

February 25, Second 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

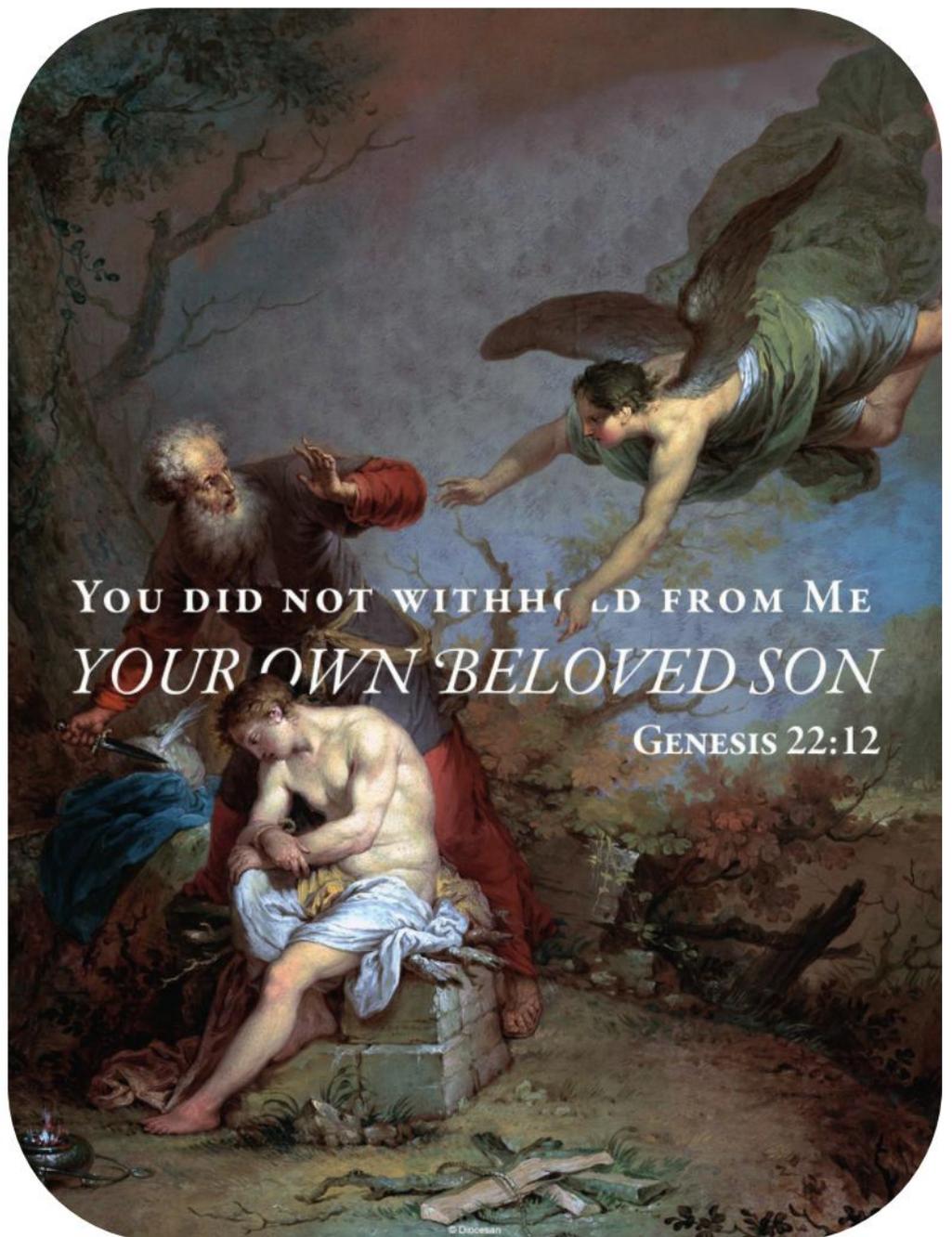
411 East Second Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.9272

### Saint Paul

1000 W. Wenger Road  
Englewood, OH 45322  
937.836.7535

### Saint Rita

5401 N. Main Street  
Dayton, OH 45415  
937.278.5815



# 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

*This Sunday's Pastor's Desk includes a reflection from one of our Parochial Vicars, Fr. Seraphine Lesiriam, C.P.P.S.*

### The Beginning of Lent

The sign of the Cross and ashes are two great symbols that mark the beginning of our Lenten season. The ashes symbolize the sinful nature of humanity, while the cross serves as a reminder of the need for a savior to redeem us. These two symbols call us to undergo metanoia, a process that requires us to ascend to the mountaintop to behold the glory of God. The tool for our conversion during this week is the virtue of listening. A change of heart stems from deep listening to God, to oneself, to others, and the events unfolding in our lives and in the world. God's voice resounds, saying, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." We are commanded to heed the words of Jesus Christ.

### Be Sure to Listen

Listening is paramount in our acts of worship. We cannot truly worship God, fast, or give alms to the needy unless we listen to Jesus's instructions. Sincere love for God necessitates attentive listening. Listening is fundamental to knowing God; we must listen to His word to understand Him. Faith is proclaimed, received, and practiced by those who listen. While faith may sometimes be proclaimed through words, it is often demonstrated through the examples set by Christians. Abraham serves as a testament today, as he not only listened attentively but also acted upon God's commands. Listening is an expression of love; those who love listen. Listening instills hope and facilitates dialogue, leading to peace in society. In today's world, cultivating a spirit of listening is crucial. However, it is challenging because of our preoccupations. Self-obsession prevents us from listening to others. We are creatures of action and time, often driven by our tasks and commitments. This obsession with action and time leaves little room for listening. We prioritize efficiency and speed, viewing listening as a waste of time. Let this Lenten season leave a lasting impact on our hearts, teaching us that the time spent listening and engaging in dialogue with others is more valuable than gold and silver. God calls us to listen to Jesus, as listening demonstrates love, deepens faith, and fosters peace. In today's world, there is a greater need for listeners than for those who speak.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Fr. Seraphine Lesiriam, C.P.P.S.

## Recently Baptized in Our Parish Family

*@Emmanuel*

Zoe Noelle and Damian Christopher, twin daughter and son of Eric & Mary Lafferty.

If you're a first-time parent seeking to have your child baptized, attending a baptism preparation class is a prerequisite. These classes provide essential insights into the significance and rituals of the sacrament, covering both theological and practical aspects. Upcoming dates for baptismal preparation classes and other details can be found on page 13.



## 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 26, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Mary Farex  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Ed Adkins  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Mark Kline

## Tuesday, February 27, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Jim and Sue Paulus  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Celebrant's Intention  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Karen O'Connor

## Wednesday, February 28, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... U.S. Military & First Responders  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Leo Streaker  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Joan Sprowl

## Thursday, February 29, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Joseph E. Nunes  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †John Fernandez  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Poor Souls

## Friday, March 1, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †John Payne  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †George & Isabelle Brown  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Angela McCarthy

## Saturday, March 2, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †All Unborn Children & Their Families  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Carol Brokamp  
 4:30 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †For our Parishioners  
 4:30 pm ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Virginia Marapese  
 5:15 pm ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Michael McDonald

## Sunday, March 3, 2024

### Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †For our Parishioners  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Frances & Gladys DeBrosse  
 9:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Harold Brown  
 10:00 am ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Barbara Gohmann  
 10:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †For our Parishioners  
 10:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Earl Staddon  
 11:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Andrew Chiovaro & Family

# 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

## 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; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- 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 26**

#### **The Glories of Mary Book Read**

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

### **Tuesday, February 27**

#### **Soup and Stations**

6:30-8:30 pm · St. Rita/Church

### **Wednesday, February 28**

#### **Lunch with the Lord**

11:45 am –12:45 pm · Holy Trinity/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 29**

#### **The Devout Life Book Read**

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

### **Friday, March 1**

#### **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, March 2**

#### **Pulchra Terra Neighborhood Clean Up**

8:00-10:00 am · Elder Beerman Parking Lot

#### **CCD**

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

#### **Good News Bible Study**

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

#### **Free Spaghetti Dinner**

5:30-8:30 pm · Bainbridge Hall

### **Sunday, March 3**

#### **Donut Sunday**

After 8:30 am Sunday Mass · Precious Blood

#### **Children's Faith Formation**

9:00-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room  
Fr. Ken Baker will come to class to hear confessions.

# St. Gaspar Family News



## Third Annual Free Spaghetti Dinner @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 K of C Dayton Council

500, Bainbridge Hall, 267 Bainbridge St. from 5:30pm to 8:30 pm. A video and message from Fr Emmanuel will be shown at 7:00pm. 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.

Any questions, call or text Dave Norckauer at 937-671-3725.

**You'll find more information on page 7.**

## Lenten Clean Up Project

### @Elder Beerman

**Saturday, March 2, from 8:00 to 10:00 am**



Lent is all about prayer, repentance and offering up sacrifices for our Lord Jesus Christ. Join the friends of Pulchra Terra in a neighborhood clean-up in the St. Rita's area of town. We will gather at the corner of Philadelphia

and Siebenthaler at the old Elder Beerman store on Saturday, March 2, from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Join us in a spirit of prayer and offering up sacrifice for our neighborhood community. Trash bags will be offered with trash grabbers. We will recycle cans, bottles, and plastic. RSVP to Curtis Kneplik: ckneplik@preciousbloodchurch.org or via text: 937-203-6037. *Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us litterers.*

## Friends of Pulchra Terra

### **Master Gardener Helen Sloane**

Anyone who is interested in joining a garden club, my garden club, Greenview Garden Club, has openings. We meet the third Tuesday of the month at the Englewood Government Center. Meetings are at 11:00 am, lunch at noon, followed by a program at 1:00 pm. I have been a member since 1982 (42 years) and it has been the highlight of my month. I am the horticulturalist and give out gardening tips. Our civic project is the Herb Garden at Aullwood. If interested, please call me at (937-836-7655) or Kathy Menker, who is the membership chairperson at (937-974-2174).



# St. Gaspar Family News



## Late Winter Ageless Grace Series

@St. Joseph Center

March 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 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.

## St. Gaspar Respect Life Group Kill the Brain but Keep Organs Alive for Harvesting

There are major ethical violations associated with a new medical technique called Normothermic Regional Perfusion, developed in Europe, and now in use in the United States. This intervention keeps oxygenated blood flowing to the organs of donors, with the notable exception of the brain, in order to optimize their quality for transplantation. The donor's heart stops beating, and the medical team waits a certain number of minutes. The person is then declared dead by cardiac criteria and Normothermic Regional Perfusion follows. Almost unbelievably, the transplant team clamps off the major blood vessels to the brain and arms to ensure the person's brain will die due to lack of oxygenated blood. Then circulation of oxygenated blood is restarted using a heart lung bypass machine. The rationale is that donors do not revive after declaration of cardiac death because they are on bypass technology and now fulfill the criteria for brain death. Ref: Manipulating the Criteria for Death for Organ Transplantation, National Catholic Bioethics Center, September 26, 2023. To read the full article and much more, go to [ncbcenter.org](http://ncbcenter.org) and enter "manipulating" in the search box. Be vigilant - the Culture of Death harms more than just the unborn.

**EUTHANASIA** Euthanasia is the Practice of Intentionally Ending a Life to Relieve Pain and Suffering.

 Passive Euthanasia	 Active Euthanasia	 Non-voluntary Euthanasia	 Voluntary Euthanasia	 Involuntary Euthanasia
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## Devotionals

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday

3:30-4:30 pm · St. Rita

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel

### PrayerMates-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



# MEANING OF LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

## ABSTINENCE



Abstinence pertains to the act of avoidance of something. For us Catholics, we abstain from eating meat during Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent. People with ages 14 and above are required to observe abstinence.



Lamb, chicken, beef, pork, ham, etc., are not allowed. Eggs, milk, and fish are allowed to be eaten during days of abstinence including grains, fruits, and vegetables.

## FASTING



Fasting pertains to the act of doing with less of something. Those who are 18-59 years old are required to fast during Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. They must eat one full meal and two small meals that if combined will not be equal to a full meal.



During fasting days, it is forbidden for Catholics to eat snacks in-between meals. Of course, those with medical conditions might be excused.

## Stations and Reconciliation

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is bustling with opportunities for the faithful to engage in meaningful activities this Lenten season. With a rich tapestry of events and initiatives, St. Gaspar encourages all to embrace this sacred time with fervor and devotion.

### Stations of the Cross Throughout Lent

Every Wednesday after Noon Mass, at St. Joseph.  
Every Friday at 7:00 pm at Emmanuel, with Live Stations on March 22.  
Every Tuesday beginning at 6:30 pm, at St. Rita, followed by a soup supper.

### 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 am-St. Joseph (extended hours)
- Tuesday, March 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm-Emmanuel (Novena at 7:00 pm)

## Vespers

*@Holy Trinity, Tuesday evenings*

Beginning at 6:30 pm, evening prayer or Vespers will go through March 27.

## Bible Study

*@Holy Trinity, Saturday mornings*

Beginning at 9:30 am, the Good News! Bible Study meets through March 23.

## Lunch with the Lord

*@Holy Trinity, Wednesdays during lent*

We'll start at 11:45 am. Bring your lunch or a snack. Meets through March 20.

## Adoration & Exposition

*@St. Joseph, Saturdays, starting at Noon*

Join us for Adoration and Exposition from Noon until 4:00 pm. Drop by for an hour or a few minutes to spend time with the Lord.

## Holy Week 2024

### Mass of the Lord's Supper

*Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024*

- St. Joseph – 5:30 pm
- Holy Trinity – 6:00 pm
- Emmanuel – 7:00 pm
- Precious Blood – 7:00 pm

### Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

*Good Friday, March 29, 2024*

- St. Joseph - 1:30 pm
- Holy Trinity - 2:00 pm
- Emmanuel - 5:30 pm
- St. Paul - 7:00 pm

### Holy Saturday

*Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30, 2024*

Emmanuel - 8:45 pm

### Resurrection of the Lord

*Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024*

- Precious Blood - 8:30 am
- \*Holy Trinity - 8:30 am
- St. Rita - 9:30 am
- St. Joseph - 10:00 am
- St. Paul - 10:30 am
- Emmanuel - 10:30 am
- \*No 11:30 am Mass at Holy Trinity on Easter Sunday



**Saint Aloysius' Minor Seminary (SAMS), Kitiwum**  
**P.O. Box 115, Kumbo**  
**Diocese of Kumbo, Northwest Region, Cameroon**

February 12th, 2024

Dear friends in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all of you. With Saint Paul in Philippians 1:3-6, I say this: "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

Your support for our mission in the Diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon, has been enormous. You are missionaries of a kind because without coming to Kumbo, you have touched people's lives here with your donations. May the Good Lord replenish your resources and grant you your heart's desires. Because of your support we have been able to achieve a lot of progress. You are helping many students with tuition and fees. Because of you, here at Saint Aloysius' Minor Seminary the students have electricity, clean water, sleep on good beds and can now rent mattresses for just \$2.00 per semester instead of having to carry mattresses from home. And thanks to you the new church in Nkanchi village is already at the roof level and now they are sawing planks and preparing to build the interior roof structure!

I write, therefore, to thank you wholeheartedly for your support. The beneficiaries of your donations are so grateful and offer you their prayers and best wishes all the time. It remains an uphill task for us to finish the new church and continue with other projects for KumboKids and Community. This is due to many obstacles such as bad roads that make transportation difficult, the skyrocketing prices of building materials and the constant roadblocks by the rebels emanating from the ongoing Anglophone socio-political crisis. Despite all this, the enthusiasm to finish the church is high. The cost of roofing the church has been estimated at \$51,179. After the roofing we will begin the plastering, painting, windows, plumbing, electricity, flooring, the altar and the sanctuary, the ceiling, providing the statues, and many others. It is on this note that your continuous financial support to KumboKids and Community is of paramount importance. Thank you immensely for your readiness to continue to support these projects, and may God abundantly bless you.



Gratefully yours,

Fr. Emmanuel Fale Lon (SD)  
 Rector (SAMS, Kitiwum)  
 Email: emmanuel fale@yahoo.com  
 WhatsApp: +1-443-449-0193



*Construction of the new church in Nkanchi is continuing despite the ongoing conflict. Visit [KumboKids.org](http://KumboKids.org) for a full report.*



*24 of 26 recent graduates from SAMS class of 2023 will continue their path toward the priesthood!*

**Yes! I would like to help KumboKids and Community:**



**KumboKids  
and Community**

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# St. Gaspar Youth Ministry



## Pancake Breakfast Thank You!

Thank you for supporting our Youth Pancake Breakfast held at Emmanuel's Old School Building last Sunday. Your donations will go toward youth summer camps and retreats. A special thank you goes to our Youth Group for all of their hard work!



**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. 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).



## 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.)



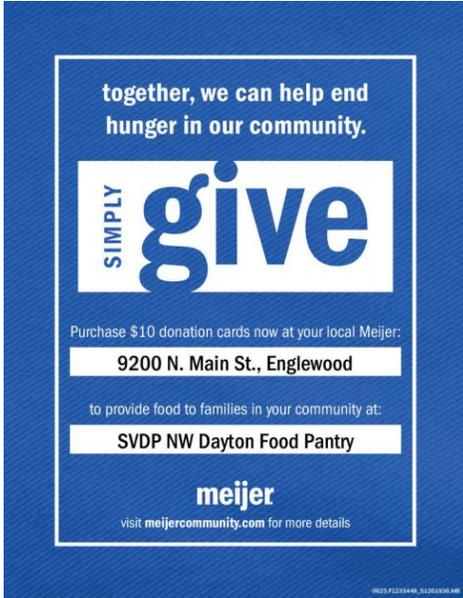
## Teen Retreat Our God is Bigger!

*@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.

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



## Double Match Day Coming Up

### Fill Our Food Pantry By Purchasing a \$10.00 Gift Card

***Make Your Purchase on Saturday, March 2 and Meijer will double it!***

During the Winter Give Campaign, the purchase of Simply Give donation cards will be double-matched by Meijer on Saturday, March 2. Please support this hunger relief effort by purchasing a \$10 Give Card at checkout lanes on this date, and Meijer will donate \$20 to our St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry. Cards are also available at St. Rita, St. Paul, and Precious Blood Churches. After all Masses on February 24 and 25, members of our St. Vincent De Paul conference will be at the doors of church with Simply Give cards to take to Meijer and purchase on March 2.

*If you are not a Meijer shopper, you may donate to these members, who will purchase for you. Cards are always available at the entrances of church.*

## Lenten Almsgiving

***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

## Lenten Soup & Stations

***@St. Rita, Tuesdays During Lent through March 19***

Join us for Stations of the Cross, followed by a soup supper at St. Rita. Servers and helpers are also needed! If you'd like to help please contact Mary Krueger at 937-241-1947 or Kruegm8@aol.com, or Matt Ruttle at 937-278-5815 (ext. # 102) or [mruttle@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:mruttle@preciousbloodchurch.org). Thank you! God bless.

## Friday Carry-Out Fish Dinners

***@St. Paul, Fridays, 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.

## Fish Fry Thank You

***From St. Paul Parish Council***

St. Paul Parish Council would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make the Fish Fry successful. There were 72 people who volunteered their time, in many ways, to help make the evening enjoyable. Special thanks to St. Paul Knights of Columbus members for the delicious food and for manning the kitchen, fryers and clean-up. We hope to make improvements for our next Fish Fry to help move the line along with less wait time. Thanks to all our donors and to the parishioners, family and friends who attended to help support our church and make the evening a success.



### Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft From Music Director Michelle Carner

Today's offertory hymn, "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair," is an English translation (by the prolific John Neale) of a 15th century Gregorian chant. These days, we usually hear these words sung to the rousing tune, Agincourt, but our hymnal brings us a French tune for this text instead. Fittingly, the highest note of the tune happens on the word "glory," as we lift our voices and minds to the heights of Mt. Tabor in contemplation of Christ's glory.

### Music Scholarship

Dear Emmanuel parishioners, Do you or your child sing or play an instrument? Would you like to use that talent to support the music program here? You may

be just the person to apply for one of the scholarships offered by the Emmanuel Music Fund! Two winners will be chosen to receive \$300 each toward private music lessons. Application forms for 2024 with all the details may be found on the tables in the back of church or downloaded from [emmanuelcatholic.com](http://emmanuelcatholic.com). Contact Michelle Carner, Music Director, at 937-478-4097 or at [michelle@carners.com](mailto:michelle@carners.com) with any questions.

### Fish Fry Thanks

*From Holy Trinity*

A VERY BIG THANKS to Jeff Gonya and Julie William of our Ways and Means Commission for organizing our recent very successful Fish and Sausage Fry and to Barb Gilbert, our kitchen organizer. To all the workers and those who came to eat and enjoy themselves, we are most grateful for your participation and enthusiasm.

### Good News! Lenten Bible Study

*@Holy Trinity, Saturdays Throughout Lent*

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.

### Understanding Grief and Loss

*Coming Up at Holy Trinity*

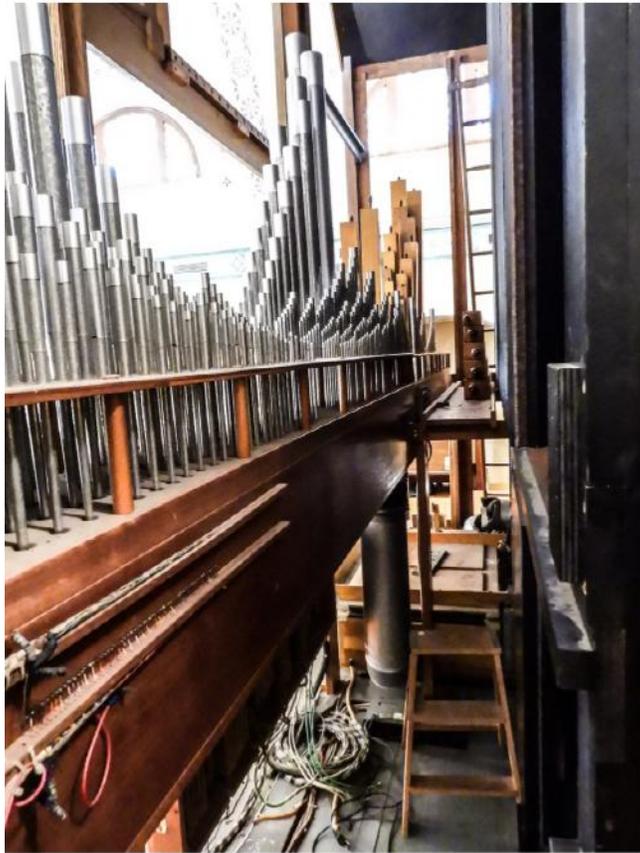
Join us for a special program led by Stephanie Hittle, MS, LPCC, exploring various types of adult grief and loss at the St. Joseph Center on E. Second St. More details forthcoming in upcoming bulletins. This program is being brought to you by Holy Trinity's Health and Ministry Team.

## Easter Egg Hunt

At Holy Trinity  
Saturday, March 30  
12:00 pm

If you'd like to help us fill the plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, stop by the office, we have plenty so please don't purchase any.





## Pipe Organ Renovation Update

### @St. Joseph

Gazing upon the current state of our church organ, one is met with a scene of transition – a picture frozen in time, revealing the raw beauty of a cherished instrument undergoing transformation. Stripped of its familiar façade with bare pipes exposed and the remnants of demolition strewn about, it stands as a testament to the passage of time and the inevitability of change. As we embark on this journey of renovation, we do so with reverence for the past and anticipation for the future.

### 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 special envelopes** for the pipe organ project located at the entrances of the church; they can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the office. Be sure to indicate that your gift is for the St. Joseph Pipe Organ Project.



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**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 6:30 pm, 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.



## Spend Some Time with Our Lord This Lent

**@St. Joseph, Saturdays, throughout Lent beginning at 12:30 pm**

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.

**Coffee & Donuts**  
*@ St. Joseph, Sunday, March 10*  
Coffee and Donuts will be held on Sunday, March 10, in the Parish Life Center after the 10:00 am Mass. If you are inspired by the Holy Spirit to bring a dish to share, items can be dropped off, before Mass, starting at 9:30am.

## Our Stewardship



As we enter into the solemn season of Lent, we encourage you prayerfully to 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 18***

Sunday Collection ..... \$5,587.50  
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Sunday Collection ..... \$3,496  
St. Vincent De Paul ..... \$

### ***Holy Trinity, February 18***

Sunday Collection ..... \$3,399  
Electronic Giving ..... \$481

### ***Saint Joseph, February 18***

Sunday Collection ..... \$9,513  
CCE Collection ..... \$1,413  
Pipe Organ Fund ..... \$500

### ***Emmanuel, February 18***

Will appear next Sunday  
Sunday Collection ..... \$  
St. Vincent De Paul Tithe ..... \$

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  
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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 U.S. Province is seeking an Administrative Assistant for their Dayton office. Strong communications and computer skills, ability to work collaboratively with others or independently, and be detail oriented. Interested candidates send resume to: [hrmanager@preciousbloodus.org](mailto:hrmanager@preciousbloodus.org).

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## 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.

## Prayer List as of 2/19/2024

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Benito & Family  
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Katie Schultz

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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: For St. Paul Parishioners, George Gartrell and Helen Brinkman. 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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