

February 18, First Sunday of Lent



# 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*

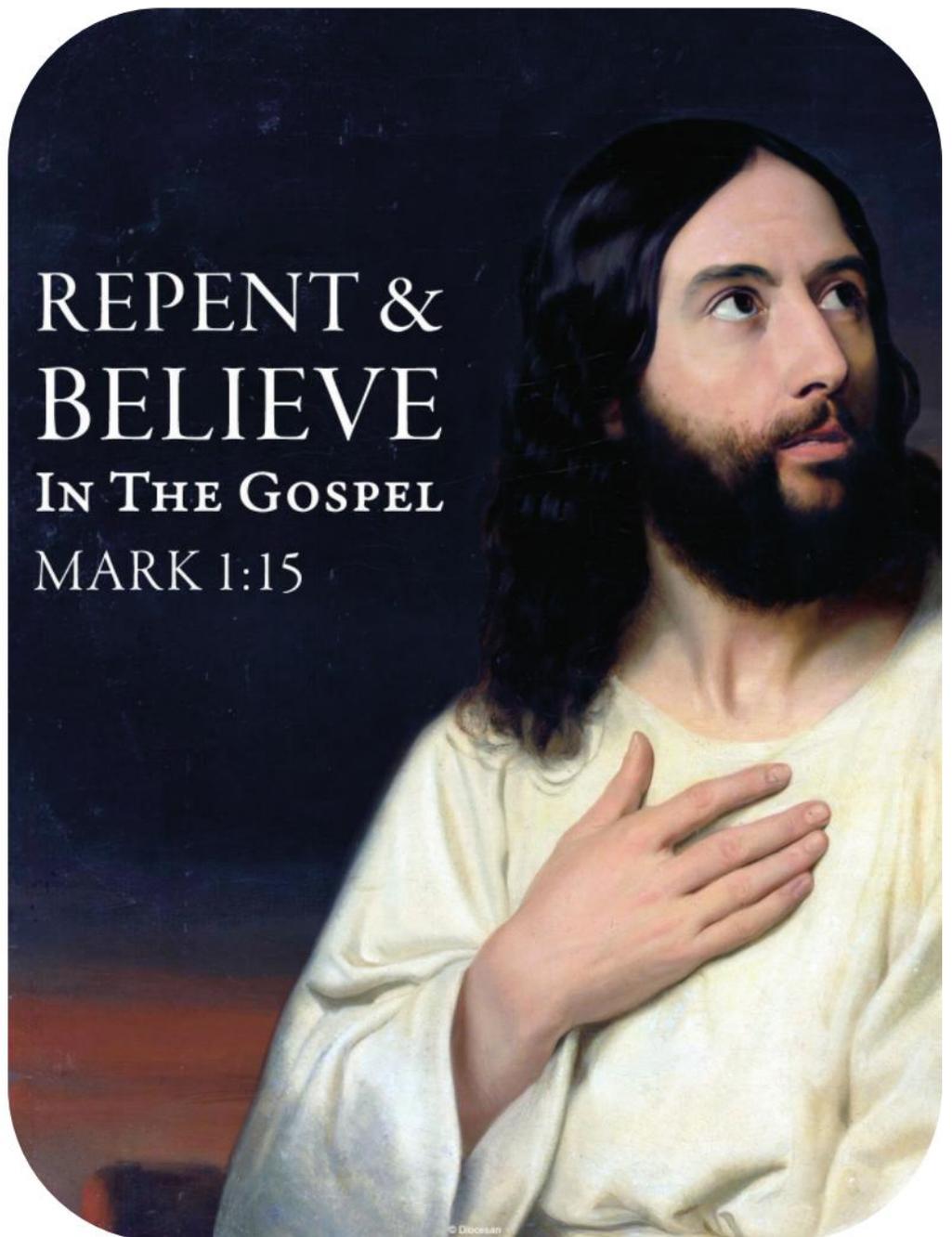
### **Saint Paul**

*1000 W. Wenger Road  
Englewood, OH 45322  
937.836.7535*

### **Saint Rita**

*5401 N. Main Street  
Dayton, OH 45415  
937.278.5815*

REPENT &  
BELIEVE  
IN THE GOSPEL  
MARK 1:15



# 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.



## Next Generation Parish

On Monday, February 5, Dr. Ximena DeBreck, representing the Catholic Leadership Institute, led a meeting with the entire staff from our Family of Parishes. The meeting was arranged as part of the launch of the "Next Generation Parish" initiative, to which we have committed our participation. Under the stewardship of Fr. Tony Fortman C.P.P.S., this marks a significant step forward in our journey towards enhancing and revitalizing our parish community.

The "Next Generation Parish" program is an undertaking facilitated by the Catholic Leadership Institute, an esteemed organization dedicated to fostering leadership and growth within Catholic communities. While the Archdiocese of Cincinnati initially proposed our participation in the Beacons of Light process, a strategic decision was made to partner

with CLI. It is important to note that both approaches, Beacons of Light and Next Generation Parish, share common objectives and methodologies, ultimately guiding us towards the same destination of parish renewal and growth.

One of the key advantages of our collaboration with CLI is the comprehensive guidance they will provide throughout our journey. By leveraging their expertise, St. Gaspar Family of Parishes will receive tailored support and strategic direction at every stage of our development. Furthermore, I am pleased to inform you that the Archdiocese is generously covering the costs associated with the program, underscoring their commitment to supporting the growth and vitality of our parish.

It is noteworthy that we are not alone in this endeavor. Eight other families within the Archdiocese have also embarked on the Next Generation Program, highlighting the collective commitment to embracing innovation and fostering vibrant Catholic communities.

As we embark on this transformative journey, I encourage each of you, as valued shareholders in our parish community, to remain engaged and supportive. Together, we have the opportunity to shape the future of St. Gaspar Family of Parishes, ensuring that it remains a beacon of faith, fellowship, and service for generations to come.

Respectfully Submitted by the Communications Office  
St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

## From the Respect Life Group

### Spring 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

*Through March 24*

- Outside Women's Med Center (1401 E. Stroop Rd)
- 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily
- Coordinator: Jenny Belokony JKony1@gmail.com

Learn more and sign up at [40daysforlife.com/en/dayton](http://40daysforlife.com/en/dayton)



## 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

## Monday, February 19, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Sally Madigan  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Celebrant's Intention  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Kristina & John Cole

## Tuesday, February 20, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Wade Boswell  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †William & Helen Flynn

## Wednesday, February 21, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Ronald C. Soehner  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †David Boston  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Johnson Family

## Thursday, February 22, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Bernhard Family  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... Int. for Roger & Sandy Dietsch's Anniversary  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Claude Sacksteder

## Friday, February 23, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Joseph E. Nunes  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †John Schleman  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Bob & Jean Buschur

## Saturday, February 24, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Effie M. Minham  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Bob Sichman  
 4:30 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
 4:30 pm ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Steve Mitrising  
 5:15 pm ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †For Our Parishioners

## Sunday, February 25, 2024

### Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Edward Horvath  
 9:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Delmar (Woody) Underwood  
 10:00 am ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Rita Berberich  
 10:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Andrew & Betty Kleinhenz  
 10:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Laurine Ferris  
 11:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †U.S. Military & First Responders

## Presider Schedule Update

While other parishes may choose to provide a public schedule indicating which priest will be celebrating Mass, it is our decision not to do so. This choice aligns with our commitment to prioritize the communal aspect of worship and to avoid fostering a culture centered on individual priests. Our focus remains steadfastly on encountering Christ and participating in the Eucharist, irrespective of the presiding clergy. Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to uphold the sacredness and universality of the Mass within our parish community.

### Download Our Lenten Calendar

We want to make sure you have all the information that is needed this Easter season so we put together a Lenten and Holy Week Calendar. You can find the calendar in church, scan the QR code or visit: [stgasparfamily.org](http://stgasparfamily.org)



### Scripture Readings

#### For the Week of February 25, 2024

- Monday** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday** **Third Sunday of Lent**  
 Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17;  
 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25;  
 Jn 2:13-25

## Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military

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

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, February 19**

**Presidents' Day—School Closed**  
**Parish offices are open**

**The Glories of Mary Book Read**

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

**Tuesday, February 20**

**Soup and Stations**

6:30-8:30 pm · St. Rita/Church

**Wednesday, February 21**

**Lunch with the Lord**

11:45 am –12:45 pm · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Room

**Senior Program & Lunch**

12:00 –2:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

**Widow Support Group**

2:00 –3:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

**Stations of the Cross**

12:30-1:00 pm · St. Joseph/Church

**Catholic Life**

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

**Thursday, February 22**

**The Devout Life Book Read**

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

**Friday, February 23**

**Friday Hour**

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

**Drive-Thru Fish Dinner**

5:30-7:00 pm · St. Paul/Parking Lot

**Stations of the Cross**

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel/Church

**Saturday, February 24**

**Fishers of Men**

7:30-9:00 am · Precious Blood/Mtg. Room

**CCD**

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

**Good News Bible Study**

9:30-11:00 am · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Room

**Sunday, February 25**

**Children's Faith Formation**

9:00-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

# St. Gaspar Family News

## Free Spaghetti Dinner

### For Fr. Emmanuel's Project

*@Bainbridge Hall, Saturday, March 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm*

All are invited to a family Spaghetti Dinner, with homemade Italian (vegetarian) sauce, meatballs for the carnivores and salad on Saturday, March 2, at Knights of Columbus Dayton Council 500, Bainbridge Hall, 267 Bainbridge St. from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. A video and message from Fr. Emmanuel will be shown at 7:00 pm. Desserts are welcomed to be shared. Information will be given to donate to Fr Emmanuel's Church/School project in Cameroon through the Dayton Foundation's 501c3. More information will be made available in next week's bulletin and at the dinner. Any questions, call or text Dave Norckauer at 937-671-3725.

## Late Winter Ageless Grace Series

*@St. Joseph Center, Mach 4 to April 1 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm*

Bonita from FirstLight Home Care will once again be leading this simple, playful and fun exercise program based on the science of neuroplasticity. Along with music it uses all five areas of the brain. This seated class is beneficial to anyone of any age and mobility. Register now for the next five week series being offered Mondays, March 4th through April 1st from 1:30 to 2:30 pm in St. Joseph Center (across the street from the church). Cost is \$35.00 per person and 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 4:00 pm, Thursday, Feb. 29th at 937.776.2942, or by email at sharonbecker6@gmail.com.

## From the St. Gaspar Respect Life Group

*The St. Gaspar Respect Life Group continues their focus on Euthanasia for the month of February.*

### **Declared Brain Dead and Lived to Tell About It**

In recent years there have been noted medical cases of patients who were declared brain dead but then recovered, such as Zack Dunlap and Trenton McKinley. Others have lived several years in a disabled state, such as Jahi McMath, who went through the changes of puberty after being declared dead. Doctors suspect the problem is they have no good test for neuro-endocrine function of the brain, so the entire brain wasn't really dead. Clearly, there is an ethical need for improved brain function testing in death determinations. Rather than calling for improving medical testing, the Uniform Law Commission, which suggests laws for states to adopt so they are consistent, is considering modifying the Uniform Determination of Death Act so that living people who are severely brain damaged can be declared dead. The National Catholic Bioethics Center offers a wealth of information on this and related topics. Go to [ncbcenter.org](http://ncbcenter.org) and search for "Definition of Death". Be vigilant - the Culture of Death harms more than just the unborn. .

Submitted by Laura Mann, St. Gaspar Respect Life Group

# St. Gaspar Family News



A comprehensive calendar of events for Lent is available in church or online at [stgasparfamily.org](http://stgasparfamily.org).

## Stations of the Cross

**@St. Joseph, throughout Lent, after the Noon Mass**

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

**@Emmanuel, throughout Lent 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.

## 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.

## 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)

## Devotionals

### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Monday

3:30-4:30 pm · St. Rita

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel

### **PrayerMates**

Tuesday

Not meeting throughout Lent

### **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 Lent

Following the Noon Mass · St. Joseph

### **Pray the Rosary**

Monday-Saturday

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

Friday

3:00 pm · Precious Blood Adoration Chapel

Saturday

4:45 pm · Emmanuel (before 5:15 pm Mass)

Sunday

9:30 am · St. Joseph (before 10:00 am Mass)

8:00 am · Precious Blood (before 8:30 am Mass)

8:55 am · St. Rita (before 9:30 am Mass)

10:00 am · Emmanuel (before 10:30 am Mass)

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

### **Pray the Rosary for Life**

Second Sunday of the Month

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

We pray the rosary for pro-life issues.

### **Vespers**

Tuesday evenings during Lent (begins Feb. 27)

6:30 pm · Holy Trinity





### Pantry Helps Stretch Food Budgets



The largest and busiest component of our **Family Stabilization & Success Services** is our Dayton food pantry on West Riverview Avenue, open Monday through Friday mornings.

Those eligible to access our pantry can receive full service once every 30 days. Based on the size of the household, we provide enough food to last for about five days. Emergency food pantries like ours are designed to supplement the food people can purchase for themselves with their own income and other benefits like SNAP. We also make fresh produce available on a daily basis, with no restriction on how often clients can come back for these nutritious but perishable items.

Major construction now underway at our facility will provide a much-improved pantry space, but it also means that we can't let clients "shop" the pantry and pick out items for themselves right now. Each day 8-10 volunteers are in the back, unloading the truck, stocking shelves, and packing food boxes. In the front, 2-3 volunteers help with intake and hand boxes to the clients. For more information about current volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, please call our volunteer coordinator at 937.223.7217 x1130.

### Connecting Youth & Young Adults to Key Resources

We're pleased to be a partner in **Ohio's Youth Navigator Network (YNN)**, which is available for youth and young adults up to age 23 who've had an open case with children services, have lived in a group home, are in or have been in foster care, or have aged out of care.



Qualifying young people can reach out to **1-833-OHIO-YNN** for resources and assistance, as a one-time request or for continuous support. Callers can talk one-on-one with a YNN Navigator about challenges they're facing or opportunities they're striving for. YNN's extensive resource hub has specific resources that a Navigator can help them access directly.

**Love** makes us happy not only in heaven but also here on earth. If we want to be truly happy, then let us learn to transform everything into love, offering to others our work and our time, speaking kindly words and doing good deeds. We can all do it!



Dec. 11, 2023 tweet from @Pontifex

### Join Our Team!

Want a job where you can make a difference? Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley has career opportunities based in our Dayton and Sidney offices. Visit [cssmv.org/careers](https://cssmv.org/careers) for our latest listings.

*"I am extremely grateful for the supportive staff and coworkers with whom I have the pleasure of working. It is an honor to collaborate with such amazing individuals who are making a positive impact on the world . . . We have touched countless lives and continue to make a difference in the lives of those we interact with."*



**Sheree Wilson**  
Erma's House Program Assistant

To learn more about these updates or about Catholic Social Services, visit [cssmv.org](https://cssmv.org) or call 937.223.7217



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Services for Older Adults • Supervised Visitation • Transportation Resources

## St. Joseph Church Pipe Organ Update

### The Temporary Organ

There have been several developments regarding the pipe organ over the past few months. You likely noticed that the temporary digital organ in front of the church was removed in early December. What you may not have realized is that the organ currently being used at St. Joseph in the balcony is not our actual pipe organ, but another temporary digital instrument. This temporary organ was set up to create a sense of normalcy as we undertake the task of addressing the main pipe organ, which has sat silent since September.



### The Pipe Organ Committee and Inspection

Under the direction of a Pipe Organ Committee, we had three pipe organ builders inspect our current instrument and submit bids to fix and refurbish the organ. After reviewing the inspection reports and bids, the committee was made aware that the current pipe organ cannot adequately provide what is demanded of it: the electrical control system has failed, structural issues were identified in the main chest of the organ, pipes were discovered to be collapsing and foreign materials were used to temporarily fix structural and tonal issues, and the overall voicing of the current organ was overpowering and shrill in tone.

### The Recommendation

The Pipe Organ Committee unanimously recommended to the St. Joseph Parish Council and Finance Committee a full rebuild of the pipe organ to both honor the historical legacy of the pipe organ at St. Joseph Church and provide a quality instrument for future generations. This recommendation, along with the selected organ builder, were unanimously approved by members of both the Parish Council and Finance Committee. A signed contract was sent to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and is awaiting the Archbishop's signature.

### The New Pipe Organ

The new pipe organ will address all the issues uncovered during the inspection and once completed, will be an incredibly artistic and musical instrument: both striking in sound and aesthetics. A rendering of the new pipe organ, along with its specifications, can be found on a display board at the entrance of the church.

- The new pipe organ console will have updated and computerized electrical systems.
- The internal structure will be rugged and utilize time-tested methods to ensure structural integrity and longevity.
- The organ will increase from 15 ranks of pipes to 40 ranks of pipes and will be voiced so that the organ can provide volumes ranging from a whisper to a full organ without overpowering the congregation.
- The façade and casework will blend harmoniously with the Italian Byzantine architecture of the church.

## Become a Pipe Organ Donor

### The Total Cost of the New St. Joseph Pipe Organ is \$280,000

If you would like to help financially with this project, you can do so in a number of ways:

#### Use the Designated Envelope

Special envelopes for the pipe organ project are located at the entrances of the church and can be placed in the collection basket.

#### Mail in Your Donation

St. Joseph Church  
411 E. Second St.  
Dayton, OH 45402

*Please be sure to clearly state "Pipe Organ Donation"*

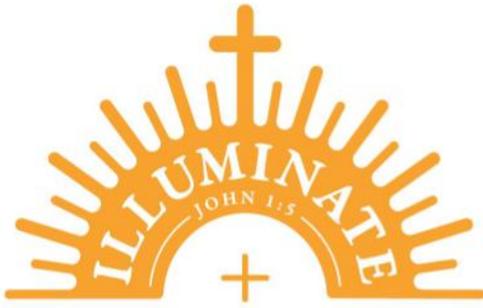


#### Donate Online

Visit: [www.myEoffering.com](http://www.myEoffering.com)  
Please be sure to clearly state "Pipe Organ Donation". You can also scan the QR code with your phone to start the donation process.



"...the pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendor to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up man's mind to God and to higher things." - Sacrosanctum Concilium 120



## The Steubenville Conference

*For High School Students, June 21 through June 23*

**RSVP by February 24, 2024**

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5. This summer, St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Youth Ministry will be going to The Steubenville Conference June 21-23. Reservations are due February 24. Please let us know if your high school student plans on attending. A \$50 deposit is due to hold your reservations. The total cost will be \$235 per person. RSVP to Tanya Lee at 937-885-7432.

Visit: <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/> for more information.



**Mother Brunner  
Catholic School**

## Open House

**Wednesday, February 28**

**5:00 to 7:00 pm**

Mother Brunner serves grades Pre-K through 8. Come meet the teachers and staff who provide an education in a caring and supportive environment. Join us at our Open House on February 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We are located on the corner of Denlinger and Salem Ave., for more info call 937-277-2291 or visit: [brunnercatholicsschool.org](http://brunnercatholicsschool.org).



## YES June 7-8 Save the Date!

YES is the program where our youth and adults do yardwork at the homes of the elderly in our Family of Parishes.



## 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 St. Vincent De Paul 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 17. 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.)



## 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. <https://www.lifeinthepirit-seminar.com/>

## Lenten Almsgiving

### Sharing the Lenten Journey: Helping our Neighbors in Need

*For St. Vincent De Paul NW Dayton Conference*

*Our project this year will help our Pantry and our Fill the House ministry. Please be generous donating the items below.*

**Look for our totes in the Cascia Center at St. Rita, the Gathering Space at Precious Blood, and the Vestibule at St. Paul so that you may drop off your donations at any parish.**

Personal Care Items that our pantry is out of:

- Bar Soap
- Men's & Women's Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Shaving Cream
- Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items that are often requested:

- Body Lotion
- Bodywash
- Cleaning Supplies
- Conditioner
- Dental Floss
- Laundry Pods
- Mouthwash
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Fill the House items for our ministry:

- Twin & Full Blankets
- Handheld Can Openers
- Everyday Drinking Glasses (plastic or lucite)
- New Bed Pillows
- Pots & Pans
- Everyday Dishes

## St. Vincent De Paul Meals

*@ Precious Blood  
Tuesday, February 20*

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

St. Vincent meals may be dropped off at the Precious

Blood Rectory office on Mondays between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm and Tuesdays between 9:00 am and 11:30 am 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.

## Cooks and Bakers Needed for Lenten Soup & Stations

*@St. Rita, Tuesdays During Lent*

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, or to Matt Ruttle at 937-278-5815 (ext. # 102) or mrruttle@preciousbloodchurch.org . Thank you! God bless.

## Marion Council Carry-Out

### Fish Dinners-PRICING UPDATE

*@St. Paul, Fridays, February 16 through March 22  
from 5:30 to 7:00 pm*

The Knights of Columbus will have carry-out Fish Dinners every Friday throughout Lent. The cost is \$12.00 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.

## Widow's Group

*@St. Paul, Wednesday, February 21  
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm*

The Widow's group meets monthly at St. Paul in Rosary Hall. If you would like more information please call Jane Marx at 937-832-9753.

## Senior Program & Lunch

### Drum Fit Class

*@St. Paul, Wednesday, February 21,  
from 12:00 to 2:00 pm*

*Lunch and program sponsored by Cypress Pointe.*

Experience a Drum Fit Class, wear comfortable clothing that will allow you to move.

Reservation deadline is noon on Monday, February 19.

## Fishers of Men

*@Precious Blood, Saturday, February 24  
7:30 am to 9:00 am*

Fishers of Men meets on the last Saturday of the Month from 7:30-9:00 am. The meeting begins with 25 minutes of corporate prayer, either Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet or Liturgy of the Hours. Prayer is followed by Breakfast, a short presentation and then group discussion. We end promptly at 9:00 am.



## Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

*From Music Director Michelle Carner*

Perhaps you recall that there are four Marian antiphons which are proper to specific liturgical seasons. These include "Salve Regina" (Hail, Holy Queen) used in Ordinary Time between Easter and Advent; "Alma Redemptoris Mater" (Loving Mother of our Redeemer) from Advent to Candlemas; and "Regina Coeli" (Queen of Heaven, Rejoice!) at Eastertide. I am delighted to complete our repertoire of these traditional chants this week with the beautiful "Ave Regina Coelorum" from the 13th century: "Hail, O Queen of the heavens. Hail, O Lady of the angels. Hail, the root of Jesse, and the portal from which the world's true Light is risen. Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, O fairest of all creatures. Farewell, O most lovely one; pray for us to Christ, our Savior."



### Brigid's Path Almsgiving Project

*@Holy Trinity*

Our Lenten Almsgiving project this year is for donations to Brigid's Path. Brigid's Path was founded in 2014 to care for babies and mothers in crisis with grace, love and hope.

**Donated items can be left behind the first pew in church.**

- Clorox or Lysol Disinfectant wipes
- Bottle Brushes
- Liquid Scent-free Laundry Detergent (such as Dreft)
- Paper Towels (rolls)
- Preemie Size Diapers (Huggies or Pampers)
- Baby teethers
- Diapers – Pampers Swaddlers Sensitive (Newborn and Size 1)
- Baby saline nose drops
- Desitin Diaper cream (purple box)

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Learn more about Brigid's Path: <https://brigidspath.org/>

Help is needed dispensing beverages at the Dublin Pub on March 16, 7:30 pm to midnight and March 17, 9:00 pm until midnight. Call 'TT Gambrell – 937-903-7538.

### Evening Prayers (Vespers)

*@Holy Trinity Tuesdays During Lent*

*beginning February 27 to March 19 at 6:30 pm*

Evening Prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. The most important times are Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. Please join the community of faith as we pray Evening Prayer together for four Tuesdays during Lent. We will be praying at Holy Trinity at 6:30pm, February 27, March 5, March 12 and March 19. All are invited to this time of quiet and contemplation as we prepare for the great feast of Easter.

### Abolish the Death Penalty

*From Holy Trinity's Social Action Committee*

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.

All the paths of the Lord  
are mercy and truth

Psalm 25:10





## Spend some time with our Lord this Lent

There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays during Lent at St. Joseph Church following the Noon Mass until 4:00pm.

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

- 12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Rosary
- 2:00 Seven Offerings of the Most Precious Blood
- 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayer to the Divine Mercy
- 3:30 Rosary - Sorrowful Mysteries
- 3:50 Benediction followed by opportunity for Confession

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

He'll be waiting for you.

## Critical Need for Blood

*From Holy Trinity's Health Ministry*

Solvita Blood Center (formerly Community Blood Center) is in critical need of multiple blood types due to recent high usage and low collections following the holiday period. Help meet this urgent need by donating and supporting the critical mission of National and Ohio Blood Donor Awareness Month. Make an appointment to donate with Solvita on the Donor Time app, by calling 937-461-3220, or at [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com).

## 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.

## Mass Servers Needed

*@St. Joseph*

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

## Emmanuel SVDP

### Thank You!

Members of the Emmanuel St. Vincent De Paul Conference extend our thanks and gratitude to all who participated in our annual fundraiser dinner. We're humbled to report that over \$16,000 was raised to make this fundraiser our most successful ever. Our neighbors-in-need will benefit greatly from your generosity as all proceeds will be used to assist them with rent, utilities, beds and furniture. You make our work possible! Thank you!

## 2023 Tax Statements

*From Holy Trinity*

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

## Think Spring Cleaning

*From Holy Trinity*

Gather all those goodies together that you no longer need or want for our Rummage Sale on May 4. Drop off dates are April 14, 21 and 28 in Trinity Center from 9:30 to 1:00 p.m.

## Our Stewardship



As we enter into the solemn season of Lent, we encourage you to prayerfully consider your contributions. Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal—a time when we are called to deepen our commitment to our faith and to one another.

### ***Precious Blood, February 11***

Sunday Collection ..... \$5,014.50  
St. Vincent De Paul ..... \$376

### ***Saint Paul, February 11***

Sunday Collection ..... \$3,597  
St. Vincent De Paul ..... \$100

### ***Saint Rita, February 11***

Sunday Collection ..... \$3,516  
St. Vincent De Paul ..... \$

### ***Holy Trinity, February 11***

Sunday Collection ..... \$5,939.45  
Electronic Giving ..... \$491.30

### ***Saint Joseph, February 11***

Sunday Collection ..... \$8,110  
Outreach ..... \$236

### ***Emmanuel, February 11***

Sunday Collection ..... \$5,659  
St. Vincent De Paul Tithe ..... \$565

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

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

## Area News

### Lenten Vespers

**@Calvary Cemetery, Thursday, February 29**

Please join us for Vespers on Thursday, February 29, at 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery Chapel. All are welcome. We will chant the psalms for the second week of Lent. Chanting is reciting the words to a simple, 2-3 note melody. Anybody can do it. This little bit of music helps us to understand the words better, and the echo in the chapel brings peace and a real experience of God's presence. For more information, please visit our website: [daytonvespers.org](http://daytonvespers.org).

### Community Breakfast

**For Brunner Literacy Center, March 13  
beginning at 7:30 am**

Join The Brunner Literacy Center breakfast and celebrate Brunner Literacy Center's transformative impact on our community. Hear heartwarming success stories of adult learners who overcame challenges to achieve their educational goals.

An engaging panel will share how literacy has changed their lives. The program will highlight the crucial role Brunner Literacy Center (BLC) plays in breaking barriers and giving hope to individuals.

For more information and to RSVP visit:  
[www.brunnerliteracy.org/2024-community-breakfast.html](http://www.brunnerliteracy.org/2024-community-breakfast.html)

### Career Opportunity

**With the Missionaries of the Precious Blood**

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood US Province is seeking an Administrative Assistant for their Dayton office. Strong communications & computer skills, ability to work collaboratively with others or independently and detailed oriented. Interested candidates send resume to: [hrmanager@preciousbloodus.org](mailto:hrmanager@preciousbloodus.org).

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## Parish

## Information

### Live Stream Mass

**@Precious Blood Church**

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

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

**@ St. Joseph Church**

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

## Baptisms

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

## Baptismal

### Preparation Class

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

**Upcoming Classes and locations:**

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 the Wednesday before the Sunday liturgy 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  
Julie & Rodney Behrens  
Benito & Family  
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Greg Davis  
Joanne Davis  
David Franklin  
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Carolyn Palmer  
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Kathy Sadlier  
Pat Schlearth Family  
Jeanette Schreck  
Katie Schultz  
Joe & Angela Seyfferle  
Jim Sipos  
Ed Stanziano  
Larry Sutherland

Karen Thomas  
Scott & Meghan Tygett & Family  
Jack & Ann Wolf

Names remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless we are notified otherwise.

To add a name to the prayer list please contact your parish office, or email Nancy Burton at [nburton@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:nburton@preciousbloodchurch.org).

Sympathy for our recently deceased: Precious Blood parishioner Ed Downs and St. Paul parishioners David Bruns, Carolyn Bauman and Mike Browne. For Kathy Osterday, daughter of Precious Blood parishioner Karl Weingart. 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.

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