

December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent



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

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., Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn C.P.P.S., Br. Matt Schaefer C.P.P.S., In residence: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S., Fr. Angelo Anthony C.P.P.S.
St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood



Pastor's Desk

Healing Souls in Advent

Today, we celebrate the beginning of Advent. It is a time to draw closer to the Lord and also to reflect on our own mortality and the anticipated second coming of Jesus. Let us dedicate extra time during Advent to prayer, focusing on our Lord Jesus and His mother.

December 3rd is also the feast day of Saint Francis Xavier, the patron saint of the Precious Blood Community. He was a Catholic Spanish missionary and co-founder of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. Born in Xavier, Spain, he was a companion of Ignatius of Loyola. As one of the first Jesuits, he took vows

of poverty and chastity, leading extensive missionary efforts in Asia and early modern India. Francis Xavier was born in the year 1506 and lived to be about 46 years old.

Saint Gaspar del Buffalo aspired to be a Jesuit and a missionary worldwide. It appears that Gaspar admired and greatly respected Francis Xavier. Though Gaspar did not travel as extensively as Francis, he spent most of his life as a missionary within Rome.

We are called to extend the kingdom of God into the world. I believe that accomplishing Jesus' mission does not require us to go very far. People worldwide hunger for the gospel message and sacraments. Both those in small rural communities and those in the city need the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

There are various types of hunger, including the hunger for food, attention, and Jesus Christ and His Church. Gaspar shows us that we have to flourish wherever we are planted.

At Saint Joseph's Church in downtown Dayton, we witness long lines of people seeking the sacrament of reconciliation. This is a gift our community provides. While not everyone desires reconciliation with Christ and His Church, our community, in communion with Christ, has the opportunity to heal souls—a mission given to us by Jesus.

With many tongues of the Precious Blood of Jesus, let us proclaim the message of reconciliation and healing.

God bless you all,

Fr. Tony Fortman, C.P.P.S.



From the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Respect Life Group:

On December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne.

So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of fertilization, when it is lovingly knit together by God the Father.



Confession Times

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

Saturday
4:00-5:00 pm | Emmanuel
4:00-4:30 pm | St. Joseph
3:30-4:20 pm | St. Rita

Sunday
8:00-8:25 am | Holy Trinity

Advent reconciliation times can be found on page 5

Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, December 4

7:30 am Holy Trinity .. †Laurent, Esther and Amaud Quedraogo
 8:30 am Precious Blood †Poliquin-Dodsworth Families
 12:00 pm St. Joseph †Carolyn & Jerry Palmer, Anniversary

Tuesday, December 5

7:30 am Holy Trinity †Tim and Tara Trick
 8:30 am St. Rita †Ed Thomas
 12:00 pm St. Joseph †Ed Thomas

Wednesday, December 6

7:30 am Emmanuel †Ron Berry
 8:30 am St. Paul †Tom & Ita Lawrence
 12:00 pm St. Joseph †Leon Deppen

Thursday, December 7

7:30 am Emmanuel †Pete Baldwin
 8:30 am St. Paul †Sharon Farmer
 12:00 pm St. Joseph †John Zimmerman

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Vigil

6:00 pm Holy Trinity †Gerald and Randall Cooper

Friday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

7:30 am Emmanuel Liv/Dec. Enochs Family
 8:30 am Precious Blood †Hoover-Howard Families
 12:00 pm St. Joseph †Ed Caulfield
 7:00 pm St. Rita Celebrant's Intention

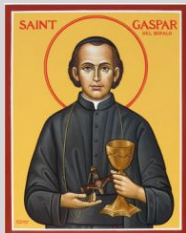
Saturday, December 9

7:30 am Emmanuel †Joe Spanel and Family
 12:00 pm St. Joseph †Virginia Moeller
 4:30 pm St. Rita †Patrick, Yvonne & Declan Ruttler
 4:30 pm St. Joseph †For our Parishioners
 5:15 pm Emmanuel †Eugene Wilson

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am St. Paul †Brad Heeter
 8:30 am Precious Blood †Pete Pirone
 8:30 am Holy Trinity †Downey-Weaver family
 9:30 am St. Rita †Roger & Virginia Jette
 10:00 am St. Joseph †The Luke & Ege Bramlage Family, in memory of Gemma
 10:30 am Emmanuel †For our Parishioners
 10:30 am St. Paul †For our Parishioners
 11:30 am Precious Blood †Dick & Mary Ann Janowiecki
 11:30 am Holy Trinity †For our Parishioners



“Cultivate the virtue of humility, a virtue which I greatly urge you to develop.”

-St. Gaspar Del Bufalo



For the Week of December 3, 2023

- Monday** Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday** **Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday** **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1; 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday** **Second Sunday of Advent**
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military

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

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

Monday, December 4

Laudate Deum Book Study

9:15-10:30 am · Precious Blood/Mtg. Rm.

The Glories of Mary Book Read

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

Tuesday, December 5

Advent Bible Study-with Dennie Stieritz

10:30 am-12:00 pm · St. Joseph/Mtg. Rm.

The Chosen-Through December 19

6:30-8:00 pm · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Rm.

Wednesday, December 6

Widower Meeting

2:00-3:30 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Catholic Life

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

Thursday, December 7

The Devout Life Book Read

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

Friday, December 8

Friday Hour

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

Saturday, December 9

CCD

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

Sunday, December 10

Children's Faith Formation

9:00-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Rooms

F.I.R.E. Family Faith Formation

9:45 am · Holy Trinity

Coffee & Donuts

After 10:00 am Mass · St. Joseph Church

Coffee & Donuts

After Mass · St. Paul

Precious Blood Companions

1:00 pm · Precious Blood Mtg. Rm.

Lessons and Carols

2:00 pm · St. Joseph Church

Family Rosary and Potluck

5:00-6:30 pm · Precious Blood Church

Also Coming Up!

High School Youth Program

Second and Fourth Sundays of the Month

9:00-10:30 am · St. Paul/Meeting Room

Our goal at St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is to provide information on all parish meetings and events. If you would like to have a recurring meeting or special event listed on our calendar contact our communications manager, Joan Macpherson, jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org.

Family of Parishes News & Events

Advent Bible Study What Child is This?



@St. Joseph, Tuesdays, December 5 & 12

You are invited to take an Advent scriptural journey on a path through the Old Testament arriving at Bethlehem where you will hear the still amazing proclamations of the gospel writers. Surprising twists, turns, mysteries and marvels await as you discover the deeper meanings of the original Christmas message of each evangelist. Tuesdays, December 5 and 12 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at St. Joseph Parish Center. Presenter – Dennie Stieritz



Dare to date Marriage Uncorked White Elephant Christmas Party

@Emmanuel, Saturday, December 9 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Marriage Uncorked Ministry invites you and your spouse/fiancé to a festive Christmas party! Join us on Saturday, December 9th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at Emmanuel Catholic Church for a rousing game of Battle of the Sexes and white elephant gift exchange.

Please bring a snack and gift to exchange (the funnier, the better!)

Babysitting is available for this event at \$4 per child or \$15 family



Retirement Fund For Religious

*Second Collection Next Weekend,
December 9 and 10*

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others.

Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

Advent & Christmas Schedule

For the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

Immaculate Conception

Vigil - Thursday, December 7, 2023

Holy Trinity - 6:00 pm

Friday, December 8, 2023

Emmanuel - 7:30 am

Precious Blood – 8:30 am w/school

St. Joseph - Noon

St. Rita – 7:00 pm



Advent Reconciliation

Individual Penance Service – Tuesday, December 19, 2023

St. Rita – 9:15 am – 11:00 am

Emmanuel - 6:30 pm

Communal Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

St. Paul – 7:00 pm

Saturday before Christmas

Saturday, December 23, 2023

St. Joseph - Noon

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23, 2023

St. Joseph - 4:30 pm

St. Rita – 4:30 pm

Emmanuel - 5:15 pm

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Holy Trinity - 8:30 am

Precious Blood – 8:30 am

St. Joseph - 10:00 am

Emmanuel - 10:30 am

St. Paul – 10:30 am

Christmas Mass Schedule

Vigil - Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2023

St. Joseph - 4:30 pm

St. Paul – 4:30 pm

St. Rita – 4:30 pm

Emmanuel - 10:00 pm

Holy Trinity - Midnight

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2023

Holy Trinity - 9:00 am

Precious Blood – 10:00 am

Emmanuel - 10:30 am



THE BIRTH OF

Christ

Devotionals

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday

3:30-4:30 pm · St. Rita

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel

PrayerMates

Tuesday

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood

Benediction and Adoration

First Thursday of the Month

6:00-7:30 pm · St. Rita

Third Sunday of the Month

12:45 pm · Holy Trinity

Saturdays During Advent

12:30-4:00 pm · St. Joseph

Pray the Rosary

Monday-Saturday

12:45 pm · St. Joseph (after the Noon Mass)

Friday

3:00 pm · Precious Blood Adoration Chapel

Saturday

3:55 pm · St. Rita (before the 4:30 pm Mass)

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)

Pray the Rosary for Life

Second Sunday of the Month

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

We pray the rosary for pro-life issues.





JOIN US FOR A
CHRISTMAS PARTY
17th DECEMBER
6-8pm
St. Paul Church
8th grade- High School
Bring a \$10 gift for White Elephant

Questions-
erudsmiller@preciousbloodchurch.org



BABY SHOWER FOR MARY Advent Service Project

ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO STORK'S BABY PANTRY FOR MOTHERS IN NEED

BABY SUPPLIES	FORMULA
Baby Bottles	Enfamil Powder Formula (All varieties)
Baby Wipes	Similac Advance Powder Formula
Baby Wash	GENTLY USED CLOTHES (NB-5T)
Baby Shampoo	Infant and Toddler Socks
Baby Lotion	Onesies (NB-9months)
Baby Powder	Toddler Pajamas
DIAPERS	Toddler Underwear
Newborn Diapers	MISCELLANEOUS
Newborn Diapers	Gift Cards
Size 5 Diapers	Infant Washcloths & Towels
Size 6 Diapers	Pacifiers
Pull-ups (3T, 4T, 5T)	Receiving Blankets
	Sippy Cups

Donations collected outside the Catechist Center at St. Paul through December 17th

Epiphany Party Gingerbread House Contest

@Emmanuel, Thursday, Jan 4
From 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Join us for an Epiphany Party and Gingerbread House contest for 5th - 12th graders, and white elephant gift exchange .

- We will provide materials for the contest
- Prizes for most creative and best construction
- White elephant gift exchange.

Please bring a snack to share, a water bottle, and a white elephant gift for exchange.

Do not exceed \$10

(better yet, bring something from your house) For more information and to RSVP contact Tanya Lee: 937-885-7432
michaelllee25@sbcglobal.net

Praise Fest!

For All Teens Aged 13 Through Seniors in High School

@St. Joseph Church, Friday, December 15
from 7:00 to 10:00 pm

This evening of adoration, prayer, confession, and fellowship will be held on the third Friday of every month throughout the year. We will meet from 7:00 to 10:00 pm at St. Joseph Church. We will begin in the hall with fellowship and then go over to the church for adoration. Praise Fest is for all teens ages 13 through high school seniors. Please contact Nicole Bartz with any questions 937-956-8999



Tickets Are Available for Emmanuel's SVDP Fish & Sausage Dinner

St. Vincent De Paul Conferences

In Our Family of Parishes

Within our Family of Parishes, we are fortunate to have two St. Vincent De Paul Conferences, the Northwest Dayton Conference, and the Emmanuel Conference, both vital components of our parish community. These conferences represent groups of dedicated men and women who join together with a common goal: to strengthen their faith through companionship and acts of service. The Northwest Dayton Conference encompasses Precious Blood, St. Paul, and St. Rita, while The Emmanuel Conference comprises Emmanuel, Holy Trinity, and St. Joseph. Each of these conferences is indispensable in supporting families in need within the Dayton area.

The Fish & Sausage Dinner Fundraiser is vital for the Emmanuel Conference, and is a primary source of support. We urge everyone in our Family of Parishes to support both conferences as much as you are able. Across our six parishes, we aid a significant number of households in need in the Dayton area. It's a big ask, but the need is substantial. Your support makes a real difference.



FISH & SAUSAGE DINNER FUNDRAISER

HOSTED BY:

EMMANUEL SVdP CONFERENCE

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Dinner 6-8pm, Games 6-10pm
Bainbridge Hall, 267 Bainbridge Street, Dayton

\$20
PER DINNER
21 and OLDER

INCLUDES FRIED
FISH/SAUSAGE,
FRIES, SLAW, BAKED
BEANS, DRINKS &
DESSERTS

SILENT AUCTION,
RAFFLES, GAMES
OF CHANCE
and MORE!

DINNER & RAFFLE TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED NOW FROM
EMMANUEL VINCENTIANS OR BY CALLING TERRI @ 937-572-3626.

All proceeds will benefit our neighbors in need.

THANK YOU!

Most Needed Items for the Emmanuel SVDP Conference Food Pantry

The following are the items that are most in need over the next 3-4 months:

Canned Tuna	Boxed Mashed Potatoes
Peanut Butter	Cereal
Saltine Crackers	Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
Toothpaste	Egg Noodles
Hamburger Helper	Spaghetti (Pasta) Sauce
Pork and Beans	



Please bring these items to church and place them in the designated areas.

Calling all Child and Youth Choir!

Sing at the 4:30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass at St. Paul

Sunday Morning Rehearsals:

@St. Paul from 8:30 to 9:00 am

December 10 and 17
(before Religious Ed Classes)

Wednesday Evening Rehearsals:

@ St. Paul from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

December 13 and 20
For more information contact

Marianne Pitts:
mpitts@preciousbloodchurch.org



Join us at St. Paul's, where every voice, big or small, adds to the magic of Christmas. Together, let's create melodies that will be remembered for years to come.



Precious Blood Companions

@Precious Blood

Sunday, December 10 at 1:00 pm

Precious Blood Companions are inspired by Precious Blood Spirituality and called to be in relationship with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in order to form a community that seeks to give voice and presence to the power of the Precious Blood that draws all people near.

The journey begins by attending a Precious Blood gathering to learn more about the history of the community and core values or charisms of St. Gaspar.

What you may hear will resonate in your heart because you already exhibit some of these values.

We meet once a month at Precious Blood Church. The first step is formation where you will learn more about what it means to be a Companion and about Precious Blood Spirituality. At the conclusion of formation, if you desire, you will present a written covenant with the community. Becoming a Companion is a wonderful way to strengthen your personal spirituality and to meet others who share that calling.

For more information, please e-mail John Hess:
hessjp@juno.com

Please join us on the following dates:

December 10, 2023

January 14, 2024

February 4, 2024

March 10, 2024

April 14, 2024

May 19, 2024



Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

@St. Rita, Thursday, December 7, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

We have a great grace and a rich blessing from our Lord Jesus, in His Body and His Blood, offered for our salvation, and spiritual nourishment for the journey. You are cordially invited to "come away" for some quiet time with our Lord the Blessed Sacrament, and with your sisters and

12 Chefs Needed To Make Chili for the Unhoused

@St. Rita, December 9

St Gaspar Respect Life Group at St. Rita parish extends a request for 12 chefs to prepare a gallon of chili for the St Vincent Hotel. Jugs and recipe are provided and can be picked up at St Rita following masses on December 2 & 3. Chili needs to be returned to St Rita on December 9 prior to the 4:30 Mass. (Or contact Mike if you need to make other arrangements). To participate contact Mike Nieport, 937-305-6886 or psalm91.mhn@gmail.com. Monetary donations are also accepted to purchase additional canned goods. (checks can be made payable to St Rita Respect Life Committee).



Giving Back This Christmas Season!

Christmas Baskets for Families in Need

@Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita, donations will be accepted until December 20,

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Rita, St. Paul, and Precious Blood continues its request for your help in our ministry to serve others this Christmas.

Giving Trees

Return Gift Cards by December 17

Giving Trees at our parishes serve as physical reminders of our commitment to provide those in need with gift cards this Christmas. Thank you to all who took ornaments from a Giving Tree last week, and to all of you who've already donated. If you haven't taken an ornament yet, please consider taking any of those remaining and buy a gift card(s) for a child in need. Suggested gift card value is \$20 for general merchandise stores such as Meijer's or Walmart. Please return your card(s) to the box at your church by December 17th. If you prefer to make a cash donation instead, please place it in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket Project" and place in the box or mail it. Please be generous, our Christmas list includes 100 needy families with 237 children.

Volunteers Are Needed

For food and gift cards distribution, Saturday, December 23 @St. Paul

Please also consider volunteering! This year we'll distribute food and gift cards from the Northwest Regional Pantry (at the west side of St Paul's church) during the morning of Saturday, December 23th. We'd love to have about 12 volunteers, beginning about 8 AM through Noon. Most needed help will be filling dairy/cold item boxes, staging food boxes, loading cars, directing traffic outside, and providing gift cards. We'll have plenty of warm beverages and ensure everyone gets needed breaks for warmth.

Call Guy Fritchman @ 937-231-2375 if you can help! **Thank you for helping us to help others!**



Stillwater Center and Julia's Place

@St. Rita, donations accepted until December 12

In addition to our Christmas Baskets for families in need, the St. Rita Giving Tree will again be providing gifts to Stillwater Center and Places group homes through Julia's Place. Stillwater provides a home for residents who have severe and profound intellectual disabilities, are physically challenged or have significant medical needs. Places cares for adults diagnosed with severe mental health disorders and have most likely been homeless. This year we are asking for:

- Men's sweatshirts: sizes L, XL and 2 X
- Women's sweatshirts: sizes L and XL
- Dove body wash and shampoo and body lotions (all for both men and women)
- Winter hats and scarfs for both men and women

If you would prefer, we would love gift cards to either Meijer or Walmart. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support.



Senior Program and Lunch Snowman Craft

@St. Paul, Wednesday, December 6

From Noon to 2:00 pm

Lunch and program provided by Brookdale Senior Living Solutions.

We'll meet for lunch and make a Snowman Craft. Reservations are due by noon on Monday, December 4

2024 Elite Coupon Book

The St Gaspar Respect Life Group at St Rita parish is offering the 2024 Elite Coupon Book for sale at \$20 each. This books makes an easy gift that keep giving throughout the year and offer great values to include a savings up to \$44 on oil changes at Midas. To purchase your books, please contact Mike Nieport at 937-305-6886 or psalm91.mhn@gmail.com



Lessons and Carols

@ St. Joseph, Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 pm

We will celebrate a service of scripture and song that recounts the Fall of Humanity, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News.

Each scripture lesson is followed by a carol or song that reflects the lesson's message and a brief prayer. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of Christmas!

Adoration and Exposition

During Advent

@St. Joseph Church

Saturdays, December 9, 16 and 23

From 12:30 to 4:00 pm

Spend some time with our Lord this Advent! There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays during Advent at St. Joseph Church following the Noon Mass until 4:00pm.

There will be private meditation as well as occasional group prayer as follows:

- 12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Rosary
- 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayer to the Divine Mercy
- 3:30 Rosary - Joyful Mysteries
- 4:00 Conclusion of Exposition, followed by opportunity for Confession

Come for an hour, or just drop in for a few minutes whenever you can for personal prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. He'll be waiting for you.

Holiday Help Thank You

From Holy Trinity

Many thanks to all the generous parishioners of the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes who helped in this program initiated by Miami Valley Catholic Social Services. Again, we ran out of names and so many willing givers were unable to help.

Help Beautify the Sanctuary

@Holy Trinity, accepting donations until December 17

Help beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas season. We are now accepting donations for poinsettias, along with the names of individuals you wish remembered. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "flowers" in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Any questions? Call Judi at 937-228-1223.

Other Opportunities to Participate in Making the Church Beautiful for Christmas

@Holy Trinity

Monday, December 18

We will be doing a general church cleaning, i.e. oiling the pews, scrubbing the kneelers, marble walls, etc. on Monday, December 18, at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 17

This follows the setup of the Christmas trees, stable and wreaths on Sunday, December 17 after the 11:30 Mass.

Saturday, December 23 and

Sunday, December 24

On Saturday, December 23 we will be setting the flowers in place and Sunday, December 24 will be the final set up after the 8:30 Mass including hanging ornaments on the big tree.

Strong backs and willing workers are needed at each of the above times. Come join in getting our beautiful church ready for the Christmas season.



Birth of Jesus Christmas Party

@Holy Trinity, Sunday, December 24

from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Is The Grinch trying to steal your Christmas Joy? Come celebrate the birth of Jesus with a party Sunday, December 24 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm We will gather in Trinity Center. Bring your family. Bring yourself. Bring your friends. There will be food, fellowship, games, crafts, and lots of fun. Questions or reservations: Lyndamidleton9@gmail.com

Respect Life Bake Sale

@Emmanuel, after Mass

The Emmanuel Respect Life Group will be holding a bake sale the next two weekends after all Masses. Please help by purchasing delicious fruitcakes and homemade cookies.



Coffee and Donuts with Santa

@St. Joseph, Sunday,
December 10

Coffee & Donuts will be held on Sunday, December 10, in the Parish Life Center after the 10:00 am Mass.

Santa will be making a visit! To add to the joy, please share a dish - a favorite, traditional, or festive dish! Items can be dropped off, before Mass, starting at 9:30 am.



It's fun and as easy as 1-2-3!

1. **STOP** by our tree and select an ornament.
2. **SHOP** for the baby item listed.
3. **DROP** off your gift at the designated collection site.

***Please attach your ornament to your UNWRAPPED gift and return by: December 25, 2023**

Stop, Shop, and Drop for Life!

Giving
Tree



For more information contact:

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Gine Elliott 937-228-9272
gelliottsj@gmail.com

Nick Childs
ENLC Development Officer
(937) 991-0161
nchilds@elizabethnewlife.org

All items will be donated to Elizabeth's New Life Center to stock the baby boutique. Elizabeth's New Life Center provides positive solutions to unexpected pregnancies by offering free pregnancy tests, ultrasound scans, consulting/mentoring, prenatal care and material assistance.

"It is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost."
Matthew 18:14



Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

From Music Director Michelle Carner

The Advent season begins today with the beautiful introit, Ad Te levavi—To You, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul-- from Psalm 25, a hymn of hope in the mercy and love of God. This same antiphon recurs almost immediately at Offertory, where we will sing it together with its accompanying verses. [NB: We rarely see the Offertory antiphon in missalettes because it is never recited by the priest; therefore, it is found only in the Gradual, which is the book for the choir, as opposed to the Missal, which is for the celebrant (and from which the missalette is derived).

Our Stewardship

Online giving totals for Precious Blood, St. Paul, and St. Rita will be available next week.

Precious Blood, November 19

Sunday Collection \$4,893.60
St. Vincent DePaul \$320

Precious Blood, November 26

Sunday Collection \$5,017.80
St. Vincent DePaul \$320

Saint Paul, November 19

Sunday Collection \$3,823.09
St. Vincent DePaul \$60

Saint Paul, November 26

Sunday Collection \$5,371.24
St. Vincent DePaul \$320

Saint Rita, November 19

Sunday Collection \$3,841.69
St. Vincent DePaul \$55

Saint Rita, November 26

Sunday Collection \$3,789.50
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Holy Trinity, November 19

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Holy Trinity, November 26

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Saint Joseph, November 19

Sunday Collection \$7,586
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Saint Joseph, November 26

Sunday Collection \$4,875
Outreach \$235

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Sunday Collection \$4,821
Outreach \$482

Emmanuel, November 26

Sunday Collection \$12,817
Outreach \$1,281

Area News

NAIM Christmas Activities

@St. Francis, Monday, December 10

It's not too late to join Naim members in our December Christmas activities. On Monday, December 11, at 1:00 pm we will meet in the All Saints Room at St. Francis, 6245 Wilmington Pike, with cards to follow. Final reservations for the Annual Christmas Party with entertainment will be taken at the meeting. To join in the fun, contact: Sunny Hickey @ 937-433-1437

Mass of Gratitude & Hope

**@Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains
Saturday, December 9 at 11:30 am**

In the wake of the deeply disappointing passage of Issue 1 in Ohio, Archbishop Schnurr will be celebrating a Mass of Gratitude & Hope on Saturday, December 9, 11:30 am at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. All are invited to join in gratitude for the gift and dignity of human life and the incredible work done by so many to defend life and oppose Issue 1, and in hope in God and a future culture of life and love in our state and country.

New Year's Eve Party for Life!

@Romer's Banquet Hall, December 31

Hosted by the Combs and Hummel families. Proceeds to benefit Dayton Right to Life. Dec 31, 2023 - Doors open 7:00 pm. Location: Romer's Banquet Hall, 118 E. Main St., Greenville. Semi-Formal Attire. DJ - Dance the decades all night! Heavy Hors d'oeuvres catered by Romer's throughout the evening. Cash bar. Door prizes! Tickets \$40/Person. Kids under 3 free. Invite your family & friends! Ticket deadline: December 1st. To get your tickets contact: Teresa Combs (937)478-6270 or Yeva Hummel Yevahummel@gmail.com

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Live Stream Mass

@Precious Blood Church

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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/>

Parish Information

Baptisms

Call your parish office to schedule. If this is your first child, or if you have never attended a baptism class please call your parish office to register for a baptismal preparation class.

Baptismal

Preparation Class

You may attend class at any of our Family of Parishes. Times, locations and dates are as follows:

Saturday, December 2, 10:00 am at Holy T.

Registration is required, to register contact your parish office.

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.

Bulletin Deadline

If you would like to submit an article for an upcoming bulletin the due dates are as follows:

Sunday, December 17 - Due December 7

Sunday, December 24 - Due December 13

Sunday, December 31 - Due December 20

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

If you are sending a PDF of a flyer please understand that we may not be able to run a full page and may have to alter the flyer.

Please contact Joan Macpherson with any questions or concerns,

jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org

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. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. To add or remove a name, please contact your parish office.

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Julie Trick Berry & Family
Ben Bishop
Jim Brokamp
Bob Bruns
Brent Buschur
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Sandy Coakley
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Cynthia Wittman

Rest In Peace: Please remember in your prayers parishioners who have recently passed away. Emmanuel parishioner Mary Wilson, our sympathy is extended to Mary's family and friends. For Marilea Paugh, mother of St. Paul Parishioners Aaron & Molly Paugh and for former St. Paul parishioners Carole Ann (O'Brien) and Tim Hraster. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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