

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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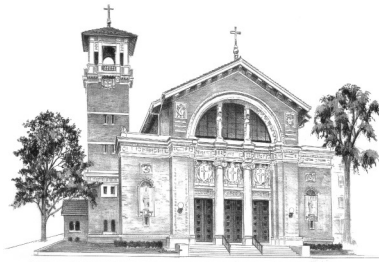
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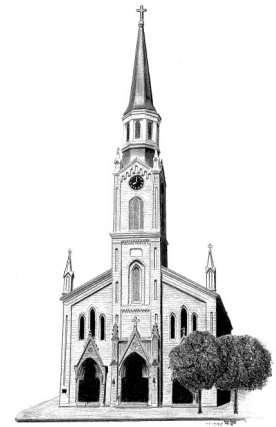
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20

7:30 AM Holy Trinity Deceased of the Graf family

12:00 PM St. Joseph Christopher Lynch

Tuesday, February 21

7:30 AM Holy Trinity Norbert, Sylvia, and Goeff Ferry

12:00 PM St. Joseph Bishop Cordileone

Wednesday, February 22 *Ash Wednesday*

7:30 AM Emmanuel Living & deceased members of
Paul & Mary Hill Family

12:00 PM St. Joseph Claude Sacksteder

12:15 PM Holy Trinity Communion Service with ashes

5:15 PM Emmanuel For our parishioners

6:00 PM Holy Trinity For our parishioners

Thursday, February 23

7:30 AM Emmanuel Living & deceased members of
the Izor-Korn Families

12:00 PM St. Joseph Miguel Henriquez Villa &
Marina Henriquez

Friday, February 24

7:30 AM Emmanuel Living & deceased members of
Beda & Rosa Hill Family

12:00 PM St. Joseph Living & deceased members of
the David Family

Saturday, February 25

7:30 AM Emmanuel George Riess

12:00 PM St. Joseph Robert & Jean Buschur

4:30 PM St. Joseph Ann Folfas

5:15 PM Emmanuel Mike McDonald

Sunday, February 26

8:30 AM Holy Trinity John R. Braun

10:00 AM St. Joseph For our Parishioners

10:30 AM Emmanuel For our Parishioners

11:30 AM Holy Trinity For our Parishioners

Next Week's Readings:

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Mt 4:1-11

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

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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.

FR. ANGELO'S REFLECTION

Jesus invites us to "be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Wow, that's a tall order!" How can we who are created beings be perfect? When we think of the word perfect our minds automatically think flawless, impeccable, without sin. Who can ever attain this kind of perfection? The cultural framework that Jesus lived within was more Hebrew than Greek. Digging into the language & culture of the time we learn that the word perfect was associated with the completion of a process of growth. So, in asking us to be perfect Jesus is asking us to be spiritually mature, to be compassionate and merciful as a reflection of God's unconditional love.

Just as the saints reached this perfection, so can we! So, how can we reach this dream God has for us? Let's look at what Jesus said about his Father's love. "His sun shines on the bad as well as the good." God's love does not discriminate; it simply embraces everything. Using the example of the sun we know that the light of the sun does not shine only on the vegetables in a garden because they are good and refuses to shine on the weeds because they are bad. The sun shines on everything, good and bad.

This is the amazing truth: God loves us when we are good, and God loves us when we are bad. Consider the parable of the prodigal son. The father in this parable loves both of his sons equally, the younger son in his weakness and the older son in his bitterness. The loving care and embrace of the father does not depend upon the son's conversion. He loves them both even though they are distant from him. God asks us to love in the same way. This is what it means to be perfect or spiritually mature; to be the face of compassion and mercy.

Our example for this kind of spiritual maturity is Jesus. He embraced everyone, sinners and saints alike, without ever suggesting that sin and virtue are unimportant. Jesus is teaching us how to attain spiritual maturity by remaining committed to God especially when everything else around us says to fight back. Jesus is counting on us to bring about real change by acting in unexpected ways.

Consider the example of an "eye for an eye." In the process of moral growth within human history this law was a step forward. Often when people retaliated for a wrong done to them, they wanted a pound of revenge for an ounce of injury. This rule of an "eye for an eye" was put in place to prevent excessive punishment based on revenge and retaliation.

Jesus recognized that the "eye for an eye" mentality leaves both people blind. He wants us to realize that we are all children of God. Offering your left cheek when someone strikes your right cheek is a call to break the cycle of violence and to hold your ground for what is right. In the time of Jesus, a slap in the face was considered a terrible insult by the Jews, it was a very demeaning act. By offering your other cheek you are challenging the person to treat you as an equal, a temple of God's spirit.

God's love is transformative. When we put God's love into action by imitating Jesus, we are rejecting the ways of this world that so often seek revenge, retaliation, arrogance and the practice of un-forgiveness. "God loves both the good and the bad, so should we. God forgives us sinners, so should we forgive others. God is trustworthy, so should we be people of trust." This is what it means to be perfect, to be spiritually mature, to become a saint. Can we be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect? Yes, with the help of God.

Helping Earthquake Victims – This weekend we will take up a second collection to help those in need in the areas severely affected by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Please pray for the victims and their families in this difficult time. The funds raised in this special collection will be sent to Catholic Relief Services International to assist local partners in that region. If you were not able to bring your donation this week, you can still put it in next week's collection.

Prayers for the Ukraine...February 24th will mark the one-year anniversary of the start of the war in Ukraine. The Missionaries of the Precious Blood invite everyone to join them in some kind of spiritual activity, raising a prayer of intercession to God for peace in that region and a conversion of heart for those who make war. On that day spend

some time in prayer, fasting, silence, offering the Stations of the Cross or the rosary...all for the cause of peace. The Blood of Christ has made us one people. Blood of Christ, river of Mercy, save us!

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. Thank you!

	Goal	Pledged
Emmanuel Parish:	\$19,126.00	\$12,363.00
St. Joseph Parish:	\$17,760.00	\$ 9,356.60
Holy Trinity Parish:	\$14,461.00	\$ 2,475.00

Region 7 Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Emmanuel Church: 7:30 AM and 5:15 PM

St. Joseph Church: 12:00 Noon with Stations

Holy Trinity Church: 12:15 PM Communion Service with ashes and 6:00 PM Mass

You are welcome to bring your used palms and place them in the back of church.

Lenten Reminders-Fast and Abstinence...Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97 and 1252).

40 Days for Life...The Spring Campaign for 40 Days for Life begins February 22nd and goes until April 2nd. The opening rally is today, Sunday, February 19th, at 2:00 at 1401 E. Stroop Road. For details and to sign up, www.40daysforlife.com/dayton.

Ageless Grace Registration Now Open...Bonita from FirstLight Home Care will be leading this simple, playful exercise program based on the science of neuroplasticity. Along with music it uses all five areas of the brain. This seated class is beneficial to anyone of any age and mobility. Register now for the next series, Mondays, Feb. 27th thru March 27th from 1:30 to 2:30 pm at Trinity Center. Cost is \$35.00 per person and a minimum of 10 registrants is needed to hold the class. Pre-registration is required by 4pm, Saturday, Feb. 25th. To register and for more details contact Sharon Becker at 937.776.2942 or sharonbecker6@gmail.com.

Discipleship Maker...We are participating in a regional parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! The survey will only take 10-15 minutes to complete and must be done by February 27. The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. The parish will receive information about the community as a whole later this spring/summer. Please follow the survey link for your parish:
Emanuel - <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y844yy>
Holy Trinity - <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y8b533>
St. Joseph - <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y9261y>

Discernment 101 Retreat...If you are just beginning to discern the possibility of Consecrated Life, this retreat is for you. Hosted by the Vocations Ministers of Greater Cincinnati, this retreat for single men and women ages 18-45 takes place Feb. 24-26 at St. Joseph Heights, Park Hills, KY and will include input, time for prayer and reflection, conversations with a variety of consecrated men and women, and social time to grow together as Christians. Contact Fr. Steve Dos Santos, CPPS, vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org or <https://forms.gle/bugX9Kb8kA6kt1JV9> for more details.

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	

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Feb. 12, 2023

Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,250.00	\$4,953.27

*Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.
Fr. Angelo & Fr. Seraphine*

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Feb. 12, 2023

Weekend Offertory:	Collection:
	\$ 7,464.00
St. Vincent dePaul:	\$ 746.40
Year to Date Deficit:	(\$9,880.00)

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Prayer List

Virginia Allen	Tim McCrate	Special Intention
Ed Chartrand	Patrick McDonald	Adam
Nancy Cartuyvelles	Michael Mitchell	Christine
Michael Dalessio	Kathy Profitt	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	

Ash Wednesday Mass Times are 7:30am and 5:15pm. Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays during Lent at 7:00pm, beginning February 24th.

Emmanuel is forming a Welcoming Committee to help connect parishioners to the Emmanuel community. If you are interested in joining us as we welcome new parishioners please contact Danny Sweeney at d3sweeney@gmail.com.

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585) is one of the greatest composers of English sacred music, writing while managing to deflect persecution as the balance of power alternated between Catholic and Protestant monarchs. This week, you will hear his well-known "If Ye Love Me": If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray to the Father, that He will give you another comforter, that He will bide with you forever, e'en the Spirit of Truth.

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:

"I have not failed; I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."
—Thomas Edison

LENT

A SEASON OF REPENTANCE & RENEWAL

The Chosen—Come be a part of the discussion!

6:30-8:00pm at Trinity Center. Lynda Middleton will be leading the discussion. Please join us as we grow with The Chosen. Will we see you Tuesday evening?

Help Is Needed: If you are not presently serving as a lector or extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and would like to, we are in desperate need of volunteers for the 11:30 Mass on Sundays. This ministry is open to all who have been confirmed. Training will be provided. Call Judi at the parish office 937-228-1223 or email busmgr.holytrinity@gmail.com.

All You Can Eat Fish And Sausage Fry

Saturday, February 25th in Trinity Center. Mark your calendar now and join with us. Lots of help is needed. If you are able to lend a hand, please call TT Gambrell (937-903-7538), Julie Williams (937-380-1942) or Barb Gilbert (937-673-4616). Help will be needed with food preparation starting at 2:00 p.m. in the kitchen. Starting at 7:00 p.m. we will need dealers for Showdown, Black Jack, Over and Under and folks to sell Tear a Deck and 50/50 chances. We will be working in two-hour shifts. If you have a preference or just want to learn, please call TT or Julie at the above numbers. Tickets for the Fish and Sausage Fry are available in the back of church after Mass or at the parish office. Save yourself \$5.00 per ticket by buying in advance. **The last opportunity to purchase pre-sale tickets is February 23rd by 4:00 p.m.** If you like to bake, consider baking something for our Bake Sale at the Fish and Sausage fry. Carry outs will be available from 5:30 to 6:15 pm. Meal serving will be from 6:30-8:30pm.

If you would like a copy of your donations for tax purposes 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 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.

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. Thanks to Don Richison for organizing again this year.

Please continue to bring your aluminum beverage cans with you when you come to Mass or when you are passing through the neighborhood. You can drop them by the garage behind the parish office building. Please tie bags shut. Paper and cardboard can be placed in the bins at the northern end of our property. Our small way of doing good for our environment.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Feb. 12, 2023

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$9,529.42
Charity:	\$ 234.00

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. In the past, 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 that 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.

Join us for Ash Wednesday Mass at noon. Ashes will be distributed during Mass.

We'd like to welcome to our parish family Thomas Mac Dougall and his son Dylan Borthwick. We're delighted you've decided to join us and look forward to getting to know you.

Congratulations to Kurtis & Megan Gibson on the baptism of the son Theodore. We're delighted to welcome little Theodore to our parish family.

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.

*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

Pro-Life Job Opening:

Elizabeth's New Life Center has been saving babies and changing lives for 33 years. We have an immediate need in the Dayton area. Please visit our website at <https://enlc.life/careers/> for more information or to apply.

Sisters of the Precious Blood is an independent living retirement community in Dayton that is seeking an experienced cook/utility worker to join our team. This is an hourly position with hours of operation of 10:15am – 6:45pm, 7 days a week. Weekends and holidays are required. Interested candidates must have a high school diploma/GED and at least 2 years' experience as a cook. Serve Safe Certification and/or additional training preferred. Competitive benefits with weekend differential are available. Interested candidates should complete an application or submit their resume by March 10th to smccormick@cpsdayton.org.

The Encounter Ministries, an approved ministry within the Archdiocese, will be leading a Transformation Night in 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!

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