

February 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**SAINT GASPAR**  
FAMILY OF PARISHES

**Emmanuel**

149 Franklin Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.2013

**Holy Trinity**

272 Bainbridge Street  
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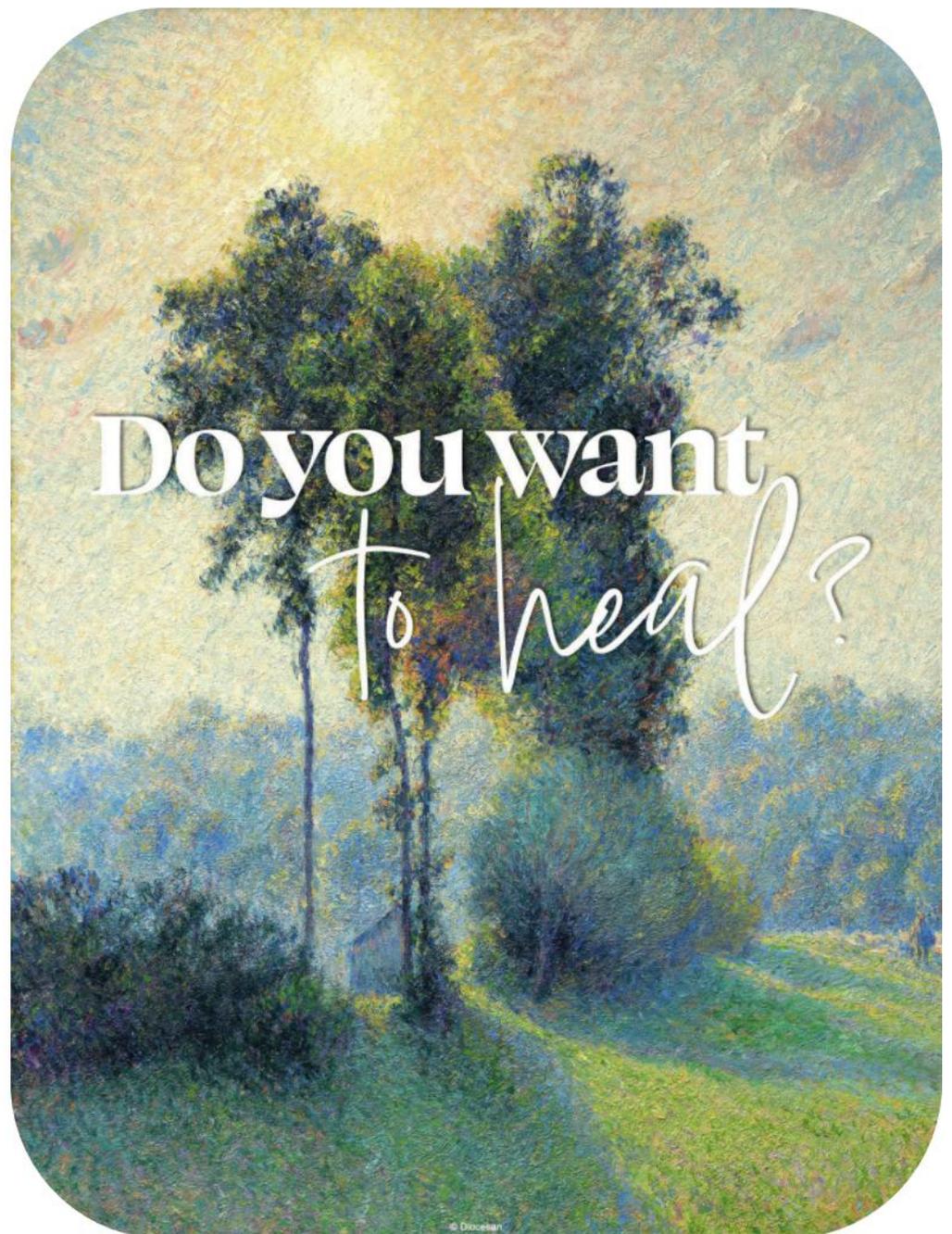
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# St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

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.

## Pastor's Desk



### Our Service to One Another

In today's first reading, Job tells us that life can be somewhat of a drudgery. In the gospel we see Jesus healing.

"On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them."

You and I could see ourselves as hirelings and people who have no hope. But Jesus shows us in the gospel that he came to bring healing and opportunity for us to serve. When Jesus heals, he then wants us to go out and be his laborers in the vineyard. So this work that we do on earth is not necessarily

a drudgery. This work is meant to build the kingdom of God and give glory and honor to Christ and his church. We just need to focus differently. We also can't be people who indulge in pleasures all the time. That leads to addiction. Christians set themselves apart by showing the world that pleasures in this life are not the final goal. Now some of us may not cast out demons, but we can name the demons in our life and other people's lives. By naming them, we start the process of healing.

Our role as Christians is to build one another up and not tear each other down. This giving of oneself is what Jesus exemplified. A total emptying of oneself for Christ and others. Then we will have joy to the fullest.

We see that Peter had a mother-in-law. Peter was married. We do not know if Peter and his wife had children. But married life is a total emptying of oneself. The two sacraments of service in the church are married life and priesthood. We enter the sacraments by putting on an apron, knowing that our joy lies in our service to one another. Maybe that's why Peter became the head of the apostles. He knew what it was like to give up oneself for his wife, and maybe his children. As a married man, he may have understood what it meant to die to oneself.

Let us give ourselves away and not count the cost. We will be rewarded in the next life. We will not experience all the good and the bad this world has to offer.

Thank you very much,

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

### Newly Registered in Our Parish Family

@St. Joseph

Steve Peranteau

### Recently Baptized in Our Parish Family

@St. Paul

Luka Kunkel, son of Ryan and Libby Kunkel

*Baptism preparation classes are listed on page 13 of our bulletin. Please call your parish office to schedule.*



### Confession Times

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

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

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

# Mass Times & Intentions

The weekend schedule for presiding priests can be found on our St. Gaspar landing page: [stgasparfamily.org](http://stgasparfamily.org).

## Monday, February 5, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Coleen Harms  
8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Mariann Becker  
12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Paula Deschler

## Tuesday, February 6, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Andrew Chiovaro  
8:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Jerry Johnson

## Wednesday, February 7, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Roger Gamblin  
8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †David Boston  
12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... Int. of Tammy Jetton

## Thursday, February 8, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Joe Spanel and Family  
8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Celebrant's Intention  
12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... Int. of Gine Elliott

## Friday, February 9, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Bev Gerdes  
8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Russell & Florence Donauer

## Saturday, February 10, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Joseph E. Nunes  
12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Jack Summers  
4:30 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Thomas B. Kain  
4:30 pm ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Sammy Rice  
5:15 pm ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †For our Parishioners

## Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †For our Parishioners  
8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Evelyn D'Silva  
9:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Laura Keefe  
10:00 am ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †For our Parishioners  
10:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Int. of Gabriel Factora  
10:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
11:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Gerald and Randall Cooper

## Mass Books Are Open For 2024

Call your parish office to schedule Mass intentions for 2024.

## Honor a Loved One with a Mass Intention

Offering Masses is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday or an anniversary), for someone who is sick, or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. A \$5.00 donation is suggested for St. Gaspar Family of Parishes.



## Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 4, 2024

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</b> 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</b> 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Jerome Emiliani, Priest, and Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</b> 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30
<b>Friday</b>	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin</b> 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

## Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military

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

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



## Parish Calendar

### Monday, February 5

#### Ageless Grace

1:30-2:30 pm · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Room

#### The Glories of Mary Book Read

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

### Tuesday, February 6

#### Bible Study, Hebrews, through February 13

8:00-9:30 pm · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

### Wednesday, February 7

#### Senior Program and Lunch

12:00-2:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

#### Widower Support Group

2:00-3:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

#### Catholic Life

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

#### Knights of Columbus 3754

7:00-9:00 pm · St. Rita/Basement

### Thursday, February 8

#### The Devout Life Book Read

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

### Friday, February 9

#### Friday Hour

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

#### St. Paul Parish Council Fish Fry

6:00-10:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

### Saturday, February 10

#### Jesus Day

9:30-10:30 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

#### CCD

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

#### Bible Study, Hebrews, through February 17

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

### Sunday, February 11

#### 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

#### High School Youth Program

9:00-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

#### Family Rosary and Potluck

5:00-7:30 pm · Precious Blood/Mtg. Room

# St. Gaspar Family News



## Ash Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday is approaching, marking the beginning of the Lenten season for the Catholic Church. This solemn day is observed with Mass and the distribution of ashes, symbolizing repentance and reflection.

*Our full Lenten schedule of events will be in an upcoming bulletin.*

**Emmanuel: 7:30 am**

**Precious Blood: 8:30 am**

**St. Joseph: 12:00 pm**

**St. Rita: 12:00 pm**

**Emmanuel: 5:15 pm**

**St. Paul: 7:00 pm**

**Holy Trinity: 7:00 pm**

## Stations of the Cross

*@St. Joseph, beginning February 14 after Noon Mass*

St. Joseph will host Stations of the Cross after confession and Noon Mass on Wednesdays during Lent through March 27.

*@Emmanuel, beginning February 16 at 7:00 pm*

Emmanuel will host Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent through March 29 with the Living Stations on March 22.

## Soup & Stations

*@St. Rita, beginning February 20 at 6:30 pm*

For five Tuesday evenings we gather for the Stations of the Cross followed by a soup supper. Many volunteers are needed to make this happen, see page 9 for more information.



# St. Gaspar Family News

## Lenten Reconciliation Services

Our regular confession schedule remains in place, with additional opportunities for confession or reconciliation offered throughout the Lenten season:

Thursday, March 14 at 9:00 am-St. Paul  
Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm-Precious Blood  
March 25, 26 and 27 from 11:00-11:55-St. Joseph (extended hours)  
Tuesday, March 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm-Emmanuel (Novena at 7:00 pm)



## Good News! Lenten Bible Study

*@Holy Trinity, beginning Saturday,  
February 24 through March 23  
from 9:30-11:00 am*

Got the Winter Blahs? Wake up. Get up. Enjoy some coffee and the

company of your neighbors while you prepare for the Sunday Masses in Lent. Good News! We will take a Lenten journey of faith, hope, and joy as we explore the Gospel readings for each Sunday together. No preparation is needed. Just come and explore what God has in store for you this Lent.

Good News! Sessions are on Saturday mornings, 9:30-11:00 am, beginning February 24, 2024, through March 23, 2024, in the Holy Trinity Rectory. Bring your Bible and bring your heart. Prepare to learn, laugh, and love. Lynda Middleton will be leading the discussion. A light breakfast will be provided.

## Fish Dinners During Lent

During Lent, Catholics cast their nets wide, not only for spiritual reflection but also for an abundance of fish fry dinners. These dinners multiply faster than loaves and fishes. In the world of Catholic traditions, there's no such thing as having just one fish fry.

### Marion Council Carry-Out Fish Dinners

*@St. Paul, beginning February 16 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm*

The Knights of Columbus will have carry-out Fish Dinners every Friday throughout Lent. The cost is \$10.00 per dinner and includes Fried Fish, French Fries and Coleslaw. No need to make a reservation. Just drive up and place your order to take home.

### Holy Trinity Fish & Sausage Fry

*@Holy Trinity, Saturday, February 17*

Carry-out from 5:30-6:15 pm

Serving: 6:30-8:30 pm

Games: 7:00-11:00 pm

Holy Trinity will host a Fish & Sausage Fry that will include games, raffles and silent auctions. More information can be found on page 10.

## 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

### *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 · Precious Blood (before 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)

10:00 am · St. Paul (before 10:30 am Mass)

### *Pray the Rosary for Life*

Second Sunday of the Month

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

We pray the rosary for pro-life issues.



## From the St. Gaspar Respect Life Group

### How are euthanasia and assisted suicide different?

### Is either one acceptable according to the Catholic Church?

Euthanasia is the ending of a life prematurely by medical means including depriving an individual of basic needs, i.e., food and water. A medical provider is actively ending the life. Assisted suicide entails making lethal means accessible to a patient at the time of his own choosing. While many advocate for these options as means of a dignified death, they ignore the fact that we do not have the right to kill or be killed.

**The Catholic Church defines both acts as morally reprehensible.**

For more information visit [uscgb.org/prolife/end-life](https://uscgb.org/prolife/end-life).

#### *Catechism of the Catholic Church – Euthanasia*

**2276** Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible.

**2277** Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable. Thus, an act or omission, which of itself or by intention causes death in order to eliminate suffering, constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator. The error of judgment into which one can fall in good faith does not change the nature of this murderous act, which must always be forbidden and excluded.

**2278** Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of over-zealous treatment. Here one does not will to cause death; one's inability to impede it is merely accepted. The decisions should be made by the patient, if he is competent and able, or if not, by those legally entitled to act for the patient, whose reasonable will and legitimate interests must always be respected.

**2279** Even if death is thought imminent, the ordinary care owed to a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted. The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable. Palliative care is a special form of disinterested charity. As such it should be encouraged.

#### *Catechism of the Catholic Church – Suicide*

**2280** Everyone is responsible for his life before God, who has given it to him. It is God, who remains the sovereign Master of life. We are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it for his honor and the salvation of our souls. We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of.

**2281** Suicide contradicts the natural inclination of the human being to preserve and perpetuate his life. It is gravely contrary to the just love of self. It likewise offends love of neighbor because it unjustly breaks the ties of solidarity with family, nation, and other human societies to which we continue to have obligations. Suicide is contrary to love for the living God.

**2282** If suicide is committed with the intention of setting an example, especially to the young, it also takes on the gravity of scandal. Voluntary co-operation in suicide is contrary to the moral law.



#### *Commitment Weekend February 3 & 4*

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Join us in supporting these ministries! Pledge cards are available in the pews and at church entrances for your convenience this weekend. If you have already responded by mail or online or if you brought your completed pledge card you may place it in the offertory today, thank you!

To make a gift online: visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](https://CatholicAOC.org/CMA).



## Teen Retreat Our God is Bigger!

*@Spiritual Center in Maria Stein, March 22-24*

The Life in the Spirit Seminar is built for all levels of faith as an opportunity to be inspired by Christ's love and example. Throughout the weekend there will be opportunities for Adoration, Reconciliation and Holy Mass as well as praise and worship and many other activities. Come with an eager and open heart ready to experience a new prayer life and to build relationships with other brothers and sisters in Christ as we are all witnesses to a God who is bigger than all of our problems. For more information contact Tanya Lee, 937-885-7432. Visit: <https://www.lifeinthepirit-seminar.com/>

### Jesus Day

*@St. Paul, February 10, beginning at 9:30 am*

Jesus Day at St. Paul is for 2nd graders and their parents.

### High School Youth Program

*@St. Paul, Sunday, February 11 from 9:00 to 10:15 am*

Discover a unique high school program led by a mom of high schoolers, aimed at deepening your child's faith and connecting them with a vibrant community of like-minded peers. This group meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

### Praise Fest!

*@St. Joseph, Friday, February 16 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm*

For all teens aged 13 through seniors in high school. 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. Please contact Nicole Bartz with any questions 937-956-8999.



## Lenten Service Project

*@St. Paul, donations due March 17*

The Children's Faith Formation program is sponsoring a Lenten project to benefit the Northwest Dayton Area Catholic Communities' Regional Food Pantry. We will be making Easter baskets for the food pantry to distribute. Donations can be brought to class on Sunday mornings and given to the teachers. The last Sunday to bring in donations is March 17th.

Items needed: Candy, small toys such as coloring books, crayons, yoyos, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, and Easter Baskets. (We will put items together in baskets.)

## Free Pancake Breakfast



With a free-will offering

**Sunday, Feb. 18**

Sunday, Feb 18  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Emmanuel School Building.

All donations will be used to help offset the cost of Catholic summer camps (Catholic Youth Summer Camp, Steubenville Conferences, etc.) for teens from .St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

**Teens needed for the  
pancake breakfast!  
Contact Tania Lee:  
937-885-7432.**

**ST. PAUL PARISH COUNCIL**

# FISH FRY



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**6:00-10:00 PM**

**Carry-Out Option: Available from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM for \$15.00.**

**Event Admission: \$20.00, includes all-you-can-eat, games, and raffles.**

Join us for a sensational evening at the St. Paul Parish Council Fish Fry! Immerse yourself in a delightful atmosphere filled with delectable delights and exciting activities. If you would like to volunteer, please call Kathy Wirrg at 937-681-1178. You must be 21 to attend.



## Cooks and Bakers Needed for Lenten Soup & Stations

We need parishioners to make 12 crockpots of homemade soups and baked, fresh breads each week to be served at our Lenten soup and bread suppers held after the Stations of the Cross at St. Rita Church every Tuesday during Lent. Servers and helpers are also needed! Please RSVP to Mary Krueger at 937-241- 1947 or [Kruegm8@aol.com](mailto:Kruegm8@aol.com), or to Matt Ruttle at 937-278-5815 (ext. # 102) or [mruttle@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:mruttle@preciousbloodchurch.org).

Thank you! God bless.

## Family Rosary & Potluck

*@Precious Blood, Sunday, February 11*

*from 5:00 to 6:30 pm*

Family Rosary takes place on the second Sunday of each month from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The evening begins with the Rosary and is followed by food and fellowship. We provide fried chicken and drinks and invite you to bring casseroles, salads, and desserts to share. There is no need to RSVP.

For more information contact Curtis Kneblak, Director of Adult Faith Formation for Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita via email: [ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org) Call or text at 937-203-6037.



## Senior Program & Lunch

### Rock Painting

*@St. Paul, Wednesday, February 7 from 12:00-2:00 pm*

**Presented by Dayton Metro Library.**

Lunch is followed by rock painting. Rock painting is a therapeutic craft that combines the joy of artistic expression with the tranquility of nature.

Call 937-836-7535 to register by Monday, February 5 at Noon.

## Our Next Trivia Night

*@Precious Blood, Activity Center (gym)*

*Saturday, February 17, beginning at 7:00 pm*

We'll be hosting another Trivia Night on Saturday, February 17 at 7:00 pm! We are bringing back monthly fun and friendly competition with the Trivia Shark as our Master of Ceremonies. For those of you who participated prior to COVID, he's the same person from then. He'll challenge us with a wide range of general trivia questions.

Everyone from the St. Gaspar community is invited! 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!

## Knitters Needed

*@Holy Trinity*

Do you have time on your hands and need something to do during these long winter days? We could use some individuals who like to crochet and knit to make items for our annual holiday bazaar. If you supply the talent, we will supply the materials. Please call Judi at the parish office for details at 937-228-1223. All are welcome.

## Hearing Aid

### Receivers Available

*@St. Joseph*

Are you having difficulty hearing the Mass? If so, we have hearing aid receivers available for your use. Just ask an usher, and they will give you one. You can keep the hearing aid receiver to use each week. When you no longer need to use it, just return it to an usher.

## Eucharistic

### Ministers Needed

*@Holy Trinity*

Interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? We are especially in need of Ministers of the blood of Christ for the 11:30 am Sunday Mass. Training is available.

Call the parish office at 937-228-1223.

## Contribution Statements for 2023

*From Holy Trinity*

Your 2023 contribution statements for tax purposes are available by calling the parish office.

## Did You Lose a Key?

*From St. Joseph*

A key was found at St. Joseph church. Please call the parish office with a description if you are missing this item.

## Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

*From Music Director Michelle Carner*

Demystifying chant notation: Have you ever wondered how to read those little square notes in the missalette for the entrance and Communion antiphons? You have probably noticed that the system is generally like modern music notation-there are lines and spaces which correspond to notes, and as they go up and down, we sing higher or lower. One important difference is that in chant notation, if you see two notes stacked directly on top of each other, as in syllables "in" or "ri" below, you sing the bottom one first and then the top one. (Sample is the second phrase of the "Ave Maria".) Stay tuned for more tips to come!



benedícta tu in mu-li- é-ribus,

## Online Giving at Emmanuel

Emmanuel now has online giving! Scan the QR code to give or visit: <https://osvhub.com/emmanuel-church/giving/funds>. If you have any questions, please contact Brother Matt: [brothermattcps@gmail.com](mailto:brothermattcps@gmail.com) or call 937-228-2013.



## Coffee & Donuts

*@St. Joseph, Sunday, February 11*

Coffee and Donuts will be held on Sunday, February 11 in the Parish Life Center after the 10:00 am Mass. Do you have a favorite dish you would love to share? Items can be dropped off before Mass, starting at 9:30 am. It would be sweet if you could join us! Everything will be served with love!

## Give the Gift of Cleanliness

*@St. Joseph, second Wednesday of the month*

We are going to start cleaning the church on the second Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am. You are invited to join the cleaning brigade on Wednesday, February 14.

Many hands make light work!



## Fish & Sausage Fry

@Trinity Center, Saturday February 17

Doors open at 6:15 pm

### Holy Trinity Fish & Sausage Fry

Saturday, February 17, 2024

#### Trinity Center

Carry-out: 5:30 – 6:15 pm, tickets \$15

Serving: 6:30 – 8:30 pm, games: 7:00 – 11:00 pm

Advance tickets: \$20 at the door: \$25

Ticket price includes 3 beverages at the Fry

Doors open at 6:15 pm

ONLY THOSE 21 AND OLDER ADMITTED TO THE FRY

If you have any new items that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction at the Fish and Sausage Fry, you may drop them off at the parish office.

We will also need your delicious baked goods.

*Don't miss out – purchase your tickets now after Mass or call the parish office 937-228-1223.*



## Critical Need for Blood

### From Holy Trinity's Health Ministry

Solvate Blood Center (formerly Community Blood Center) is in critical need of multiple blood types because of recent high usage and low collections following the holiday period. Help meet this urgent need by donating and supporting the critical mission of January National and Ohio Blood Donor Awareness Month.

Type O blood is currently in low supply, and there is a critically scarce supply of type B blood. Type O is the universal blood type and in constant demand for emergency usage. Type B is rarer with fewer available donors.

A shooting and multi-vehicle collision on U.S. 35 in Dayton recently resulted in a spike in blood usage with 20 blood products transfused.

Make an appointment to donate with Solvita (formerly Community Blood Center) on the Donor Time app by calling (937) 461-3220, or at [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com).

## Abolish the Death Penalty

### From Holy Trinity's Social Action Commission

In 2018 #2267 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church was revised to state that the death penalty was inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person. Currently in Ohio there are two bills, House Bill 259 and Senate Bill 101, that have been introduced to abolish the death penalty in Ohio, Respect for life applies to all. Please contact your state senators and representatives in support of these bills.

To find your state senator, go to [Ohiosenate.gov](http://Ohiosenate.gov), to find your representative, go to [ohiohouse.gov](http://ohiohouse.gov).

Together we can stop the death penalty in Ohio.



## Our Stewardship

This week we are getting caught up with our offertory reporting for the New Year. If you are interested in online giving please contact your parish office. Thank you for your generous contributions.

### **Precious Blood, January 28**

Sunday Collection.....\$4,079.65

St. Vincent De Paul .....\$425

### **Saint Paul, January 28**

Sunday Collection.....\$4,627

St. Vincent De Paul .....\$355

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### **Emmanuel, January 28**

*Offertory for Emmanuel will appear next Sunday*

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St. Joseph: 937-228-9272

St. Paul: 937-836-7535

St. Rita: 937-278-5815

## Area News

### Marian Consecration Study Group

*@St. Albert the Great, beginning February 20*

All are invited on Tuesdays, February 20 through April 2, 2024, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Spirit Center at St. Albert the Great, 3033 Far Hills Ave., Kettering, hosted by the Legion of Mary. Discussion on books *Behold the Handmaid of the Lord* (\$14) and *Preparation for Total Consecration* (\$10) with free coffee/tea. To purchase or borrow the books, contact [legionofmarystalbert@yahoo.com](mailto:legionofmarystalbert@yahoo.com) or Gloria Dodd (937) 999-1263 by February 16.

### Shrove Tuesday

*@Maria Stein, Tuesday, February 13*

On Tuesday, February 13, the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics will be holding a Shrove Pancake Dinner of all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, hash browns, and beverages at 5:30 pm. The dinner is FREE, but a goodwill donation will be accepted. Following dinner, the Burial of the Alleluia will take place in the Adoration Chapel at 6:30 pm. A popular tradition is to bury the Alleluia as a symbol of this solemn Lenten change. It is then resurrected and used in the Easter liturgy when Christ has risen from the dead.

### NAIM

*@St. Francis Parish, Monday, February 12*

Why not begin 2024 making new friends through Naim, the organization for widowed Catholics. This month celebrate VALENTINES DAY with other Naim members, Monday, February 12, at 1:00 pm in the All Saints room at St. Francis Parish, 6245 Wilmington Pike. Cards will follow the regular meeting. For more information contact Sunny Hickey @ 937-433-1437 Sunny Hickey, Membership Chairman

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## Parish

## Information

### Live Stream Mass

**@Precious Blood Church**

The 8:30 am Sunday Mass at Precious Blood Church is live streamed.

Visit: <https://northwestdaytoncatholic.org/live-stream/>

**@ St. Joseph Church**

The 10:00 am Sunday Mass at St. Joseph is live streamed. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/DaytonCatholic/>

## Baptisms

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

## Baptismal

### Preparation Class

You may attend class at any of our Family of Parishes. Registration is required. To register contact your parish office.

**Upcoming Classes and locations:**

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

May 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm, St. Paul

## Care of the Sick

### and Elderly

Parishioners, who are confined to their homes and wish to receive Communion, please call your Parish Office.

## Marriage

Please call your Parish Office at least seven months in advance to begin required pre-nuptial preparation.

## RCIA or Catholic Life

Those adults, wishing to enter the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), contact your parish office.

## Bulletin Submissions

Submissions for the bulletin are due Thursdays at Noon, 9 days before the publication date of the bulletin.

**St. Gaspar South:** submit to Mary

Beemsterboer emmparishoffice@gmail.com (via email).

**St. Gaspar North:** submit to Joan Macpherson:

jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org (via email).

## Full Page Flyer

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

## Pulpit Announcements

Pulpit announcements for upcoming events need to be submitted no later than Friday by Noon. Please contact Joan Macpherson for all submissions:

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.

Dave Aivalotis  
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Ed Stanziano  
**Larry Sutherland**  
**Karen Thomas**  
Scott & Meghan Tygett & Family

Jack & Ann Wolf

The St. Gaspar prayer list serves a crucial pastoral purpose within our Catholic community. It provides a centralized platform for our parish family to share and request prayers for themselves and loved ones during times of illness. This communal practice fosters a sense of unity, support, and interconnectedness among the members of our parish family. Maintaining accuracy in the prayer list is vital to ensure that the intentions are valid and up-to-date. Names remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless we are notified otherwise.

RIP: Please keep in your prayers members of our community who have gone to their eternal rest. If you would like to add the name of a recently deceased loved one to our bulletin, please contact your parish office.

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