

December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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

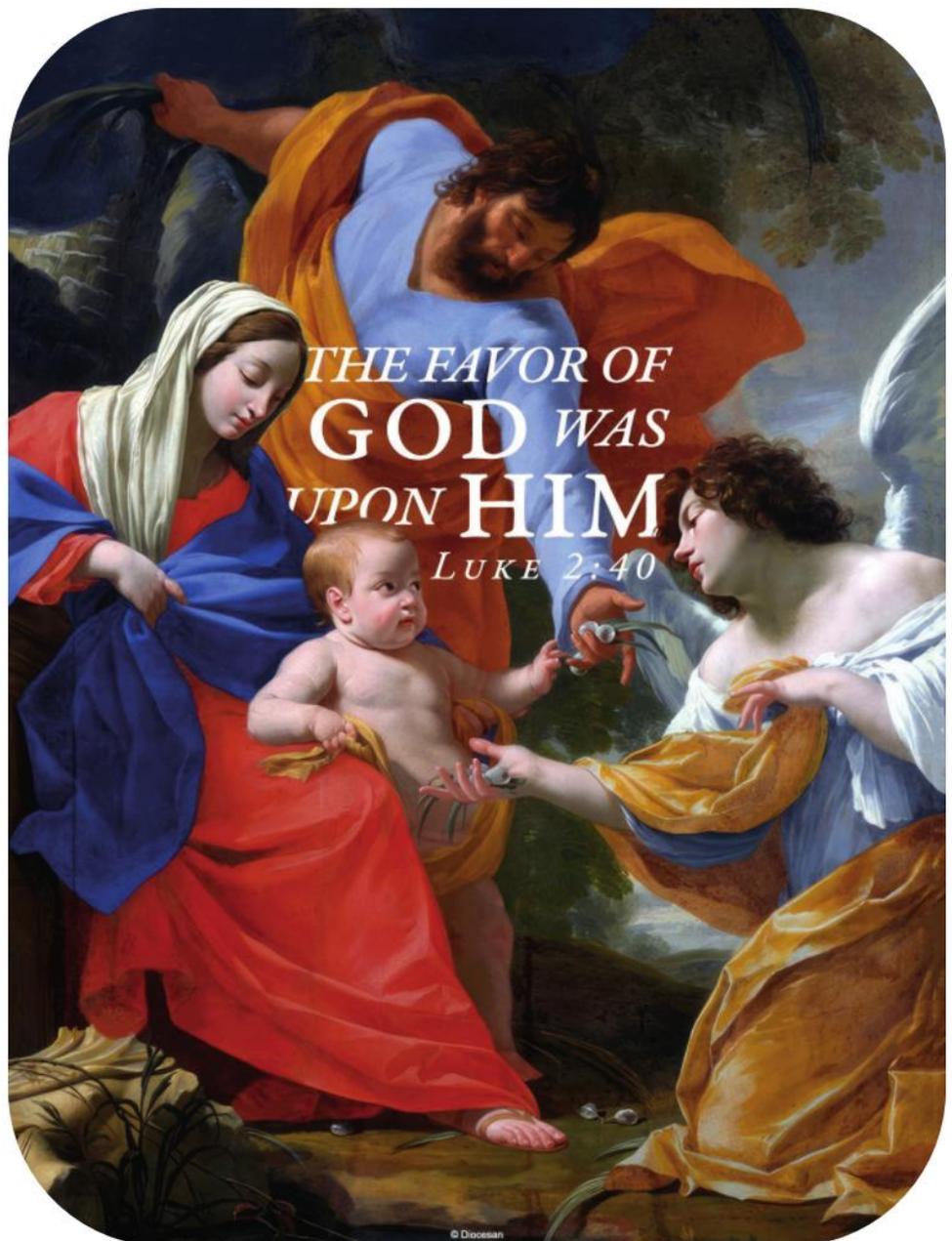
411 East Second Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.9272

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

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This family was destined to be the model for all of us Christians. Family life is very necessary in today's society. Family life is the security that we need to grow and to know who Christ is. The family enables us to use our talents and test those talents before we bring them to the world. In family, we learn to be merciful and forgiving of one another. The family is the domestic church. The little church where we pray together and know Christ.

Yes, Jesus had a family. Jesus was a child and had friends to play with. Jesus had many meals with Joseph and Mary. The family table is the place where we can share our stories. The state of Ohio exists to protect the family. That is the sole role of the state of Ohio. The state of Ohio is not to take the

place of the family. Even the state of Ohio knows how precious the family is.

Mary and Joseph are two great intercessors. I often call on them throughout the day. They are my family also. You cannot always be physically present to your family, but you can call on the name of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and they will be there in a second.

You have a family in heaven. Maybe your parents have died and they are at this time interceding for you. Maybe they need your prayers also. All of us have a family. We are the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes. We belong to each other. We support one another and build each other up. That's what families do they stick together.

Have a great new year,

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

A Thank You from Fr. Tony:

Dear parishioners of Saint Gaspar family of Parishes, thank you very very much for your cards and gifts these past two weeks. You all have been a blessing to me. God bless you all. Saint Gaspar and Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us.

Father Tony Fortman, CPPS

Newly Baptized in Our Parish Family

@Emmanuel

Susanna Kay, daughter of Robert & Paula Grobmyer
Lucy Elizabeth, daughter of Kyle & Amy Moore

Newly Registered in Our Parish Family

@Emmanuel

Robert & Pegge Bellamy
Adam & Jamie Bouschard & Family
Greg Helms & Melissa Panko
Jon & Margaret Nielsen

@Holy Trinity

Vanessa and Christopher Carey
Chelsea and Victoria Barton



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 | Precious Blood

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, January 1, 2024

Solemnity of Mary

No 7:30 am Mass at Holy Trinity
 No 8:30 am Mass at Precious Blood
 10:00 am**St. Rita** †Judy Lobingier & Living Intentions for Rebecca Albuquerque
 10:30 am**Emmanuel** †For Our Parishioners
 12:00 pm**St. Joseph** †Barbara Gohmann

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

7:30 am**Holy Trinity** †Eileen Lucente
 8:30 am**St. Rita** †John & Mary Steila
 12:00 pm**St. Joseph** †Gerry Slattery

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

7:30 am**Emmanuel** Joe Spanel & Family
 8:30 am**St. Paul** †Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pm**St. Joseph** †Fred Brun

Thursday, January 4, 2024

7:30 am**Emmanuel** †Roger Gamblin
 8:30 am**St. Paul** †Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pm**St. Joseph** †Judy Klodt

Friday, January 5, 2024

7:30 am**Emmanuel** †Ronald C. Soehner
 8:30 am**Precious Blood** †Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pm**St. Joseph** †Deceased members of the John Bossey Family

Saturday, January 6, 2024

7:30 am**Emmanuel** All Unborn Children and Their Families
 12:00 pm**St. Joseph** †Bruce Hayes
 4:30 pm**St. Joseph** †Tim McCrate
 4:30 pm**Precious Blood** †Celebrant's Intention
 5:15 pm**Emmanuel** †For our Parishioners

Sunday, January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Heather Buscher
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Merdella Schwieterman
 10:00 am **St. Joseph** †For our Parishioners
 10:30 am **Emmanuel** †Tim McCrate
 10:30 am **St. Paul** †Beverly Spirk
 11:30 am **Holy Trinity** †For our Parishioners

Mass Intentions can be scheduled by calling your parish office during regular office hours with a \$5.00 donation.

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. Beginning January 7, 2024 the 7:30 am Mass at St. Paul and the 11:30 am Mass at Precious Blood are discontinued. Mass Intentions that have been scheduled for those days will be rescheduled by your parish office.



For the Week of December 31, 2023

Monday	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday	Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday	Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday	Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday	Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military

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



Parish Calendar

Monday, January 1

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 2

No Public Meetings or Events

Wednesday, January 3

Catholic Life

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

Knights of Columbus Council 3754

7:30-9:00 pm · St. Rita/Church Basement

Thursday, January 4

Youth Group Epiphany Party

6:00-9:00 pm · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

The Devout Life Book Read

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

Friday, January 5

Friday Hour

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

Saturday, January 6

CCD

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

Sunday, January 7

Children's Faith Formation

9:00-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

F.I.R.E. Family Faith Formation

9:45 am · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Room

Catholics Come Home

1:00-3:00 pm · St. Rita/Mtg. Room

Coming Up

Saturday, January 27

**Fish and Sausage Dinner For SVDP
(Emmanuel Conference)**

Saturday, February 10

Marriage Uncorked, Sweetheart Dance

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. Contact information can be found on the last page of the bulletin.



Solemnity of Mary

Mass Times

Monday, January 1, 2024

10:00 am St. Rita

10:30 am Emmanuel

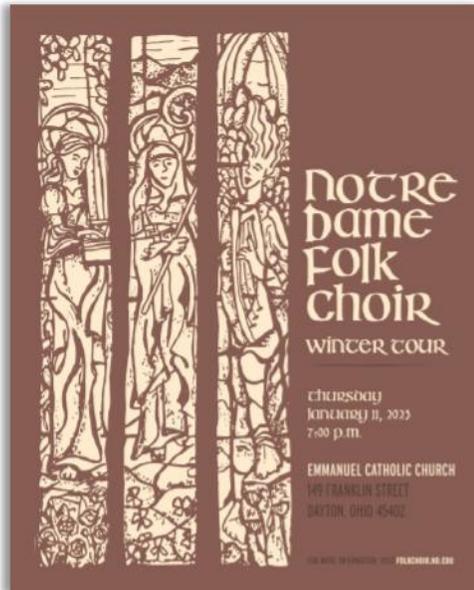
12:00 pm St. Joseph

No Vigil Mass

May God bless us in his mercy

Psalm 67:2

Winter Tour Stop at Emmanuel



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 Family News & Events



Trivia Night is Back Monthly, on the Third Saturday

@Precious Blood Church, beginning Saturday, January 20 at 7:00 pm

Hey all you Trivia buffs! Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 20, at 7:00 pm! We are bringing back monthly Trivia fun and friendly competition at Precious Blood's Parish Activity Center. It will generally be held the third Saturday of each month. Donation is \$5.00 per person, used to help defray the cost of prizes. You are welcome to bring snacks and drinks if you desire, and we'll provide some too. So start forming your teams...or just come and join one! Everyone from the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is invited!

Lector Training

@St. Paul, Saturday, January 20 from 10:00 to 11:30 am

Deacon Brian Seibert is spearheading a comprehensive Lector Training session scheduled for Saturday, January 20, at St. Paul's from 10:00 to 11:30 am. This initiative parallels the successful Eucharistic training conducted earlier this month.

This upcoming session is designed to welcome not only those aspiring to become lectors but also encourages the active participation of current lectors.

In the spirit of fostering community engagement, the training extends a warm invitation to the entire Family of Parishes.

Your presence and commitment to this integral aspect of our parish life are greatly appreciated. May God Bless our collective efforts. Call your parish office to sign up or visit: stgasparfamily.org and complete the online sign up.

We Are Using Flocknote!

Signing up is easy!

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!



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.





From promoting interaction to stimulating the brain this is Ageless Grace.®

Ageless Grace is a simple, playful exercise program based on the science of neuroplasticity. It uses all five areas of the brain and addresses all 21 aging factors of the body. By doing unfamiliar movements, or by doing familiar activities in a new and different way, Ageless Grace exercises encourage spontaneity, stimulate the brain, positively affect attitude, increase cognitive function and make participants feel better in as little as 10 minutes!

The Ageless Grace Brain Health Program is:

- Designed so that almost anyone regardless of age, physical ability, body type or size can participate
- Comprised of 21 simple tools that are easy to remember and consist of movements that come naturally
- Developed to work on all five functions of the brain—strategic planning, memory and recall, analytic thinking, creativity and imagination, and kinesthetic learning
- Effective whether participants are sitting, standing or even lying in bed, as long as there is enough room for a full range of motion

The downtown parishes Health Ministries team is pleased to announce the next Ageless Grace class. Registration is now open for a five week series being offered Mondays, Jan. 15, 2024 through Feb.12, 2024 from 1:30 – 2:30 pm in Trinity Center for \$35.00 per person. A minimum of 10 registrants is needed to hold the class. **Pre-registration is required.**

Contact Sharon Becker for more information and to register by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, January 11 at **937-776-2942** or by email at sharonbecker6@gmail.com

FirstLight Home Care policy states that services are provided, and referrals and employment actions are made without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, handicap, or age.

The Ageless Grace Brain Health Program is ideal for:

- Anyone who wants to stay cognitively fit and vibrant
- Populations who can't exercise by simply going to a gym, including those with mental or physical limitations
- Caregivers working with special populations





Advent Service Project

For Dayton Right to Life's Stork's Nest Baby Pantry

Our middle schoolers delivered donations from our Advent Service Project, "Baby Shower for Mary." Items were delivered to Dayton Right to Life's Stork's Nest Baby Pantry. They braved the cold, used muscles, and used their math skills to find the total number of diaper bags in the donation truck. The Stork's Nest Baby Pantry serves approximately 60 families a week. Last year they gave away over 41,000 diapers. This was a great way to start our Christmas break, giving to those in need.

If anyone missed donating you can give a monetary donation directly on their website through Dayton Right to Life.

Want to see more of our youth in action?
Follow our Instagram Page: @STGASPARYOUTH



Upcoming Youth Events



Epiphany Party

*@Emmanuel, Thursday, January 4
from 6:00 to 9:00 pm*

Join us for an Epiphany Party and Gingerbread House contest for 5th - 12th graders. We will provide materials for the contest. Prizes will be given out 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 ichaellee25@sbcglobal.net.



Praise Fest!

**For All Teens Aged 13
Through Seniors in High School**

@St. Joseph Church, Friday, January 19 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

Revitalize, Renew, Reconnect Data Clean Up for a Stronger Parish Family

For Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita Parishioners

It's time for us to ensure that our Church database accurately reflects your family membership information. Have there been any changes, additions, or deletions in your family over the past year? To help maintain the accuracy of our records we will be sending a form to all of our active parishioner's addresses in early 2024. This form will provide you with a convenient way to update your information. Your cooperation in this matter is highly appreciated, as it helps us maintain an accurate and up-to-date database.

We are collecting the following information:

1. Contact Information:

- Have you changed your phone number?
- Are you no longer using a landline?

2. Residential Details:

- Have you recently moved or are planning to move soon?

3. Family Composition:

- If your household is now an empty nest, and you no longer wish to list your children at your address, please let us know.

4. Privacy Preferences:

- Do you want your information to be published?

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this important endeavor, Julie Behrens, Nancy Burton, Debi Hamby and Sue Seibert



Family Rosary & Pot Luck

@Precious Blood, January 17, 2024 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm

The 2nd Sunday of each month is reserved for the Family Rosary and Potluck, an evening dedicated to prayer and fellowship among families. Following the Rosary, members gather for dinner, fostering a sense of community and shared spirituality. We provide fried chicken and drinks and invite you to bring casseroles, salads, and desserts to share.

Contact Curtis Kneplik, Director of Adult Formation for Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita for more information.



Senior Program and Lunch

Bingo with Melissa and Patrick

@ St. Paul, Wednesday, January 10 from Noon to 2:00 pm

Presented by Dayton Metro Library, Northmont Branch.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Wednesday sessions. Whether it's a themed event, a special guest speaker, or a celebration of milestones, there's always something exciting happening at our Parish Senior Program and Lunch. We look forward to welcoming you to our next gathering. Reservations for Bingo are due Monday, January 8. Call 937-836-7535.



Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

@Precious Blood, Thursday, January 4 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 brothers.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction occurs on the first Thursday of the month at Precious Blood Church through April, 2024.

“The Church and the world have a great need of eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world.”

St. Pope John Paul II

Catholics Come Home

@St Rita, January 7, 14 and 21 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Come join us for three afternoons of information sharing and thoughtful discussion! We will explore what you may want or need to do to return to the table of the Lord.

If you are interested in returning to a regular practice of the faith and being a part of a small group to explore this possibility, please join us. Maybe this is the piece that has been missing in your life and ours. Come to learn more about our community of faith. If you would like more information, contact Matthew Ruttle at 937-278-5815. Whatever your reason is *we miss you* and want to invite you to come back to your community of faith. There is nothing to fear and there is a lot of love to be found.



Simplify Generosity

Simply Give Winter Program

for our NW Dayton SVDP Food Pantry

@ the Englewood Meijer

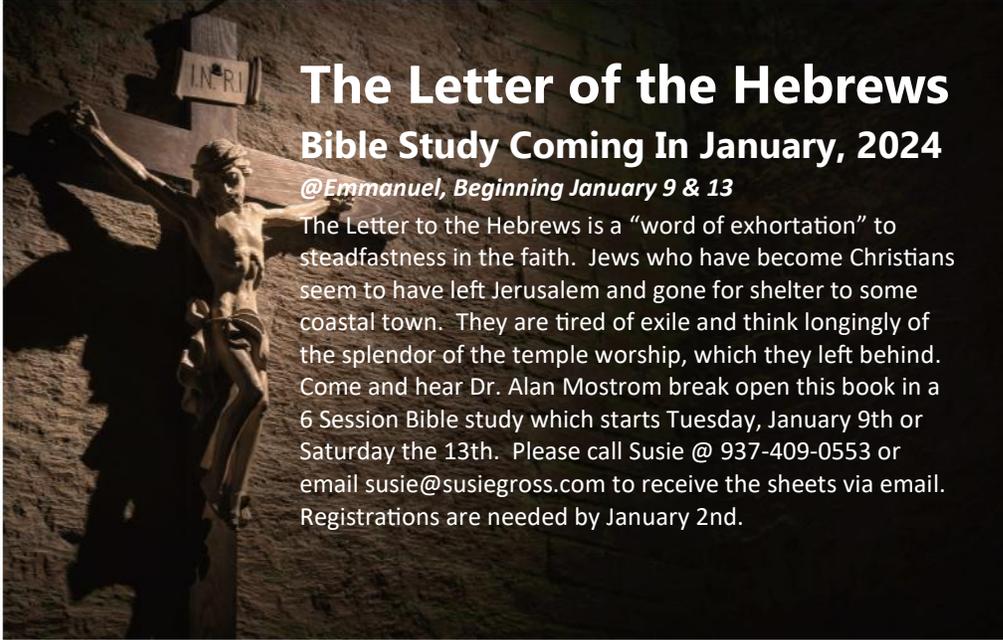
The Northwest Dayton St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry has been chosen to participate in the Winter Simply Give Campaign. The campaign will run a total of 13 weeks from the dates of **Sunday, December 31, 2023 through Saturday, March 30, 2024.**

Double Match Day March 2 and March 23

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.

Help us fulfill our mission of feeding the hungry in our Dayton community by grabbing a food donation card during your next shopping trip at Meijer. Tell your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers because every dollar makes a difference. Whether you shop in-store or online using Meijer Pickup or Home Delivery, consider adding a Simply Give donation card to your basket.

The Northwest Dayton Food Pantry is a ministry of Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita parishes.



The Letter of the Hebrews Bible Study Coming In January, 2024

@Emmanuel, Beginning January 9 & 13

The Letter to the Hebrews is a "word of exhortation" to steadfastness in the faith. Jews who have become Christians seem to have left Jerusalem and gone for shelter to some coastal town. They are tired of exile and think longingly of the splendor of the temple worship, which they left behind. Come and hear Dr. Alan Mostrom break open this book in a 6 Session Bible study which starts Tuesday, January 9th or Saturday the 13th. Please call Susie @ 937-409-0553 or email susie@susiegross.com to receive the sheets via email. Registrations are needed by January 2nd.

Serve with a Splash! Fish Fry Volunteer Call

From Holy Trinity

Have you responded to the request for help with the Fish Fry on February 17? Please call Barb Gilbert at 937-673-4616 or Judi at the parish office 937-228-1223, if you are willing to help.

The Mystery of the Missing Envelopes

From Holy Trinity

Are You Looking For Your Offertory Envelopes? Apologies are in order. Due to an oversight, the order was misplaced and turned in late. They should be here by mid-January. In the meantime, if you would like to donate on line, you can go to our webpage holyltrinitydayton.org and choose online giving and follow the steps.

Almsgiving Still Going On

@Holy Trinity

Our Almsgiving Project for Advent this year is warm socks for children and adults. Thanks to everyone who has donated so far. We will continue to collect until the Feast of the Epiphany, January 7.

Christmas Set Up Thank You

From Holy Trinity

Thanks to all who came to set up for Christmas and for cleaning the church. You are so appreciated.

Annual Fish & Sausage Fundraiser Emmanuel St. Vincent de Paul Conference

@Bainbridge Hall, January 27 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm

The Emmanuel St Vincent de Paul Conference will be hosting our annual Fish/Sausage Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Bainbridge Hall from 6:00 to 10:00 pm!

There is a limit of 250 dinner tickets - so don't miss out on this great event! You need not be present at the Dinner to win the Cash Raffle (first prize \$750, second prize \$200, third prize \$100, fourth to eighth prizes \$50). The evening's other onsite festivities will include games of chance such as Split the Pot, Tear Offs, Horse Racing, Blackjack and Bingo. Come and bid on the awesome jewelry and unique baskets for the Silent Auction!

Tickets for the Dinner and/or Cash Raffle can be obtained from any Emmanuel Vincentian or by calling Terri at 937.572.3626. All proceeds will benefit our neighbors in need.

We so much appreciate your support.

After Mass Collections

@ St. Joseph

Thank you for your generosity during the after-Mass charity collections. These funds directly support our neighbors facing housing insecurity, assisting them with rent, utilities, and basic needs in order to combat homelessness. All recipients are vetted through the Dayton Neighbor-to-Neighbor organization. May God bless you for your continued generosity. "He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his good deed." (Proverbs 19:17)





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

On the feast of the Epiphany after the Gospel, Deacon Baldwin will chant an announcement of the moveable feasts of the coming year. This ancient practice "dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date...Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year." (USCCB)

Coffee & Donuts

@St. Joseph

Sunday, January 14

Coffee & Donuts will be held on Sunday, January 14, in the Parish Life Center after the 10:00am Mass. All are welcome! You are invited to bring your favorite dish to share. Items can be dropped off, before Mass, starting at 9:30am.

Giving Tree

Thank You

From St. Joseph

Thank you to all those who donated items to the Elizabeth's New Life Center Giving Tree to stock the baby boutique. We had an outpouring of generosity to support the center's mission of providing positive solutions to unexpected pregnancies.

Help Needed

@St. Joseph

Monday, January 8

The church Christmas decorations will be taken down on Monday, January 8, starting at 1:00pm. Your help is greatly appreciated.

We hope to see you there.

Server Training

@St. Joseph

St. Joseph has a need for Mass servers. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact the parish office.

Honoring Your Service

@St. Joseph

If you are Active Military and wish to be recognized for your service, please give your name and Branch of Military to an Usher 10 minutes before Mass so Father can make the announcement after Mass.

We thank you for your service!

Christmas Memorial Flowers

The flowers in Holy Trinity's Sanctuary were donated in memory and in honor of the following:

Louie Trick
Kim Trick
Tom & Gerry Eden
Kathleen Armstrong
Diane Honeyman
Mr. & Mrs. J R Braun
Eleanor Braun
Susan Simmons
Oliver & Rosella Gast
Jackie Gast
Russell and Mildred Gilmore

David Gilmore
Alvin & Alma Pleiman
Decease of Griffin & Cannon family
Justin Shoemacher
Edgar & Magdalene Moorman
Herman J Monnin family
Charles Balsamo family
Kenny & Ryan Lovins
Linda S Balsamo
Albert E Becker

Margaret Becker
Joan Adams
John E Schneider
J T Schneider
Tom Hemmelgard
John & Sharon Vance
Bill & Sara Batin
Ginny & Kaye Lehnhoff
The Essman family
Charles & Shirley Joyce
G Jerome Glaser



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 17

Sunday Collection.....\$4,903.50
St. Vincent DePaul.....\$1,425

Saint Paul, December 17

Sunday Collection.....\$4,005.80
St. Vincent DePaul.....\$10

Saint Rita, December 17

St. Rita's Sunday collection numbers will appear in next Sunday's bulletin

Holy Trinity, December 17

Sunday Collection.....\$3,624
YTD Surplus/Deficit\$5,054.35
Electronic Giving\$672.60

Saint Joseph, December 17

Sunday Collection.....\$17,008
Outreach\$199

Emmanuel, December 17

Emmanuel's Sunday collection numbers will appear in next Sunday's bulletin.

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Area News

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

Dayton Catholic Young Adults Epiphany Ball

@St. Peter Parish, Huber Heights, January 6

Join DCYA for the formal event of the year, our Epiphany Ball at St. Peter Parish! Come join us for dancing, music, light food and festive drinks. There will be dance lessons for waltz at the beginning of the evening. Tickets are on sale starting \$30 online at Eventbrite and \$40 at the door. We look forward to seeing you on January 6th from 7:00 to 11:00 pm.

Visit: <https://www.daytoncatholicya.com> for more information and to purchase tickets.

Divorce Recovery

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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, January 14 due Thursday, January 4

Sunday, January 21 due Thursday, January 11

Sunday, January 28 due Thursday, January 18

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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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Richard Walker
Joann Weisenbach
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Rest In Peace: Our sympathy is extended to the family of Precious Blood Parishioner George W. Schauer Jr. 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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