March 31, Easter Sunday

SAINT GASPAR FAMILY OF PARISHES

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

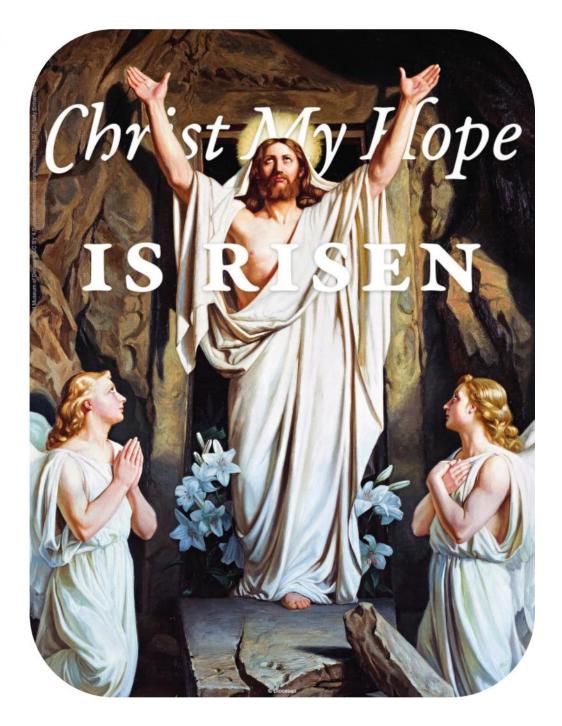
411 East Second Street Dayton, OH 45402 937.228.9272

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

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood Pastor, Fr. Anthony Fortman, C.PP.S. Parochial Vicar, Fr. Seraphine Lesiriam, C.PP.S., Parochial Vicar Fr. Jim "Santiago" Gaynor, C.PP.S.



Pastor's Desk

Jesus is risen! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Thank you Jesus for conquering death. Thank you Jesus for taking our sins away through the shedding of Your precious blood! Jesus, You are the king that conquers death. Without You, we can do nothing. When all seemed lost, You conquered nature. Only You can conquer our human nature. Lord, You do know what it means to be fully human because You died. We have not died yet. Jesus, You know what it means to be rejected and spit upon. You took all the evil in the world and put it upon Yourself. No human being could take that weight.

Jesus, You have much to teach us still. We may know the ways of the world, but we do not always know your ways. Your thoughts are not our thoughts and Your ways are not our ways. Jesus, bless us with humility and understanding so that we can follow You more closely. Help me to take off the old self and put on the new resurrected self.

The resurrection of Christ means everything for us Christians. No one dies and comes back to life again. Especially if you've been dead for three days. Only God can do that. Only God could raise Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus was dead for four days. Miracles are happening all around us. God does answer our prayers. He hears every prayer you say. We just have to be patient. This is the resurrection season. There are new beginnings, new creation, and resurrection all around us.

This is a time of joy and feasting. Do not be sad. God has great things planned for all of us in these weeks ahead. We are a resurrected people and nothing is impossible for God.

God bless you all,

Fr. Tony Fortman, C.PP.S.

Welcome

Newly Baptized

@Emmanuel Eden Rose, child of Kevin & Lyndsay Lengel @Holy Trinity

Ryan, Maureen and Hudson Deci and Fran Smith

Newly Registered

@Emmanuel George Ayers Mauro, Ivana, Sara & David Meruzzi Mdoki, Kuwong & Atuganile Mwamukonda Trevor & Marissa Reagle



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

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

Mass Times & Intentions

Monday April 1 2024

Wonday, April 1, 2024
7:30 am Holy Trinity
8:30 am Precious Blood †Gene & Maureen Serena
12:00 pm †Paul Folfas
Tuesday, April 2, 2024
7:30 am +Christy Shaffer
8:30 am +Susan Zimmerman
12:00 pmSt. Joseph+David & Beth Dean and Family
Wednesday, April 3, 2024
7:30 am †Niehaus Family
8:30 am St. Paul
12:00 pm St. Joseph
Thursday, April 4, 2024
7:30 am Emmanuel †Roger Gamblin
8:30 am St. Paul
12:00 pm ⁺ Joe Spanel
Friday, April 5, 2024
7:30 am Emmanuel †L/D Muckenthaler Family
8:30 am Precious Blood . ⁺ Cecil, Margaret & Elaine Muellerleile
12:00 pm [†] John Bossey
Saturday, April 6, 2024

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7:30 am	.Emmanuel+All U	nborn Children and Their Families
12:00 pm	.St. Joseph	+Olga de Baron
4:30 pm	.St. Joseph	For Our Parishioners
4:30 pm	.Precious Blood	+Ed Hemmelgarn
5:15 pm	.Emmanuel	For Our Parishioners

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30 am Holy Trinity	†Mary Fares			
8:30 am Precious Blood	+Cole Adkins			
9:30 am St. Rita	†Laura Keefe			
10:00 am St. Joseph	. +Deceased Members			
of the Mooney & Ekhaizor Families				
10:30 am Emmanuel	†Kathy Doncaster			
10:30 am St. Paul	Clare Kneblik			
11:30 am Holy Trinity	For Our Parishioners			

Call your parish office to schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one.

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Stay effortlessly connected and never miss a beat with our email and text notifications! Stay engaged and informed with our vibrant church community! Sign up now and experience the convenience of staying in touch with all the happenings at our church.

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Scripture Readings

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Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6- 7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6- 7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14- 15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday	Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military

Yves Benihana Michael Borgert Nicholas Butler Jessica Calicoat John Carner Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles Jon Chachula Laura Chachula Eric Justin Dino Eric Raymond Dino Caleb Fowler Jacob Gutwein Christopher Harman George Hinton

Nicholas Kern Morgan Konsdorf Connor "Baktir" Magill **Greg Marcus Brittany Maurer** Alex McGarvey Zachary McIntyre David Musgrove Diane Nyirasimbi Anthony Pelfrey Gage Plasenthal Matt Shulten Luis Torres Susan Varmuza

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



Parish Calendar Church Offices will be closed on Monday, April 8

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

Monday, April 1 (actual events)

Our Lady of the Precious Blood Group 7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood/Mtg. Room

Ageless Grace (final date) 1:00-3:00 pm [·] St. Joseph/Mtg. Room Tuesday, April 2

No Public Events

Wednesday, April 3

Widower Group Meeting 2:00-3:00 pm ⁻ St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Knights of Columbus 3754 7:30-9:00 pm · St. Rita/Basement

Catholic Life 7:00-8:30 pm [·] Precious Blood/Mtg. Room *Thursday, April 4*

Introduction to Devout Life

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

Friday, April 5

Friday Hour 9:30-11:00 am · Precious Blood/Mtg. Room

Saturday, April 6

Pulchra Terra Neighborhood Clean Up 8:00-10:00 am · 3520 Siebenthaler CCD

9:30-11:00 am [·] Emmanuel/Mtg. Room Sunday, April 7

Children's Faith Formation

9:00-10:15 am [·] St. Paul/Mtg. Room **Donut Sunday** After Sunday Mass [·] Precious Blood

St. Gaspar Family News

Easter Welcome



This Easter Sunday, we, the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes, extend a warm welcome to you! Our family consists of six parishes, all served by the Precious Blood order of priests. Our locations include three churches downtown: Emmanuel, Holy Trinity, and St. Joseph. Additionally, we have churches in Northwest Dayton: Precious Blood, St. Paul, and St. Rita, along with Mother Maria Anna Brunner Pre-K and Elementary School.

As a Next Generation Parish, we participate in a program facilitated by the Catholic Leadership Institute. This initiative aims to cultivate leadership and foster growth within Catholic communities. Over a four-year period, the program will assess our parish's strengths and opportunities, develop a vision for the future, and encourage a deeper missionary spirit within our community.

In July of 2023, we unveiled our Family Logo, shown above, which represents the significance of the Eucharist in our lives and our connection to our Precious Blood priests. The logo features six drops of blood on a chalice, representing our six parishes and symbolizing our unity as the body and blood of Christ.

Through the Next Generation Parish initiative, conducted in partnership with the Diocesan-wide Beacons of Light program, we will be included in shared learning, professional development, and practical skill-building for leaders within the community.

There will be implementation of an improved communication system for the parish, along with the development and facilitation of a comprehensive 3-Year Pastoral Plan. Additionally, three years of coaching and on-site support will be provided for the pastor to ensure effective implementation. This initiative aims to cultivate a deeper sense of discipleship and missionary spirit within the parish while also achieving measurable increases in Mass attendance and weekly offertory.

While some of our progress can be measured with other parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati going through the Beacons of Light process, we have been in step with some of our shared goals while moving thoughtfully with others. We maintain six separate offices. Staff information as well as information about Baptism, RCIA, Marriage and Pastoral Care can be found on page 13.

Our Website

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes does not have a combined website to date, for the interim, we have created a shared landing page that links to all of our parishes and highlights some of our shared content. Visit: <u>stgasparfamily.org.</u>

St. Gaspar Family News

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.





Divine Mercy Sunday Jesus, I Trust in You

@Emmanuel, Sunday, April 7

12:30 -1:45 PM Confession with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (confessions resume after Mass) 1:00 PM Rosary 1:30 PM Benediction

2:00 PM Celebration of the Eucharist followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Weekday 3:00 pm Rosary

Monday through Friday

@Precious Blood, Adoration Chapel

Praying the rosary at 3:00 pm daily holds special significance and is associated with the "Hour of Mercy" or the "Three O'Clock Prayer," which commemorates the hour of Christ's death on the cross and is believed to be a powerful time for prayer and reflection. Praying the rosary at 3:00 pm can be a beautiful opportunity to pause amidst the busyness of life, reflect on the profound mysteries of our Catholic faith, and unite in prayer with fellow believers around the world. It's a time to seek God's mercy, grace, and guidance, and to lift up our intentions and concerns to the Divine.

For more information contact Curtis Kneblik, Director of Adult Formation for Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita at 937-276-5954 or via email: ckneblik@preciousbloodchurch.org.

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) Monday - 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 through May 21 6:30 pm [•] Holy Trinity



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The St Gaspar Respect Life Group

Nationwide Invitation to Prayer Announcement

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, President, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

On March 26, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case that has the potential to make a major impact in the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

From the St Gaspar Respect Life Group

March 31—Week 2

Though Mary does not yet feel our savior inside her, he is growing rapidly! One single divine cell becomes two, then four, and eight. Jesus, looking like a tiny ball, implants himself in Mary's uterus this week. Through this bond, she will provide for all his needs. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers! The case is in response to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) promoting the availability of chemical abortion while ignoring risks to women and violating federal law. In short, the FDA has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry and turned neighborhood pharmacies into chemical abortion providers.

While the Supreme Court case is not about ending chemical abortion, it can restore limitations that the FDA has overridden. When a Supreme Court decision is released, probably in June, we can expect a public and political reaction similar to the Dobbs decision that overturned Roe v. Wade.

The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer for the end of abortion and the protection of women and preborn children, beginning on March 25, the eve of the oral arguments, and the anniversary of St. John Paul II's landmark, pro-life encyclical, The Gospel of Life (Evangelium vitae). In particular, we will invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer:

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from March 25 through June, when a decision is expected. Online and print versions of the prayer can be found at: <u>respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph.</u>

Thank you for responding to this invitation to prayer for an end to all abortions and for the protection of women and preborn children. St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

The Holy Land Shepherds

Olive Wood Tree Carvings

@Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita, April 20 & 21

The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations including our family. More than 80% of the Christian community income comes from tourism and the olive wood trade. However, due to the ongoing difficult circumstances and the tremendous decrease in tourism, the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian Families to leave their homes in search of work and safety.

We are happy to announce that we will be visiting your parish on April 20th & 21st . We encourage you to look over their beautiful hand carved items. We value your support. We will be accepting cash, credit cards & checks. *May God bless you & keep you safe, The Holy Land Shepherds.*





Sacred Pilgrimage

Destinations: Basilica of St. Peter in Chains and the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

We will be chartering a comfortable bus for the pilgrimage, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable journey for all participants.

Embark on a spiritual journey with Deacon Brian Seibert to two majestic basilicas, immersing 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. Cost: 40.00 (includes lunch)

Itinerary:

7:30 am: Departure from St. Paul's parking lot
9:30 am: Tour of Basilica of St. Peter in Chains
11:30 am: Mass at Basilica
12:30 pm: Lunch and Fellowship
1:30 pm: Board Charter bus to Covington, KY
2:30 pm: Tour of the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption
4:00 pm: Return trip to St. Paul's
5:30 pm: Arrival





For more information and reservations, Call 937-836-7535. Make checks payable to Precious Blood Church, memo line: Sacred



St. Vincent de Paul 1st Quarter 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 to others, as you would have them do to you" Luke 6:31

Do you want to help us help others?

*Donate monthly using your St. Vincent de Paul Offering Envelope.

*Donate items for our Food Pantry:

Cereal Body Wash Kleenex Shampoo Shaving Cream Toothpaste

*Attend monthly meetings (2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul) or volunteer for pantry or projects.

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

SVDP Assistance Line: 937-771-6773

SVDP Food Pantry: Call 937-416-7260 for appointment

BY THE NUMBERS

During the first quarter of 2024 through March 18, we assisted our neighbors in need with:

- Over \$5,531.56 in rental assistance given to keep 20 adults and 14 children in their homes
- More than \$17,032.03 in assistance given in order to keep 150 adults and 120 children's utilities and water on
- Over \$1,833.60 worth of furniture given to 7 adults in order to improve our neighbor's quality of life
- For January & February, we also gave food to people from **174** households, feeding **153** seniors, **210** adults and **176** children through our food pantry.

TRI-PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

The Lenten Project was a great success, especially with our most needed Personal Care items and Fill the House items like pillows, can openers, dishes, glasses and bed linens. We are sincerely appreciative of all the donations. We couldn't do this ministry without the generosity of our parishioners.

EASTER GIFT CARDS

Our St. Vincent de Paul Regional Food Pantry distributed \$20 Meijer gift cards to pantry clients on the last giveaway before Easter, Tuesday, March 26, to help purchase groceries for their Easter meal. **EASTER BASKETS FOR PANTRY CLIENTS**

Thank you to the Children's Faith Formation classes for their Lenten service project. They collected candy and other items during Lent for Easter baskets. These were given to our SVDP Regional Food Pantry. Clients with children and grandchildren in their homes were given Easter baskets on March 19 and 26.

WELCOME "NEW" VINCENTIAN: JAN FADER from ST. RITA

If you would like to know more about joining our conference, please contact Conference President Bonnie Vitangeli at **bvitangeli@att.net**. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month but July at St. Paul. Thank you for your financial support and your in kind donations for our ministries. **THE POWER OF COMMUNICATION IN OUR MINISTRY**

Earlier this year a young woman, who had just had a baby, called the Assistance Line for help with rent and AES. She was living in what sounded like a rundown house and had no one to turn to. She was in a near panic because she did not have money for rent and soon she would be disconnected from AES. She had always worked at low wage jobs and paid her bills, but now with a baby she did not know how she would be able to work.

The house she was living in was owned by her father, whom she described as totally uncaring and letting the house deteriorate. I told her that I would have to speak with him if we were to help with rent. She said it would be useless, but she gave me his contact information.

When speaking with him, he told me how disappointed he was with his irresponsible daughter. After hearing his point of view, I described in detail as much as I could about his daughter's desperate situation with the baby. He said he would call her and see what they could both do to make things better.

A few days later, I spoke with both. They had reconciled and had a plan to move ahead with a way for her to work and a financial agreement where he would pay her electricity and she would pay rent with a partial payment from us to get started. I was delighted and relieved that this situation looked promising for the future. As this story points out, St. Vincent de Paul helps with more than material & financial assistance. We also help mend relationships.

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

Friends of Pulchra Terra

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 Kneblik at ckneblik@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 Kneblik, Director of Adult Formation for Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita at 937-276-5954 or via email: ckneblik@preciousbloodchurch.org.

How to Welcome Spring

From Master Gardner Helen Sloan

Celebrate the beauty of April with blooming daffodils and the enchanting sea of Virginia Bluebells at Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm. To immerse yourself in this natural wonderland, follow these directions: Head north on Route 48 (Main Street) until you reach Route 40 in Englewood. Take a right and cross the dam, then turn right onto Aullwood Rd. After traveling approximately 1.5 miles, you'll find signs for parking on your right. Our gardens await your exploration, open daily until dusk. Come, experience the magic of springtime.

Pussywillow Giveaway

@Precious Blood, Sunday, April 7, at the 8:30 am Mass

Secondly, I will be giving free dried pussywillows on Sunday, April 7th, after the 8:30 mass at Precious Blood. These require a tall vase with a small neck, so the branches don't wobble. If needed, you can use small stones or marbles at the bottom of the vase to stabilize the branches.

They will last for years, as no water is needed.

Helen Sloan, Master Gardener



God's Garden

Space Available In Exchange for Volunteering

@St. Paul, meetings begin late April

Spring is here, and God's Garden will also soon be for its 30+ summer! God's Garden, our very large organic garden on the grounds of St. Paul's Parish, which gives all produce grown to food pantries, will begin again by the end of April. If you, or someone you know, would like some space at the garden to learn to grow your own vegetables, in return for volunteering there, let Sue know at skksack@gmail.com. Many thanks to our private donors, who have helped us obtain some necessary tools this year. Thanks also to a local Small Faith Community, who recently spent a Saturday morning there doing Lenten service. Contact Sue Sack for more information, skksack@gmail.com.

Adoration & Benediction

Spend Time with the Lord @Precious Blood, Thursday, April 4 From 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Please come away for some quiet, peaceful time with our Lord Jesus during our next Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. Come and pray with our Lord for peace for our world, the protection and nurturing of all human life, care for God's Creation, and for the blessing of our loved ones – and the poor and the oppressed in our world.



Spring is in the Air!

Senior Program and Lunch

@St. Paul, Wednesday, April 10 From 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Discover the captivating tale of "Grandma Gatewood's Walk" with Sam Romeo from the Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm. Reserve your spot by Monday, April 8th, and embark on an inspiring adventure presented by Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm's very own Sam Romeo. To reserve your spot call 937-836-7535.



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Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph News

Evening Prayers (Vespers)

@Holy Trinity, Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm

Please join the community of faith as we pray Evening Prayer together Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. We will be praying the Vespers on Tuesdays until May 21.

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

From Holy Trinity

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,



Scan the QR code or visit: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/20F0C4EA4AB2FA6F49-48482977-casserole#/ and make a selection.

The Emmanuel Pro-Life Pamphlet Rack is Back! @Emmanuel

"The most painful experience I've ever had in my life." That's how one women described her experience having a chemical abortion. Even the Mayo Clinic says side effects include vomiting, fever, chills, and enough pain to require pain killers.

Two pills are used to cause a chemical abortion. The first blocks progesterone, which is necessary to provide nutrients to the unborn baby. The second pill causes contractions to expel the baby. If the mother changes her mind soon enough, high doses of progesterone can be used to counteract the effects of the first pill, saving the life of the baby.

Read more about the dangers of chemical abortions and how to reverse them in "What is Medication Abortion?" in the pro-life pamphlet rack in the back of Emmanuel church.

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

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and a Special Healing Mass will be held on Monday, April 8 at 7:00 pm at Emmanuel Catholic Church. 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.

Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

From Music Director Michelle Carner

Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft – Composed in the 11th century, "Victimae Paschali Laudes" is the glorious sequence sung on Easter Sunday and optionally on each day of the Easter Octave. This triumphant chant is one of four sequences in liturgical use, along with Veni, Sancte Spiritus (Pentecost), Lauda Sion (Corpus Christi), and Stabat Mater (Our Lady of Sorrows). As we sing today, "Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia!"

Music Scholarship:

Forms are Due April 21

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. Scholarship forms are due by April 21.

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

Pipe Organ Renovation Update

@St. Joseph

Progress in Motion: Significant strides have been made. Most notably, the majority of pipes from the existing organ have been delicately disassembled, and work is currently underway to dismantle the casework, the wooden structure housing the instrument.

Console Construction: Simultaneously, efforts are focused on constructing the new console, the central control unit comprising the keyboard and pedals. Detailed planning has facilitated the specification of components, initiation of blueprint drafting, and imminent procurement of lumber for construction.

Upcoming Milestones: Looking ahead, in mid-April, the remaining casework will be extracted from the balcony, necessitating the leveling of its floor by removing the carpet and risers. This crucial step ensures adequate clearance beneath the ceiling, accommodating the installation of the forthcoming grand and towering façade pipes.

Become a Pipe Organ Donor

Donations to date total \$27,683

The Total Cost of the New St. Joseph Pipe Organ is \$280,000. If you would like to help financially with this project, you can do so in a number of ways: Use the designated special envelopes for the pipe organ project that are located at the entrances of the church. They can be placed in the collection basket. Imy Eoffering

Donate Online, visit www.myEoffering.com

You can set up your online giving account or use your already existing one to donate. Go to Add New Offering and select 'St. Joseph Pipe Organ Fund'. You can also scan the QR Code, and you will taken to www.myEoffering.com

Mail in Your Donation:

St. Joseph Church, 411 E. Second St., Dayton, OH 45402 Please be sure to clearly state "Pipe Organ Donation"

So Many Thanks Are Due From Holy Trinity

It has been a busy few weeks, more so than ever. So thank you to our church cleaners and decorators, all who donated items to Bridgid's Path and flowers for the sanctuary. A BIG SHOUT OUT to our parishioners, friends of the parish, and parishioners from other parishes in our Family of Parishes for helping with parking and pouring for the St. Patricks' Day celebration in the Oregon District. You all are indeed a blessing to us.

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.



Spring Rummage Sale! Saturday, May 4

Bring in Your Donations

Not accepting clothes, shoes or technical books

Our Spring Rummage Sale Is Saturday, May 4 in Trinity Center, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will be accepting your usable donations at Trinity Center on the following Sundays from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.

- April 14
- April 21
- April 28

Please use the north door off the parking lot.

Stgasparfamily.org

Our Stewardship

Your Easter donation plays a crucial role in ensuring the continued operation of our parish and the sustenance of our various ministries. Please prayerfully consider your Easter donation.

Precious Blood, March 24

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Sunday Collection \$4,417.50
St. Vincent De Paul \$345
Tornado Relief \$653
Saint Paul, March 24
Sunday Collection \$5,509
St. Vincent De Paul \$20
Tornado Relief \$792
Saint Rita, March 24
Sunday Collection \$4,239
St. Vincent De Paul \$398
Tornado Relief \$973
Holy Trinity, March 24
Sunday Collection \$5,433.38
Electronic Giving \$346
Tornado Relief \$1,798.86
Saint Joseph, March 24
Sunday Collection \$7,068
Outreach\$2,225
Pipe Organ \$1,774
Emmanuel, March 24
Sunday Collection \$6,399

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St. Vincent De Paul Tithe	\$633
Tornado Relief	\$1,901

Online Giving

As an added convenience all of our parishes offer online giving. If you are interested in online giving, call your parish office:

Emmanuel: 937-228-2013 Holy Trinity: 937-228-1223 Precious Blood: 937-276-5954 St. Joseph: 937-228-9272 St. Paul: 937-836-7535 St. Rita: 937-278-5815

Tornado Relief

On April 24 our Family of Parishes took up a special collection for tornado relief for families that have been affected by the recent tornadoes in Ohio. You can still donate to this cause. Write the check to your parish as you would usually but in the memo line mark: Tornado Relief. Thank you to everyone who has donated already.

Area News

Women of God, You've Got This! Women's Retreat, Wednesday, April 24

Women of God, let's respond to the waves of life's ups and downs through a time of reflection, prayer, faith-sharing and Mass. In this multi-message world, take some time to pause and focus on the trust and peace which comes from knowing Jesus, who is always with us, giving us strength to meet what comes to the shores of our lives.

This retreat for women is as follows:

When: Wednesday, April 24, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Where: Sisters of the Precious Blood
4960 Salem Ave. Dayton
Cost: \$15.00 (including lunch) pay at the door
Register: Call 419-678-1019 or email: mbertke@cppsdayton.org
by Wednesday, April 17

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-waydinner-tickets-810621559907?aff=oddtdtcreator

Tuesday May 14th, 2024 6:00pm-9:00 pm \$35.00/person The Golf Club at Yankee Trace 10000 Yankee St. Centerville Ohio 45458 Questions? Call Chris Condit @ 937-790-0568

Unplanned Pregnancy?

Option Line.

Get Help Now: <u>1-800-712-4357</u> optionline.org

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Directory & Parish Information

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Submissions for the bulletin are due Thursdays at Noon, 9 days before the publication date of the bulletin. **St. Gaspar South:** submit to Mary Beemsterboer emmparishoffice@gmail.com (via email).

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 03/26/2024

Julie & Rodney Behrens Sandy Brinkman Cecelia Castellano Anne Coleman John & Sharon Cooper Greg Davis Joanne Davis Amy Eby Dale Edwards Michael Gauder Michael Glackin Bob Heiser, Sr. Stephen Hemmelgarn Helen Henning Susan Hughes Joe & Zoa Hunter John & Joan Jankowski Joe Jeckering **Marge Krisher** Colette Ann Kropp Paul Limbert Linda McIntosh **Kelly Rapp** Janet Rudy-Gerrard Jeanette Schreck Dave St. John Larry Sutherland **Audrey Toohey Tony Trick**

Jan Weigandt **Catherine Winkler** 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.

FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED: 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. Please call your parish office to add the name of a deceased loved one.

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