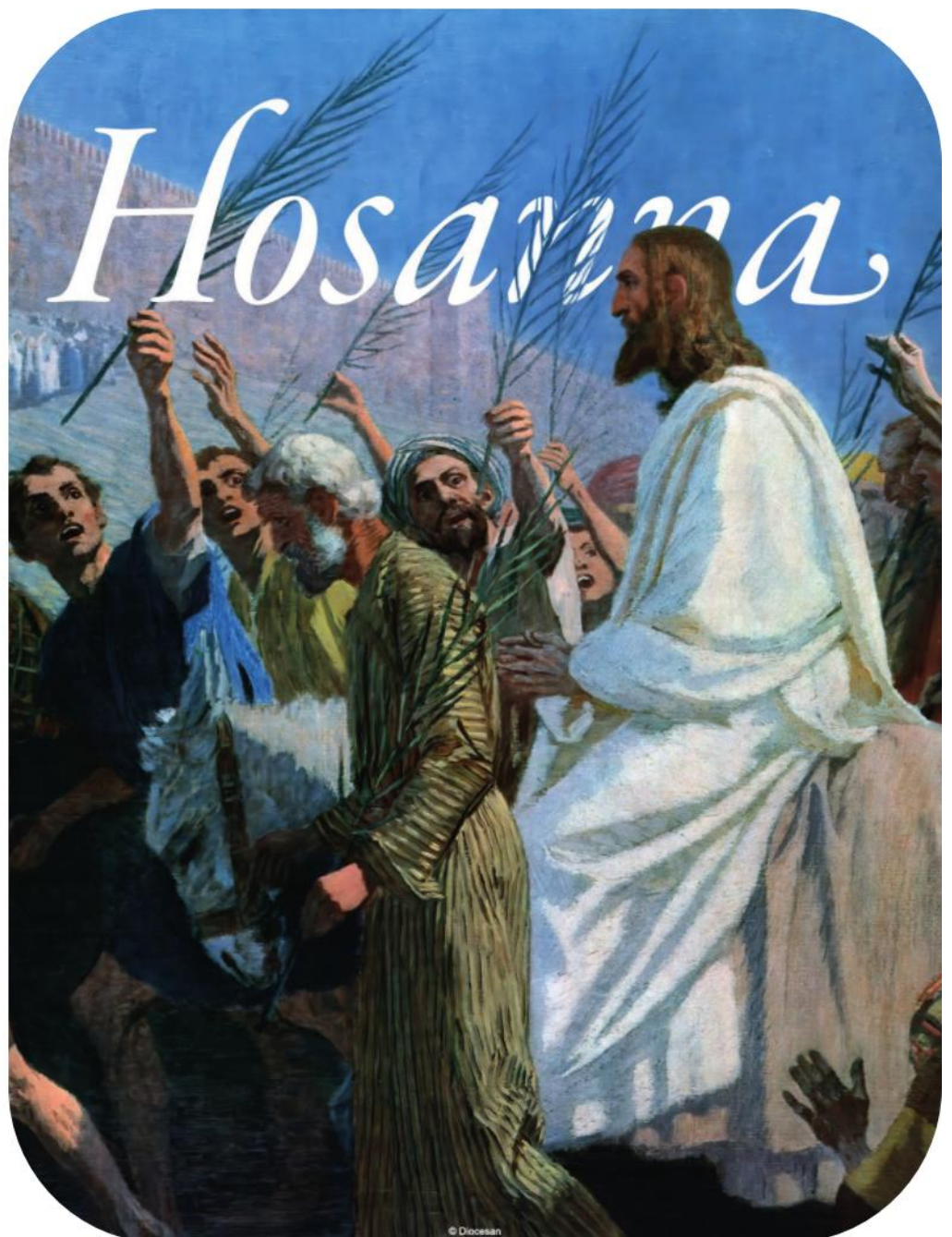
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# St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is 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.



Today we celebrate Palm Sunday in preparation for Holy Week. On this weekend we hold palms in our hands and hear the Gospel reading of The Passion of Christ. What seems odd is that these two huge events in the Bible actually mirror each other as complete opposites.

In the east, we have Jesus coming down from the Mount of Olives into the small village of Bethany with His disciples. We hear that Jesus sends two disciples ahead to go into the city to retrieve a donkey that has never been sat upon. After mounting the colt, He rides alone into the city where He is greeted by a large crowd holding branches and laid down cloaks in front of Him. It is a joyful display of the Jewish people welcoming a man that they thought might redeem them from the Roman occupation.

In the west, we have Pontius Pilate riding on a chariot, accompanied by a huge military presence. His entourage came from Caesarea Maritima, the Roman enclave on the Mediterranean coast, about 60 miles and a three day's journey west of Jerusalem. He only comes to Jerusalem when he must. He has to come to Jerusalem for the Passover, not for religious reasons, but for a show of force.

This morning's Gospel illustrates one person of authority giving in to another power for the salvation of the world. Pontius Pilate asks Jesus if He is a king, and Jesus acknowledges that He is a Ruler of another Kingdom. Jews come from far and wide to celebrate their ancestors' complete annihilation of the powerful army of their Egyptian oppressors and await another Messiah. There was a Roman opinion that there were enough crazies out there that someone may claim to be this king in their religious fervor. This holiday in particular makes the Roman authorities nervous. Pilate couldn't afford to let something like that happen and so, after interrogation, gives in to the rioting crowds to have Jesus crucified.

This weekend we stand to hear the Gospel with palms in our hands just like Jesus' disciples did as they shouted "Hosanna in the highest" as He passed by. It is a true witness of Palm Sunday, and we begin to realize that Jesus was completing His journey like "a lamb being lead to slaughter" for the salvation of the world.

The palm branches that we hold in our hand are pagan Grecian Olympian symbols for goodness and victory. They become sacramentals to remind us of that day when Jesus entered Jerusalem to save the world.

This is the reason we carry blessed Palm branches on this Sunday, and stand to hear how eternal life began in the city of Jerusalem over two thousand years ago at two separate gates, and ended on a hill named Calvary.

God Bless,  
Deacon Brian Seibert

## Welcome

### Newly Baptized

*@Emmanuel*

Jacob Lawrence, child of Nicholas & Kristen Kreitinger

*@St. Joseph*

Theodore Joseph Wilson, son of Bradley & Abby Wilson

### Newly Registered

*@Holy Trinity*

Cheyenne Travis Schiering, Bailey McCabe and David Vonderheide



## Confession Times

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

Saturday  
4:00-5:00 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 25, 2024

7:30 am .....**Holy Trinity**..... †Ralph & Charlotte Mergler  
 8:30 am .....**Precious Blood** ..... †Ann Clifford  
 12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †Int. of Fr. John Mencsik  
 For his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination into the Priesthood

## Tuesday, March 26, 2024

7:30 am .....**Holy Trinity**..... †Eileen Lucente  
 8:30 am .....**St. Rita**..... †Marie Thomas  
 12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †Ruth & Robert Deschler

## Wednesday, March 27, 2024

7:30 am .....**Emmanuel** ..... †Tim McCrate  
 8:30 am .....**St. Paul** ..... †Jim Lawrence  
 12:00 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †Liv/Dec members of the Perkins family

## Thursday, March 28, 2024

### Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

5:30 pm .....**St. Joseph** ..... †All of our Faithful Departed  
 6:00 pm .....**Holy Trinity**..... †For Our Parishioners  
 7:00 pm .....**Emmanuel** ..... †David Kronauge  
 7:00 pm .....**Precious Blood** ..... †Billy Gorczynski

## Friday, March 29, 2024

### Good Friday, Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross

1:30 pm .....**St. Joseph**  
 2:00 pm .....**Holy Trinity**  
 5:30 pm .....**Emmanuel**  
 7:00 pm .....**St. Paul**

## Saturday, March 30, 2024

### Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

8:45 pm .....**Emmanuel** ..... †For Our Parishioners

## Sunday, March 31, 2024

### Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 am .....**Holy Trinity**..... †Joyce Anthony  
 8:30 am .....**Precious Blood** ..... †Dr. Michael Dawes  
 9:30 am .....**St. Rita**..... †Celebrant's Intention  
 10:00 am .....**St. Joseph** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
 10:30 am .....**Emmanuel** ..... †Vivian Plummer  
 10:30 am .....**St. Paul** ..... †Gloria Fernandez & Edna Ferris

## Pray for Our

### Men and Women in the Military

Yves Benihana	Eric Raymond Dino	Alex McGarvey
Michael Borgert	Caleb Fowler	Zachary McIntyre
Nicholas Butler	Jacob Gutwein	David Musgrove
Jessica Calicoat	Christopher Harman	Diane Nyirasimbi
John Carner	George Hinton	Anthony Pelfrey
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Nicholas Kern	Gage Plasenthal
Jon Chachula	Morgan Konsdorf	Matt Shulten
Laura Chachula	Connor "Baktir" Magill	Luis Torres
Eric Justin Dino	Greg Marcus	Susan Varmuza
	Brittany Maurer	Justin Williams

To add the name of a loved one to our prayer list for Men and Women in the Military contact your parish office.



## Scripture Readings

### For the Week of March 24, 2024

**Monday** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday** **Holy Thursday**  
**Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday** **Good Friday**  
 Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday** **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter**  
 Gn1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

**Sunday** **The Resurrection of the Lord**  
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9







## Parish Calendar

### Holy Week events and services are listed on pages 4 & 5

*Church Offices will be closed on Good Friday, March 29 & Easter Monday, April 1*

#### **Monday, March 25**

##### **The Glories of Mary Book Read**

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

##### **Ageless Grace**

1:00-3:00 pm · St. Joseph/Mtg. Room

#### **Tuesday, March 26**

##### **Lenten Reconciliation Service**

6:30-8:00 pm · Emmanuel (Novena at 7:00 pm)

#### **Wednesday, March 27**

##### **Catholic Life**

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

#### **Holy Thursday, March 28**

##### **No Public Events Outside of Holy Week**

#### **Good Friday, March 29**

##### **No Public Events Outside of Holy Week**

#### **Holy Saturday, March 30**

##### **Blessing of the Easter Food**

12:00 pm · St. Paul

##### **Easter Egg Hunt**

12:00 pm · Holy Trinity

##### **No CCD - Holy Saturday**

#### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

##### **No Children's Faith Formation - Easter Sunday**

##### **Classes resume on April 7**

#### **April Fools Day, Monday, April 1**

##### **Hallelujah Hoedown**

9:30-11:00 am · St. Paul/Basement

##### **Gospel Karaoke Night**

9:30-11:00 pm · Emmanuel/Church Rooftop

##### **Heavenly Hat Parade**

8:00-11:00 pm · St. Joseph/Disco Hall

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## Holy Week 2024

### Lenten Reconciliation Services

Our regular confession schedule remains in place with additional opportunities for confession or reconciliation offered throughout the Lenten season:

**@St. Joseph, March 25, 26 and 27 from 11:00-11:55 am**

(regular confession hours extended)

**@Emmanuel, Tuesday, March 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm**

(Novena at 7:00 pm)

### Stations of the Cross

#### **Wednesday, March 27**

St. Joseph—12:30 pm

(after the Noon Mass)

#### **Friday, March 29**

Emmanuel—12:00 pm

Holy Trinity—12:00 pm

(followed by Tenebrae Service and Liturgy of the Lord's Passion)

## Holy Thursday

### March 28, 2024

#### **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

St. Joseph – 5:30 pm

Holy Trinity – 6:00 pm

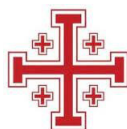
Emmanuel – 7:00 pm

Precious Blood – 7:00 pm

### Visit Seven Churches

#### **Beginning at Emmanuel, after the 7:00 pm Mass**

Join us on Holy Thursday to visit seven churches in downtown Dayton. The purpose of these visits is to thank Jesus Christ for the gift of the Eucharist and the priesthood, which he instituted that holy night. We accompany Jesus in the solitude and sufferings of the Garden of Gethsemane, His sufferings in the homes of Annas, Caiaphas, and Herod, and contemplate His humiliation at the hands of Pilate, which continued onto Calvary and into the silence of the sepulcher.



### Pontifical Good Friday Collection

#### **Good Friday, March 29**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday

Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit

[www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).



# Good Friday

March 29, 2024

## *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

St. Joseph - 1:30 pm  
Holy Trinity - 2:00 pm—Following the Tenebrae Service  
Emmanuel - 5:30 pm  
St. Paul - 7:00 pm

## Tenebrae Service

### *@Holy Trinity, after the Noon Stations*

Experience the sacred tradition of Tenebrae, where fifteen candles gradually extinguish as we journey through readings from Psalms or the Gospels, enveloping us in symbolic darkness. Let us embrace the mystery of Tenebrae, knowing that even in our darkest moments, the light of Christ's love shines brightly, guiding us towards salvation.

The schedule is as follows:

12:00 pm: Stations  
12:30 pm: Scriptural Rosary  
1:00 pm: Tenebrae  
2:00 pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

# Holy Saturday

March 30, 2024

## Blessing of the Easter Food

### *@St. Paul, beginning at 12:00 pm*

Join Deacon Joe for the Blessing of the Easter Baskets on Saturday, March 30 at St. Paul Church. Families prepare special baskets containing a variety of Easter foods, such as bread, eggs, meat, cheese, and other traditional items. These baskets are traditionally blessed on Holy Saturday.

## Easter Vigil at Emmanuel

### *@Emmanuel, beginning at 8:45 pm*

This Easter Season we will be celebrating one Easter Vigil as a Family of Parishes at Emmanuel. For those who are worshipping at Emmanuel for the first time: during the distribution of Holy Communion, Emmanuel uses a communion rail. You have the option to either kneel or stand at the rail. Additionally, you may receive the Eucharist directly on your tongue or in your hand, according to your personal preference and by the teachings of the Catholic Church.

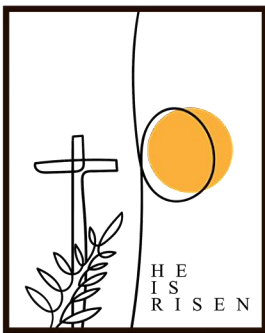
# Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

## *Resurrection of the Lord*

Precious Blood - 8:30 am  
\*Holy Trinity - 8:30 am  
St. Rita - 9:30 am  
St. Joseph - 10:00 am  
St. Paul - 10:30 am  
Emmanuel - 10:30 am

\*No 11:30 am Mass at Holy Trinity on Easter Sunday



# Devotionals

## *Miraculous Medal Novena*

Monday

3:30-4:30 pm · St. Rita

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel

## *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)

Friday

3:00 pm · Precious Blood Adoration Chapel

Saturday

4:45 pm · Emmanuel (before 5:15 pm Mass)

Sunday

9:30 am · St. Joseph (before 10:00 am Mass)

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

8:55 am · St. Rita (before 9:30 am Mass)

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

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

## *Pray the Rosary for Life*

Second Sunday of the Month

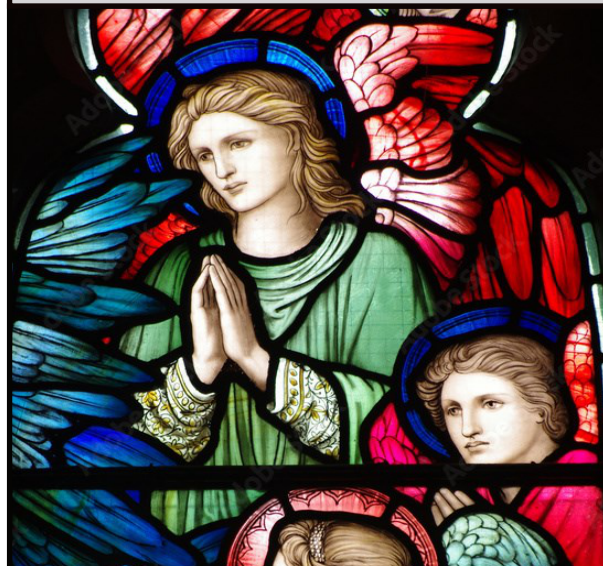
8:30 am · Holy Trinity (after 8:30 am Mass)

We pray the rosary for pro-life issues.

## *Vespers*

Tuesday evenings during Lent (ends March 26)

6:30 pm · Holy Trinity





## March: Mary's First Moments with Jesus

**Relevant Scripture: Luke 1: 26-37**

In this moment, the miracle of life has been revolutionized again. At the beginning of time, God the Father had spoken the words, "Let there be light," and so it had come to be. Now, as creation reaches for its pinnacle, the Word of God made flesh is conceived and brought into the world of creation through the words of a teenage girl. Mary said, "Let it be done to me according to your word." In this moment, the world's true light has already come into our existence. He comes not as a conquering king, not as a noble child, not even as the infant in swaddling clothes. He comes first and foremost in the form of a single fragile cell of humanity, wrapped securely inside the warmth of His mother's body.

He is so small that even if He were not inside His mother's womb, He would not be identifiable to the naked eye. He is so helpless, that the setting in which He currently resides is the only one capable of sustaining His life. Yet, He is already wholly and utterly the God-man, destined to save all of humanity through His love and His sacrifice. People will speak of His first 30 years on earth as the hidden time of His life because it comes before His public ministry. During those many years, only His parents, relatives, and perhaps a few neighbors will benefit from His daily presence.

But in truth, these moments are the most hidden of the Messiah's life. For these moments in the womb are preserved even from His family and His earthly father. This time is preserved such that only His mother can share the precious time with Him. In some ways, He feels further away to Mary than He will after His birth. For she cannot hug and kiss Him, she cannot clean His face, or tousle His hair as she rocks Him to sleep. Yet, in other ways, these are the most intimate moments that any human being will ever have with the God of the Universe. She rubs the side of her stomach affectionately, though of course His one cell does not yet feel it physically. She smiles and feels no fear.

Mary turns her thoughts to the other women who have experienced pregnancy like this. Of course, no one else has conceived God in their womb, but countless other women have found themselves pregnant and alone. She thinks of Joseph, her betrothed. Would he understand? Would he still want to marry

Beginning March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation, please join us each week as we meditate on the mystery of the Incarnation in a unique way. **9 Months with Christ in the Womb** draws our attention to Jesus, the God-fetus, during the 9 months He lived within Mary. In meditating on the mystery of Christ's humility in the womb, we foster within all Christians a new appreciation for the dignity of our brothers and sisters.



### Knights of Columbus Open House

**@Bainbridge Hall, Tuesday, March 26**

Attention St. Gaspar Family of Parishes men:  
Join us on March 26th 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, friend!

The event will be held at Bainbridge Hall. 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:

- 50/50 raffle
- Food, and fellowship

Looking forward to seeing you there!

### 4th Annual Women's Day Understanding the Eucharist

**@Trinity Center, Saturday, May 18**

The 4th Annual Women's Day,  
Understanding the Eucharist is Saturday,  
May 18th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at  
Trinity Center, 266 Bainbridge St. The  
registration fee is \$40 per person (includes  
continental breakfast & boxed lunch).

**Registration begins March 18th.**

\*Scholarship available if fee is a hardship  
by contacting Sandy Hibner,  
Sandraahibner@gmail.com  
Watch upcoming bulletins for more  
details.



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### Sacred Pilgrimage with Deacon Brian Seibert

*Friday, April 19, 2024*

Embark on a spiritual journey with Deacon Brian Seibert to two majestic basilicas, where we will immerse ourselves in our faith's rich history and profound beauty. Explore the historic Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, known for its exquisite architecture and sacred relics, followed by Mass and lunch at the Basilica. After lunch, we will cross the bridge to Covington, Kentucky, and enjoy a guided tour of the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, marveling at its stunning beauty and significance in our faith. We will return to St. Paul around 5:30 pm. We will be chartering a comfortable bus for the pilgrimage, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable journey for all participants.

For more information and reservations, Call 937-836-7535. Make checks payable to Precious Blood Church, memo line: Sacred. The cost is \$40.00 (includes lunch).

### Please Pray for our RCIA Candidates and Catechumens:

Christian Blasko  
Katrina Crespo  
Nico DeRos  
Carl Dietrich  
Andrew McDougall  
Ryan O'Malley  
Christopher Prysock  
Michelle Scarpelli  
Karyn Temple

Almighty God, source of all creation, You have made us in Your image. Receive with love those who come before You. Lead our catechumens to the baptism of new birth, and our candidates to a deeper share in the paschal mystery, so that, living a fruitful life in the company of Your faithful, they may receive the eternal reward that You promise.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

## Disciple Maker Index Results

### *For St. Gaspar Family of Parishes*

The 2023 DMI study undertaken by the St Gaspar Family of Parishes showed that the majority of responders agree that the church is the primary place to worship, and that the Eucharist is the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Most responders attend weekly Mass and believe that scripture is the word of God. However, the majority disagrees that the parish equips them to confidently answer questions about faith and religion, invite young people to join the priesthood or consecrated life, and that the parish forms them as a disciple of Christ.

The majority felt that the main drivers for them to recommend a parish was the pastor (15.0 X – strongly agree and agree versus disagree), followed by welcoming atmosphere (8.4X), the preaching (5.5X) the Sunday Mass experience (3.5x) and easy to find information (16X). The majority agreed the main drivers that help them grow as Catholics are the Pastor 14.5 X, welcoming atmosphere (10X), preaching (15X), easy to find information (14.6X) and Sunday Mass experience (4.5X)

The majority of the responders were white, married, members for more than 10 years, involved in multiple parish activities, and 55 or older. Most did not send their kids to catholic school.

The results are tabulated by family and can be found on our shared landing page [stgasparfamily.org](http://stgasparfamily.org). Specific parish answers are available upon request. Contact the Communications Manager, Joan Macpherson at 937-276-5954.

*The survey was conducted in January and February 2023.*



## Mother Brunner Book Fair

Monday, March 25-Wednesday, March 27

Mother Maria Anna Brunner School, located on the Precious Blood Campus, will be hosting a book fair next week. If you would like to donate to the teacher book fund, there is a donation box in the lobby of Precious Blood Church this weekend. Our teachers have put together wish lists for their classrooms. Your donation will go towards purchasing the books they need. Thank you for your generosity. For more information about our school visit [brunnercatholicsschool.org](http://brunnercatholicsschool.org).



## Our Next Neighborhood Clean Up

Saturday, April 6, from 8:00 to 10:00 am

April marks the second Pulchra Terra neighborhood clean-up event of the year. We will meet in the parking lot of Kroger at 3520 W. Siebenthaler, from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Let's come together in a spirit of unity and service for our neighborhood community. Trash bags and grabbers will be provided for collecting litter, and we will also focus on recycling cans, bottles, and plastic. Please RSVP to Curtis Kneblak at [ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org) or via text at 937-203-6037. Let's strive to improve our community, showing mercy and care for our environment.

For more information contact Curtis Kneblak, Director of Adult Formation for Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita at 937-276-5954 or via email: [ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org).



## With Gratitude

*Bidding a fond farewell to the Cote de Bejarano family*

The Cote de Bejarano family has been an integral part of our church community, enriching our gatherings with their incredible musical talent and unwavering dedication for years. As they embark on a new journey out of state, we extend our deepest gratitude for their invaluable contributions and the joy they've brought to our congregation through their music. Their presence will be greatly missed, but we are grateful for the memories we've shared and wish them all the best in their new endeavors.

## El Salvador Mission Leaving April 9



Three members of our St. Gaspar Family of Parishes will be going to El Salvador on April 9 to help Father John Ostraski in his 23 parishes near Teotepeque. We will work in the K through 9 school, help the poor through Obris de Caridad (St Vincent de Paul), pray with the people at Masses and bring much needed help for the mothers and infants program in the small towns and rural mountain villages.

### Prenatal Vitamins Needed

*Due Thursday, April 4*

We are seeking donations of vitamins for pregnant mothers and their infants that we can put in our checked bags. Last year we brought 150 lbs. to the Mission Center in Teotepeque. The vitamin packages in the pharmacies here say "Prenatal" and come as pills or gummies. Donations of money are also appreciated, and will allow us to purchase items here. Drop off your gifts at your parish office by Thursday, April 4. packages should be marked, "El Salvador Mission". Thank you so much for your help, Parishioner, Tom Sorna, from St. Paul and Precious Blood Parish, 937-478-5846.

*If you are able to make a cash donation, make your check payable to: St. Barnabas El Salvador Mission.*

## Easter Flower Donations

*@Holy Trinity*

Would you like to enhance the beauty of our sanctuary during the Easter season? We are presently accepting donations for flowers. If you are interested in donating in memory of a deceased loved one, a family member or just to beautify the sanctuary for all to enjoy, place your offering in an envelope, along with the names of those you wish remembered. Mark the envelope "flowers" and put it in the collection basket. Thank you.

## Almsgiving this Lent

*@Holy Trinity for Brigid's Path*

Our Lenten Almsgiving project this year is for Brigid's Path, and we are extremely grateful to all who have made donations thus far.

Following are the requested items and can be left behind the last pew in church:

- Clorox or Lysol Disinfectant wipes
- Bottle Brushes
- Liquid-free Laundry Detergent (such as Dreft)
- Paper Towels (rolls)
- Preemie Size Diapers (Huggies or Pampers)
- Baby teethingers, Diapers – Pampers Swaddlers Sensitive (Newborn and Size 1)
- Baby saline nose drops.

## Evening Prayers (Vespers)

*@Holy Trinity, Tuesday, March 26*

*beginning at 6:30 pm*

Please join the community of faith as we pray Evening Prayer together Tuesday, March 26 at Holy Trinity, at 6:30 p.m.

## Hearing Aid Receivers Available

*@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 give 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.

## Confirmation Project

Our Confirmation students will be making casseroles for St. Vincent de Paul at their retreat at the end of April. If you would like to donate some ingredients, visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4EA4AB2FA6F49-48482977-casserole#/> and make a selection.

## The Eucharist

**@Emmanuel, Beginning April 14**

The Emmanuel Evangelization Commission is organizing 3 talks on the Eucharist over 3 Sundays:

April 14

April 21

April 28

The presenters will be Dr. Alan Mostrom, Deacon Rusty Baldwin and Fr. Patrick Gonyeau.

The talks will be at 1pm in the church. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

## Solemnity of the Annunciation & Special Healing Mass

*@Emmanuel, Monday, April 8*

Save the Date! The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and a Special Healing Mass will be held on Monday, April 8th at 7:00PM at Emmanuel Catholic Church, 149 Franklin St. Dayton, OH 45402. The Mass will include the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and a blessing with a First Class Relic of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome to participate in this Mass especially those seeking healing physically, mentally, or spiritually.

## Emmanuel Pro-Life

### Pray for the Unborn

*On Good Friday, March 29*

Please come to the abortion clinic on Stroop Road on Good Friday to pray for the unborn babies and their parents. Let's unite the suffering of the innocent unborn to our innocent Jesus who suffered and died for our sins.

### The Pro-Life Pamphlet Rack is Back!

The pro-life pamphlet rack in the back of Emmanuel church has been populated with new materials on abortion, euthanasia, in vitro fertilization and related topics. You can use these to become educated both on what the Catholic Church has to say on these topics, and also secular reasons to agree with the Church. For example in "In Vitro Fertilization – Why Not?" you can read:

"The advertisements of IVF clinics make the risks and outcomes of this procedure sound comparable to those of a normal pregnancy. The reality is quite different."

Please take a copy of this pamphlet to find out what these risks are.







## Congratulations Fr. John! Celebrating 50 Years!

*March 30, 2024*

Fr. John Mencsik, C.P.P.S. will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on March 30, 2024. Fr. John is a former pastor of St. Joseph, and now, he faithfully celebrates the Monday Noon Mass each week at St. Joseph. On Sunday, June 9, Fr. John will be presiding at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph. The parish will celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at coffee & donuts in the Parish Center following Mass.

### Thank you Fr. John

Thank you for your tireless service, for guiding, inspiring, and nurturing countless souls along the way. Your commitment to faith and community is a testament to your remarkable spirit and enduring legacy. May God continue to bless you abundantly as you celebrate this remarkable achievement.

## Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

*From Music Director Michelle Carner*

Last week, we sang a hymn whose words are 1500 years old. Today, the choir will sing a setting of Adoramus Te, Christe—another ancient text, but set to music written by Richard Romiti in 2011, in a beautiful union of new and old. You may recognize the text, an antiphon in the Good Friday liturgy and used in the Stations of the Cross: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You; because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

### Music Scholarship:

Additional Scholarships Available: Due to a generous donor, the Emmanuel Music Fund will be able to offer two extra scholarships this year, for a total of four! Any Emmanuel parishioner is eligible, regardless of whether you have little or much musical experience. Please consider applying—maybe God is calling you to something new! Forms are available on Emmanuel's website or on the back tables in church.

### Loving Support Requested

*For St. Joseph Parishioners Tyler and Mollie*

Tyler and Mollie (Mehaffie) Back (Parishioners at St. Joseph Church) have a newborn son named Johnny. Immediately after his birth at 25 weeks (weighing in at 1 lb 10 oz) surgeons did fetal repair surgery for Spina Bifida at the Midwest Fetal Hospital in Minneapolis. Doctors are amazed at his fighting spirit. Family members have set up a giving campaign to help with medical expenses, travel and missed work.



You can learn more about Johnny's journey at his GiveSendGo account: <https://www.givesendgo.com/GBWK3>

Please keep Johnny and his family in your prayers.

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt @Holy Trinity

*Saturday, March 30 at 12:00 pm*

Bring your kids, the grandkids, the neighbors' kids!

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 30, in Trinity Center and on the lawn.

Festivities include: crafts, games, egg hunt and refreshments by age group:  
0-3 yrs. | 4-5 yrs. | 6-7 yrs. | 8-10 yrs. The fun begins at 12:00 noon for the first age group.

The Easter bunny will be stopping by. Bring your camera. All kids are welcome to come join in the fun!

*Don't forget your Easter basket!*



# Area News

## NAIM

**@St. Francis Parish, April 8**

Naim, the social & religious organization for widowed Catholics opens the month of April on Monday, April 8 at Noon with Pizza. The cost is \$5 per person, followed by the regular meeting in the All Saints Room at St. Francis Parish, 6245 Wilmington Pike. Cards will follow. Plans for the 59th Anniversary of Naim will be revealed & reservations taken for the dinner on April 26. Want to get in on the fun, contact Sunny Hickey @ 937-433-1437.

## Mary's WAY

**@Yankee Trace Golf Club, Tuesday, May 14**

Mary's WAY is back! Mary's WAY (Women Answering Yes) is a nation-wide apostolate which promotes the power of the Holy Rosary and brings women closer to Jesus through the perfect example of Mother Mary. You are invited to attend the 3rd annual dinner at Yankee Trace Golf Club. Speaker, Jeanne Hunt, will speak about Mary's YES and how it relates to the challenges in our lives. High School age and older are welcome. Limited space available. Sign up by May 8th by emailing Chris Condit at cmcondit@woh.rr.com for registration form or go: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marys-way-dinner-tickets-810621559907?aff=oddtcreator>

Tuesday May 14th, 2024  
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### Precious Blood, March 17

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St. Vincent De Paul .....\$528

### Saint Paul, March 17

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St. Vincent De Paul .....\$25

### Saint Rita, March 17

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### Holy Trinity, March 17

Sunday Collection.....\$4,478.23  
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### Saint Joseph, March 17

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# St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Directory & Parish Information

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**St. Gaspar North:** submit to Joan Macpherson: jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org (via email).

### Full Page Flyer

Full page flyers for parish events may be included in the featured section of the bulletin and will be considered on a first come, first served basis, with a maximum of one week, unless space allows.

### Pulpit Announcements

Pulpit announcements for upcoming events need to be submitted no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday liturgy by Noon. Please contact Joan Macpherson for all submissions: 937-276-5954 or via email: jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org.

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## Parish

## Information

### Live Stream Mass

**@Precious Blood Church**

The 8:30 am Sunday Mass at Precious Blood Church is live streamed.

Visit: <https://northwestdaytoncatholic.org/live-stream/>

**@ St. Joseph Church**

The 10:00 am Sunday Mass at St. Joseph is live streamed. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/DaytonCatholic/>

### 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.

**Upcoming Classes and locations:**

April 6, 2024 at 10:00 am, Emmanuel

May 4, 2024 at 10:00 am, St. Joseph

May 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm, St. Paul

### Care of the Sick

### and Elderly

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 seven months in advance to begin required pre-nuptial preparation.

### RCIA or Catholic Life

Those adults, wishing to enter the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), contact 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 3/19/2024

Julie & Rodney Behrens  
Sandy Brinkman  
**Cecelia Castellano**  
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**John & Sharon Cooper**  
Greg Davis  
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**Amy Eby**  
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**Jeanette Schreck**  
Dave St. John  
Larry Sutherland  
**Audrey Toohey**  
Tony Trick  
Jan Weigandt  
Barbara Wooten

Names remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless we are notified otherwise.

To add a name to the prayer list please contact your parish office or email Nancy Burton at [nburton@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:nburton@preciousbloodchurch.org).

**We extend our sympathy:** St. Rita parishioner, Mr. Scott Tygett. To former St. Paul parishioner, Mike Barlow and Tony Nunnari, husband of Shirley Brown. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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