

December 17, 2023 Third 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

Pray Without Ceasing

Paul says, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil."

It is hard to rejoice always. There are many things to be concerned about. There are many disappointments in this life. Paul says rejoice anyways. Then he tells us to pray without ceasing. Rejoicing all the time is not easy, now I have to pray all the time? But with God all things are possible. We are to refrain from every kind of evil. This is another difficulty. Because this may mean that we have to change our actions and speech.

Maybe that is why God calls us to pray always because prayer keeps us very aware of evil. Prayer enables us to rejoice when we are sad. Prayer changes our environment. Without prayer, we can't continue to act like Christians. Yes, it does take work to be a Christian but we can do it with God's grace.

Thank you and may God bless you,

Fr. Anthony Forman C.P.P.S.

Permanent Mass Schedule Change for 2024

With heartfelt prayers and reflection, we regret to inform you of the cancellation of the 7:30 am Mass at St. Paul and the 11:30 am Mass at Precious Blood. Despite our desire to provide ample adjustment time, the changes in our Christmas schedule necessitate the conclusion of these two Masses after this Sunday.

This decision arises from a deep consideration of the challenges presented by the changes in our clerical landscape, our new parish family, consultation with parish councils, and the need to refocus our energies on our shared mission.

The Beacons of Light initiative has illuminated a path that calls us to adapt with grace and courage. While these changes may present challenges, they also offer an opportunity for us to deepen our commitment to the mission that binds us together. Let us come together in prayer and solidarity as we navigate this transition, trusting that GOD will bless our collective efforts and continue to strengthen our parish community.

The cancellation of the 7:30 am and 11:30 am Mass times at St. Paul and Precious Blood will require adjustments, but I want to assure you that your service and dedication are deeply valued. In the coming weeks, the parishes will be working diligently to revise the schedules for liturgical ministries to accommodate the new Mass times. Your commitment to serving the parish is crucial and treasured. Every effort will be made to ensure that that you will have ample opportunities to contribute to our worship services. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Let us approach this change with a spirit of unity and service, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Newly Registered in Our Parish Family

@St. Joseph

John & Linda Brandenburg, Jim & Suzanne Finke, John "Jack" Welch.

@Emmanuel

Matthew & Emily Nunes & Family, Anthony Giardina, Rhys & Emaline Gast & Family, Matthew & Chelsea Ludlow

@Holy Trinity

Amy Moorman



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

Mass Times & Intentions

The listing of presiding priests can be found on our St. Gaspar shared landing page: stgasparfamily.org.

Monday, December 18

7:30 amHoly Trinity †Deacon Mike Leo
 8:30 amPrecious Blood..... †Joan C. Foley
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Lester McIntosh

Tuesday, December 19

7:30 amHoly Trinity †Carol Zimmerman
 8:30 amSt. Rita †Helen B. Swab
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Harold & Wanda Brinkman and family

Wednesday, December 20

7:30 amEmmanuel Liv/Dec. of the Hubacher Family
 8:30 amSt. Paul..... †Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph†Dayton Council 500 members, family, and friends

Thursday, December 21

7:30 amEmmanuel †Pa Tulah Lon
 8:30 amSt. Paul †Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Carol & Arnold Birt

Friday, December 22

7:30 amEmmanuel †Ralph, Arlene & Ron Berry
 8:30 amPrecious Blood .. †Sr. Mary Louis Foley & Jean K. Foley
 12:00 pmSt. Joseph †Fred Brun

Please make note of Mass time changes in the schedule below. Due to Christmas fall on a Sunday this year a few notable changes have been made.



Saturday Before Christmas, December 23

12:00 pm St. Joseph †Virginia Moeller

Sunday Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23

4:30 pm St. Joseph †For our Parishioners
 4:30 pm St. Rita †Bill Sendelbach
 5:15 pm Emmanuel †Nat Smargiassi

Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24

8:30 am Holy Trinity †Harold Rittenhouse
 8:30 am Precious Blood..... †Roy Horvath
 10:00 am St. Joseph..... †Susan Carpec O'Kane
 10:30 am Emmanuel †For our Parishioners
 10:30 am St. Paul..... †For our Parishioners

Sunday, Christmas Eve, December 24

4:30 pm St. Paul †Herbert & Monica Rammel
 4:30 pm St. Rita †Joseph Larkin
 4:30 pm St. Joseph †For our Parishioners
 10:00 pm Emmanuel †Regina Trick, George & Cecilia Muckenthaler
 12:00 am Holy Trinity †Ron and Maureen Bird

Monday, Christmas Day, December 25

9:00 am Holy Trinity †Ron and Maureen Bird
 10:00 am Precious Blood †For our Parishioners
 10:30 am Emmanuel†Liv/Dec. of the Penno & Hathaway Families



For the Week of December 17, 2023

- Monday** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Tuesday** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Wednesday** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Friday** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Saturday** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Sunday** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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 18

The Glories of Mary Book Read

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

Tuesday, December 19

The Chosen-Through December 19

6:30-8:00 pm · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Rm.

Wednesday, December 20

Catholic Life

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

Knights of Columbus Council 3754

7:00-8:30 pm · St. Rita/Mtg. Room

Thursday, December 21

The Devout Life Book Read

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

Friday, December 22

Friday Hour

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

Saturday, December 23

CCD at Emmanuel is not meeting on December 23 & 30.

Sunday, December 24

Children's Faith Formation at St. Paul is not meeting on December 24 & 31.

F.I.R.E. will not be meeting for the remainder of 2023. Classes resume in January on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Also Coming Up!

High School Youth Program

There is no high school youth program on December 24.

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 or call: 937-276-5954

We are very excited about our new initiative with Flocknote. This will allow us to have one platform for our email and text communications. If you need assistance with signing up please contact the communications manager (listed above).

St. Gaspar Family News & Events

*We look forward to welcoming
you and your family this*

Christmas!

Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass on Christmas and, when Christmas falls on a day other than Sunday, attend a separate Mass to fulfill their ordinary Sunday obligation. The table below provides the specifics of how this will work this year.

ATTEND ONE (1) FROM EACH COLUMN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Obligation may be fulfilled at any Mass after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23 through Sunday, Dec. 24 at 3:00 p.m.

Obligation may be fulfilled at either:

- A Vigil (Saturday evening) Mass
- Any Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent before 3:00 p.m.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Obligation may be fulfilled at any Mass after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24 and throughout Monday, Dec. 25

Obligation may be fulfilled at either:

- A Vigil Mass for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 24
- Any Mass on Monday, Dec. 25

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Text: GETGASPAR

To: 84576

Or connect online at our custom URL:

Stgasparfamilydayton.flocknote.com

Keep in touch with us via email and text. Flocknote will be used to send our weekly e newsletter and other important updates. We are merging our Family of Parishes with the Downtown Flocknote account, so if you have already subscribed, no action is required. Members who subscribed to our Constant Contact list will be added. If you are new to our electronic communication tools sign up today!

Sign Up For Flocknote! Signing up is easy!

St. Gaspar Family News & Events

Advent Reconciliation

Individual Penance Service, Tuesday, December 19, 2023

St. Rita – 9:15 am to 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

On Saturday, December 23 there is no 7:30 am Mass at Emmanuel.

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

On Sunday, December 24, there is no 7:30 am at St. Paul, 9:30 am at St. Rita and no 11:30 am at Precious Blood and Holy Trinity.

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 Schedule

Vigil - Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2023

St. Joseph - 4:30 pm | Carols at 4:00 pm

St. Paul – 4:30 pm | Children's Choir

St. Rita – 4:30 pm

Emmanuel - 10:00 pm | Carols at 9:30 pm

Holy Trinity - Midnight | Carols at 11:30 pm

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2023

Holy Trinity - 9:00 am | Strings and Brass

Precious Blood – 10:00 am

Emmanuel - 10:30 am | Carols at 10:00 am

Saturday Before New Year's Eve

St. Joseph—Noon

Holy Family

Saturday, December 30, 2023

St. Joseph - 4:30 pm

St. Rita – 4:30 pm

Emmanuel - 5:15 pm

Sunday, December 31, 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

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 · Precious Blood

Third Sunday of the Month

12:45 pm · Holy Trinity

Saturdays During Advent · St. Joseph

12:30-4:00 pm

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.





Youth Instagram Page

For our St. Gaspar Youth and Their Families!

Calling all awesome 8th graders through high school rockstars! We've got something incredible brewing at our new St. Gaspar Youth Instagram page, and we want YOU to be a part of it! Imagine a space where your faith meets the digital world – a place filled with inspiration, laughter, and shared experiences. We're creating a vibrant community where your voice matters, your creativity shines, and you get to be a driving force in spreading love and faith. Scan the QR code with our phone or search @stgaspar youth to join.



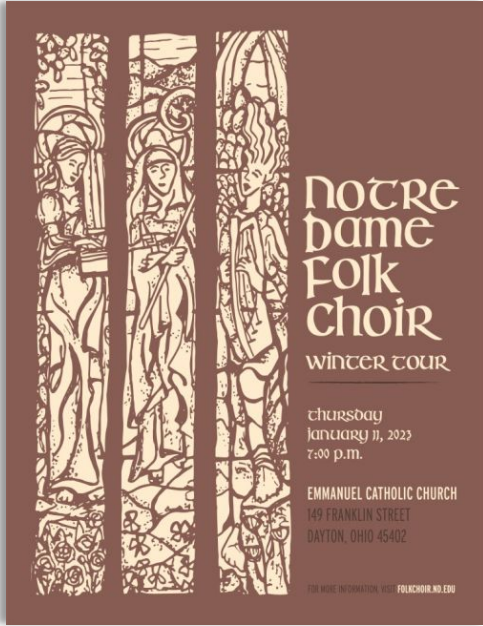
Epiphany Party & Gingerbread House Contest

@Emmanuel, Thursday, Jan 4 from 6:00 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.

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
michaallee25@sbcglobal.net.



Come See the University of Notre Dame Folk Choir!

@Emmanuel, Thursday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m.

The choir serves the University of Notre Dame as one of its principal liturgical choirs. The sixty-plus student singers are brought together by a desire to practice, explore, and share their faith through music.

The choir sings world class sacred music from numerous cultural traditions with a special emphasis on contemporary harmonies and rhythms. Many of the pieces have been composed and arranged by the choir's directors and a variety of others, from the monastery to Africa to modern America. The choir has released fourteen albums, and most recently *The Passion* (2022), which was recorded in Jerusalem. The choir has traveled to five continents, with recent tours to East Africa and the Holy Land. Come experience the sacred in sacred music. The concert is free. More information can be found at: <https://folkchoir.nd.edu/>

St. Gaspar Respect Life Group

Moving Forward After Issue 1 By: Bob Wurzelbacher, Director of Respect Life Ministries, Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Issue 1, The Right to Reproductive Freedom, passed last month, about 57% to 43%. It is in many ways heartbreaking, especially of course for the lives that will be lost and the women who will continue to be misled to believe that abortion is their best and only choice, but we have no other option as Catholics than to get back up again and continue to spread the good news of the culture of life.

As a Church, we will continue to do what we have always done, which is support mothers and families in need in countless ways, not only with our words, but also through our actions. If you aren't aware of the myriad of ways in which we do just that, check out our website WWW.CATHOLICAOC.ORG/FORLIFE to learn about many of them, including the dozens of centers within our Archdiocese who offer a broad range of services for women facing unexpected pregnancies. On the justice side, the Ohio Catholic Conference has successfully advocated for a number of things that are in the current Ohio budget such as: eliminating sales tax for baby products; investing more in housing for vulnerable pregnant women; extending Ohio Works First cash assistance eligibility for the full duration of a pregnancy; a new doula program to address infant and maternal mortality rates, especially among minorities; supporting pregnancy centers; expanding Medicaid for pregnant women; reforming Ohio adoption law and increasing the child tax credit.

When you look at the age breakdown in this last election, we lost 82% to 18% among 18-29 year olds. We clearly have a lot of work to do to re-evangelize our youth not only on the dignity of all life, but also to be able to answer the tough questions on sexual assault and fetal abnormality, which the other side exploited so successfully in the closing weeks of the campaign

What should we all be doing as a result of this election? First, don't stop praying. It may seem like our prayers to defeat Issue 1 did nothing. We know, however, that we have a loving God who walks with us during trials, and will conquer evil in the end. Secondly, get involved in our efforts to help women in need. Whether it is at your local Right to Life organization or your local pregnancy center, find out who is closest to you at WWW.CATHOLICAOC.ORG/FORLIFE. Third, get to know your neighbors. This is Catholic evangelization 101. Develop relationships with people who ought to be in your sphere of influence. It takes time, but they will ask what you do in your spare time, and the Holy Spirit will lead you to the conversations you need to have with them. Once you are friends, you have a better chance of educating them on all we do to support life, influencing them about better respecting life at all stages, and reducing the vitriol so many who supported Issue 1 have toward us.

I will echo Archbishop Schnurr's words as he closed out his video message on the passage of Issue 1: "May the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator of all".



Adult Formation @Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita

Pulchra Terra, meaning "Beautiful Earth" in Latin, is a community service initiative dedicated to the stewardship of our local environment and neighborhoods. This program focuses on enhancing the beauty and sustainability of our surroundings through various activities aimed at fostering a sense of community and environmental responsibility. From time to time we will offer articles on gardening and beautification of our world. This Sunday we feature Helen Sloan, the Master Gardener who cares for Precious Blood's perennial gardens with her husband Ron.

Keep Your Perennials Warm!

With winter fast approaching, be prepared to shovel snow on top of your perennials (plants that come back every year) as high as you can. The snow is the best insulator & will help prevent plants from constant heaving out of the ground due to fluctuation of temperatures. YOUR PLANTS WILL THANK YOU!



Little Tree

I made this tree, with the help of a friend, 30 years ago, in 1993. It's made of branches from a 'Harry Lauder's Walking Stick'. (a shrub with curlicues similar to grapevine branches). The base is an inverted tomato cage wrapped in chicken wire. All is painted white & ornaments are white, clear & gold, with 200 little white lights. This little tree has brought us so

much joy, that we wanted to share it with our St. Gaspar family of parishes, especially Precious Blood. Merry Christmas to all & a very happy birthday to Baby Jesus, who is the reason for the season. Love, Helen & Ron Sloan.

For more information about Pulchra Terra contact Curtis Kneblak at ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org, 937-276-5954.

St. Rita Lawn Crew BIG Thank You

From Matt Ruttle

Have you noticed how very beautiful our lawns and gardens are around St. Rita's? The women and men who volunteer long hours each Wednesday morning are the reason why our grounds look so magnificent. We wish to publicly acknowledge their hard work and dedication and to wholeheartedly thank these good people. They give so much of themselves, always with a smile on their faces and a warm "hello" too! Your parish family is grateful to you! God bless you.

We heartily thank: Kyle Aughe; Joe Bachmann; Fred Fields; Larry Heinz; Ed Kimball; Mary Krueger; Dave Nieport; Bruce Oswald; and Steve Stockelman!

Peace.

Senior Program and Lunch Bingo with Melissa and Patrick

@ St. Paul, Wednesday, January 10 from noon to 2pm.

Presented by Dayton Metro Library, Northmont Branch. Reservations are due by noon on Monday, January 8



St. Vincent De Paul Meals

@ Precious Blood, Tuesday, December 19

- Group 1: Salad
- Group 2: Entrée
- Group 3: Off
- Group 4: Pies

St. Vincent meals may be dropped off at the Precious Blood Rectory office on Mondays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and Tuesdays between from 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. or to Precious Blood Church the Sunday before and given to an usher before Mass. Frozen entrees can be dropped off at the Precious Blood rectory anytime during regular office hours.

St Vincent DePaul Christmas Basket Project

Our Christmas Basket Project is next Saturday!

Giving Tree donations will be accepted until December 20

We're so grateful for your tremendous support--please know that your generous donations of gift cards and cash will enable needy families to purchase gifts for their children. If you haven't taken the opportunity to donate, please consider buying a gift card(s) or make a cash donation

(in an envelope marked "St Vincent DePaul Christmas Basket Project") for a child in need. Suggested gift card value is \$20 or \$25 from general merchandise stores such as Meijer or Walmart. Please return your donation to the church office by this Wednesday, December 20th .

Volunteer Update

@St. Paul, December 23 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

For those who've volunteered, we'll distribute food and gift cards from the Northwest Regional Pantry from 8 am through 12pm Saturday, December 23. Please note that the pantry is at the west side of St. Paul's church.

Dress for the weather! We'll have plenty of warm beverages/snacks and ensure everyone gets needed breaks inside.

Call: Guy Fritchman @ 937-231-2375 if you'd still like to volunteer!



Thank You to Our Chefs!



From St. Gaspar Respect Life Group

St Gaspar Respect Life Group at St Rita parish and the staff at the St. Vincent Hotel extend a big THANK YOU to our 16 parishioners who each made a gallon of chili for homeless and hungry served by the St Vincent Hotel.

Saturday Mass Rotation

From St. Rita to Precious Blood

Beginning January 6, 2024 the Saturday Vigil Mass that has been at St. Rita for the past four months will move to Precious Blood and remain there until the end of April, 2024. We want to especially thank our liturgical ministers for their service at St. Rita this past quarter. Please also note that monthly Adoration and Benediction will also move to Precious Blood beginning Thursday, January 4, 2024.



Winter Simply Give Program

The St. Rita-St. Paul Precious Blood SVDP Food Pantry has been chosen to participate in the Winter Simply Give Campaign. The campaign will run a total of 13 weeks from the dates of **Sunday, December 31, 2023 through Saturday, March 30, 2024**. During the upcoming campaign, the Double Match Day opportunities will be held on Saturday, March 2, and Saturday, March 23, 2024. For every \$10 Simply Give card purchased on

these dates, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, bringing the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase. Since our pantry has not been partnered with the Meijer Simply Give Campaign since the Holiday Campaign of 2022, it is very important that we purchase the in-store donation Simply Give Cards at the Englewood Meijer. At the end of the campaign the final purchase totals will be converted into Meijer food-only gift cards, which will be used to purchase food items to stock our pantry shelves. These food only cards are used to feed the growing number of hungry families in the communities our pantry serves and our SVDP Christmas Basket Project.

Looking for Great Stocking Stuffers? Emmanuel St Vincent de Paul Cash Raffle Tickets Make Great Gifts!

For the Fish and Sausage Dinner, January 27

See your friendly Emmanuel Vincentian or call Terri at 937.572.3626 for tickets.

All proceeds go to help our neighbors in need.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!



Giving Tree

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 22, 2023**

Stop, Shop, and Drop for Life!



For more information contact:

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
Gine Elliott 937-228-9272
gelliotts@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

Hebrews Bible Study in January

@Emmanuel

Emmanuel's next Bible Study on Hebrews is starting in January and running through March. This class will be taught by Dr. Alan Mostrom.

Look for updates in upcoming bulletins.

And Now More Help Is Needed

@Holy Trinity for the February 17 Fish and Sausage Fry

We would like to keep the Fish and Sausage Fry scheduled for February 17 in house as it is one of our biggest fund raisers and social evenings. Barb Gilbert has agreed to oversee this undertaking once again, IF she can get the necessary help.

Following are "joys" that we need volunteers for:

Day Before Fish Fry 1 to 2 people needed to pick up food stuff day prior to fish fry and carry down steps to kitchen. Cut, lay & tape cardboard on kitchen floor and work spaces.

Day Of Fish And Sausage Fry

2:00 p.m. - 3 people needed, cut fish and sausage, set up fryers, and arrange serving tables and dishes

4:00 p.m. - 6 workers - Dishwasher, Serving line (2), Fish batterer, Fish fryer, French fry fryer

6:00 p.m. - 3 workers to replace those that came in at 2 p.m.

8:00 p.m. - 5 workers needed to shut down and clean up

Dishes, Tables, Break down serving line, Fryers, Pull up cardboard, Sweep and mop floors, Stove top cleaned, and Take out trash and dispose of grease.



Christmas Decorating

@Holy Trinity After Mass, this Sunday and Next

Can you help set up for Christmas today after the 11:30 am Mass? We will be setting up the trees, stable, and hanging the wreaths. Many hands and strong backs will make for light work for all involved. Please join us. Final set up will be next Sunday after the 8:30 Mass and help will be needed then also.

@St. Joseph, Thursday, December 21

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 21, after the Noon Mass.



The Emmanuel Parish Music Program Fund

Established by Bernie Chachula in loving memory of Mary Chachula, The Emmanuel Parish Music Program Fund is an ongoing financial resource for the promotion of many facets of our music program which reach beyond the normal scope of its budget, such as providing music lesson scholarships for parishioners interested in sharing their talents with us, funding special guests, and purchasing extraordinary musical equipment or music. Donations for the continuance of this program fund are always welcome; if you would like to offer a gift, please contact Michelle Carner, Music Director, at 937-478-4097 or place your donation in the offertory collection basket in an envelope marked, "Emmanuel Parish Music Program Fund."

Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

From Music Director Michelle Carner

Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft - British poet Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965) brings us the text for today's well-loved recessional hymn, "People Look East."

Remembered well for her books for children, Ms. Farjeon became known first for writing the libretto for an opera produced by the Royal Academy of Music. The tune for our hymn is a French traditional melody entitled "Besancon Carol," sometimes sung at Christmas with the words "Shepherds shake off your drowsy sleep...Sing Noel!" Today, we sing the Advent words in anticipation of that joyful morning.

Adoration & Exposition During Advent

@St. Joseph Church, Saturday, December 23

from 12:30 to 4:00 pm

Spend some time with our Lord this Advent! There will be a final Advent Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, December 23 at St. Joseph Church following the Noon Mass until 4:00 pm. There will be private meditation as well as occasional group prayer. 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.

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: Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com. This facility is not handicap accessible

Help Beautify the Sanctuary at Holy Trinity

Help beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas season. We are still 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.

Almsgiving Project at Holy Trinity

Our Almsgiving Project for Advent this year is warm socks for children and adults. We often take for granted our warm feet and don't realize that some children and adults don't know what warm feet feel like in the cold months. Let's give them the opportunity to experience what we experience daily. Let's fill the area under our giving tree with gifts of warm socks! Thank you.

End of Year Gifts

Consider the impactful gesture of contributing to end-of-year gifts through retirement distributions. Your generous donations not only provide valuable support to worthy causes but also allow you to maximize the benefits of retirement distributions while making a positive difference in the community.

Explore the joy of giving by directing your year-end retirement funds towards meaningful and charitable endeavors. For more details, please contact your parish office.

Our Stewardship



Precious Blood, December 10

Sunday Collection \$4,407.50
St. Vincent DePaul \$549

Saint Paul, December 10

Sunday Collection \$4,130.40
St. Vincent DePaul \$120

Saint Rita, December 10

Sunday Collection \$5,654
St. Vincent DePaul \$220

Holy Trinity, December 10

Sunday Collection \$9,835.73
YTD Surplus/Deficit \$6,289.35
Electronic Giving \$718.26

Saint Joseph, December 10

Sunday Collection \$7,739.34
Outreach \$385

Emmanuel, December 10

Sunday Collection \$11,672
St. Vincent DePaul \$116

Thank you to all who support our
St. Vincent De Paul Conferences.

Area News

Incense Free Mass

@Maria Joseph, December 21 at 11:00 am

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 21 at 11:00 am in the Maria Joseph Center (formerly the Precious Blood Sisters Motherhouse) located at 4830 Salem Ave., Dayton. This is an INCENSE-FREE chapel open to the public for Mass at 11:00 am the 3rd Thursday of each month.

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
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@St. Francis, Beginning January 11, 2024

Experience Christian-based healing and support as you navigate the emotional challenges of separation or divorce. Join our winter 13-week support group, held every Thursday evening from January 11th to April 11th, 6:30-8:30 pm, at St. Francis of Assisi Campus, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH.

To learn more and register, please contact Marcelle Toma at (937) 312-1157 (Note: This is not a texting number) or via email at mtoma@woh.rr.com.

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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/>

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. Registration is required, to register contact your parish office. Classes for our North Dayton parishes will be listed in future bulletins soon.

Upcoming Classes and locations:

January 6, 2024 at 10:00 am, Emmanuel

February 3, 2024 at 10:00 am, St. Joseph

March 2, 2024 at 10:00 am, Holy Trinity

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 31 - Due December 20

Full Page Flyers

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.

David Aivalotis
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Ruth & Family
Katie Schultz
Ron Seibert
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Tony Trick
Scott & Meghan Tygett & Family
Richard Walker
Joann Weisenbach
Sharon Wenzel
Mary Ann Widdowson

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Jack & Ann Wolf

Rest In Peace: St. Paul parishioner Josephine Tieraney and Precious Blood parishioner, Lois Lucking. 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. If you have a family member who has recently died please contact your parish office so that we may remember them in prayer.

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