

March 3, Third Sunday of Lent



SAINT GASPAR  
FAMILY OF PARISHES

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149 Franklin Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.2013

**Holy Trinity**

272 Bainbridge Street  
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937.228.1223

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4961 Salem Avenue  
Dayton, OH 45416  
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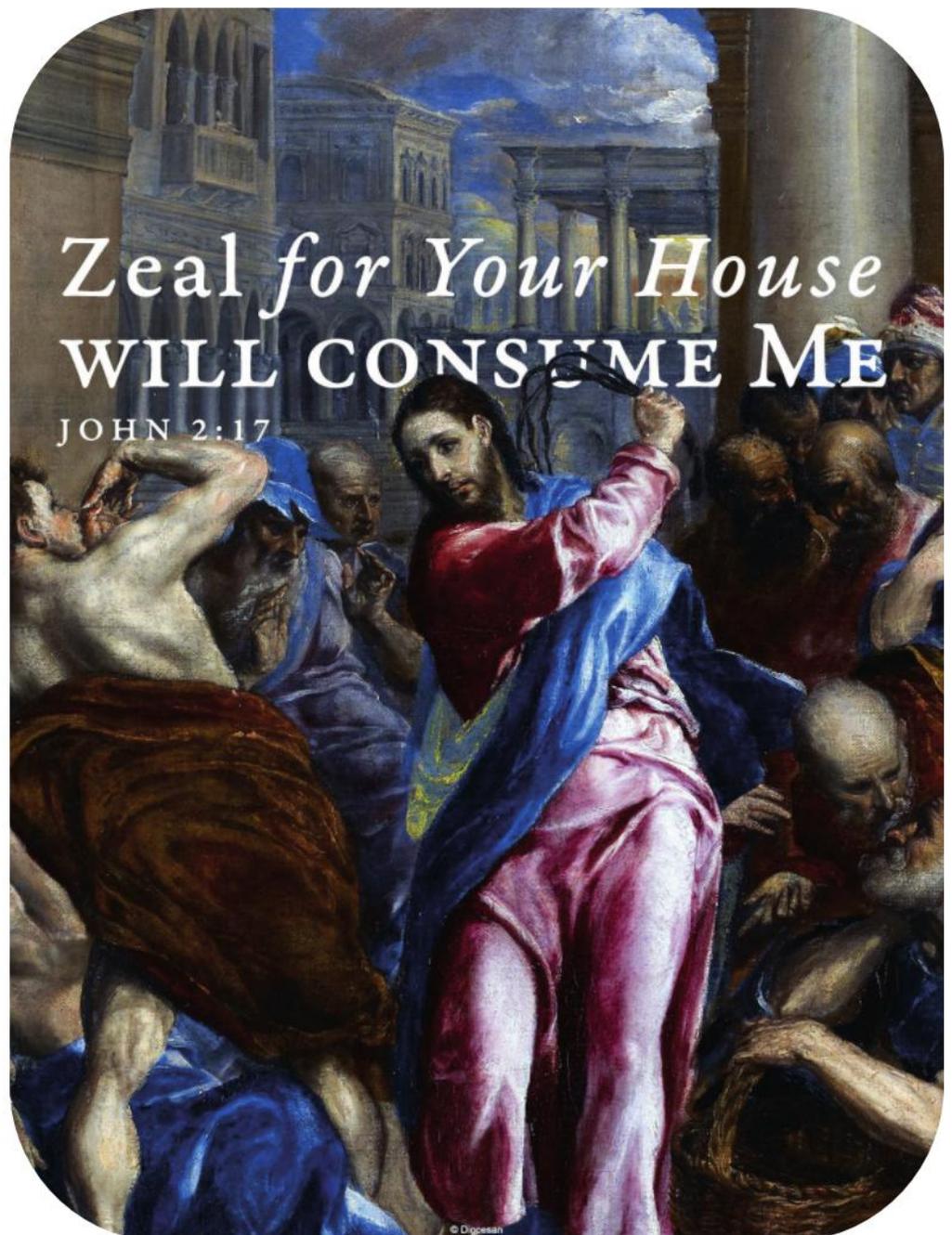
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Englewood, OH 45322  
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**Saint Rita**

5401 N. Main Street  
Dayton, OH 45415  
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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.



*In the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes, our Deacons deliver a sermon once a month. This Sunday, we are sharing an inspiring homily from Deacon Mike Prier, featuring a meaningful Lenten message.*

As we journey through life, we find ourselves amidst the hustle and bustle of everyday activities, often finding solace in the moments spent supporting our loved ones, particularly our grandchildren, as they delve into their passions, such as sports. In the midst of cheering them on from the sidelines, we are reminded of the dedication and perseverance required to excel in any endeavor. Just as athletes dedicate countless hours to hone their skills for the opportunity to shine on the global stage, we too are called to embrace our Christian journey with a similar fervor.

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus paints a vivid picture of the ultimate finish line, revealing the glory that awaits those who follow His example. He invites us to envision a future where our souls are purified, our sins washed away, and our spirits radiant with the glory of God. This vision serves as a beacon of hope, inspiring us to persevere through life's challenges with unwavering faith, hope, and love.

Much like athletes meticulously prepare their bodies for competition through diet, exercise, and practice, we are called to nurture our souls with the three theological virtues: Faith, Hope, and Love. In the readings today, we witness the embodiment of these virtues in the lives of our spiritual

ancestors. Abraham's unwavering faith in God's plan, God's boundless love demonstrated through the sacrifice of His Son, and the hope of eternal glory portrayed in the Gospel narrative all serve as reminders of the virtues we are called to emulate.

During this Lenten season, let us reflect on how we can exercise these virtues in our daily lives. Let us relinquish our worries and place our trust in God's divine plan, knowing that He holds the broader perspective. Let us approach life with a renewed sense of hope, expecting that the best is yet to come, for Jesus is risen, and His love knows no bounds. And above all, let us endeavor to love one another as Christ loved us, for love is the greatest of all virtues.

As we gather at the altar to receive spiritual nourishment, let us pray for the grace to grow each day in Faith, Hope, and Love, so that we may be transfigured into the individuals God created us to be. Just as athletes visualize their success before stepping onto the field, let us visualize our lives infused with these virtues, striving to live as champions for Christ in every aspect of our being.

May this Lenten journey be a time of spiritual renewal and transformation, as we embrace the Olympic spirit within our Christian walk, aspiring to reach new heights of Faith, Hope, and Love. Amen.

In Peace, Deacon Mike Prier

## Welcome to Our Family of Parishes Newly Baptized

**@Emmanuel**

Alliver Vincent, child of Alejandro & Allison Hall  
Allora Lavender, child of Nicholas & Lily Holliman

**@St. Joseph**

Luca Sterle, son of Brian & Amanda Sterle

## Newly Registered

**@Holy Trinity**

Mark Keller, Theresa Heiser, Scott & Katherine Masin & family



## 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

Lenten Reconciliation  
Opportunities are listed on page 6.

# Mass Times & Intentions

## Monday, March 4, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Jerry Schenking  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Josie Brown  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... Int. for Jesus Munez

## Tuesday, March 5, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Eileen Lucente  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Andy Marapese  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph**...Liv./Dec. Members of the Gilbert & Berning Families

## Wednesday, March 6, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Paul O. Soehner  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Susan Lawrence  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Faye Dunnigan

## Thursday, March 7, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Cecilia Muckenthaler  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Celebrant's Intention  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †John Zimmerman

## Friday, March 8, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Hess & Family  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... Eleanor Blasko Birthday  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Joanna H. Garry

## Saturday, March 9, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Niehaus Family  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... Int. of Joel Johnson  
 4:30 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Russell Lee  
 4:30 pm ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Susan Zimmerman  
 5:15 pm ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †For Our Parishioners

## Sunday, March 10, 2024

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Susan Simmons  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Nettie Clifford  
 9:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Laura Keefe  
 10:00 am ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
 10:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Int. Of M/M Christopher/ Mary Hess  
 10:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Herbert & Monica Rammel  
 11:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †For Our Parishioners

# 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 March 3, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> 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
<b>Monday</b>	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
<b>Friday</b>	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
<b>Saturday</b>	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

## Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military

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, March 4*

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

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

## *Tuesday, March 5*

### **Soup and Stations**

6:30-8:30 pm · St. Rita/Church

### **Hebrews Bible Study**

8:00-9:30 pm · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

## *Wednesday, March 6*

### **Lunch with the Lord**

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

### **Senior Program and Lunch**

12:00-2:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

### **Stations of the Cross**

12:30-1:00 pm · St. Joseph/Church

### **Widower's Group Meeting**

2:00-3:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

### **Catholic Life**

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

### **Knights of Columbus 3754**

7:30-9:00 pm · St. Rita/Lower Level

## *Thursday, March 7*

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

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

## *Friday, March 8*

### **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 9*

### **CCD**

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

### **Good News Bible Study**

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

### **Hebrews Bible Study**

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

### **Couples Adoration**

6:30-9:00 pm · Emmanuel/Church

## *Sunday, March 10*

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

9:00-10:15 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

### **High School Youth Ministry**

9:00-10:30 am · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

### **Coffee and Donuts**

After Mass · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

### **Precious Blood Companions**

1:00-2:00 pm · Precious Blood/Mtg. Room

### **Family Rosary & Potluck**

5:00-6:30 pm · Precious Blood/Mtg. Room



Catholic Leadership Institute

## Next Generation Parish

### What is it?

The "Next Generation Parish" program, facilitated by the Catholic Leadership Institute, aims to foster leadership and growth in Catholic communities. Although initially proposed to participate in the Beacons of Light process, St. Gaspar Family of Parishes decided to partner with CLI. Both programs share common objectives and methodologies, focusing on parish renewal and growth.

Catholic Leadership Institute inspires Catholic leaders to revitalize the Church for a Christ-filled and joy-filled future through a close accompaniment. Next Generation Parish is a four-year experience that will provide our pastor and our community with the opportunity to assess the parish's greatest opportunities and strengths, develop a plan to move into the future with hope and cultivate a deeper missionary spirit throughout the community.

### Overall Time and Process Commitment

#### *Phase 1: Prepare (4-6 months)*

Comprehensively assess the parish health, culture and effectiveness.

#### *Phase 2: Envision and Plan (6-9 months)*

Create a parish plan with priorities and goals. Train and support priests, staff and parishioners in leadership and evangelization.

#### *Phase 3: Implement (24 months)*

Empower parishes to sustain and expand their pool of leaders.

#### *Phase 4: Assess, Learn and Grow (6-9 months)*

Measure impact, refine plans and celebrate successes.

### Next Generation Benefits

#### *For the Parish and Pastor:*

- Shared learning, professional development, and practical skill building for 30-40 leaders in one community
- Improved communication system for the parish
- Creation and facilitation of a 3-Year Pastoral Plan
- 3 years of coaching and on site support for the pastor
- A deepening of the discipleship and missionary spirit of the parish
- Measurable increase in Mass Attendance and Weekly Offertory

For more information visit our shared landing page:

[Stgasparfamily.org](http://Stgasparfamily.org)

# Marriage Uncorked

## Couples Adoration

**@Emmanuel, Saturday, March 9**

Dare to Date! Marriage Uncorked invites you and your spouse or fiancé to a night of couples Adoration. On March 9 from 6:30-9:00 pm, we will meet at Emmanuel Catholic Church for an hour of Adoration followed by an hour of social time. Please join us and bring a snack to share! There is nothing more fruitful to a marriage than worshipping the Lord together! Please RSVP to Courtney Mark at marriageuncorked@gmail.com.

## Understanding Grief & Loss

### Registration Deadline, March 18

**@St. Joseph Center, Saturday, March 23, from 2:30 to 4:15 pm**

Adults may experience many kinds of losses in their lifetime. Successfully navigating the challenges of grief and loss requires understanding yourself, the meaning of the loss and what healthy grieving looks like. All of these issues including understanding disenfranchised and ambiguous losses will be covered in this program.

Join us Saturday, March 23 at St. Joseph's Center, 400 E. Second St. from 2:30 pm - 4:15 pm, for this special program. Our presenter Stephanie Hittle, MS, LPPC, a local licensed professional clinical counselor specializing in grief and loss will share her expertise on these topics.

This program is free. Please RSVP by Monday, March 18 as seating is limited and light refreshments will be served. For more information and to RSVP contact Patsy Martin at 937-776-8949 or email: plmartin937@gmail.com. *Sponsored by the Health Ministries Team.*

## Upcoming Pilgrimage

### A Sacred Pilgrimage with Deacon Brian

**@St. Peter in Chains and the Blessed Virgin Mary, April 19**

Embark on a spiritual journey with Deacon Brian Seibert as we pilgrimage to two majestic basilicas, immersing ourselves in the rich history and profound beauty of our faith.

Our day begins as we gather at St. Paul's, where the tour bus will be waiting to transport us to our first destination, the Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Upon arrival, we will have the opportunity to explore this historic basilica, known for its exquisite architecture and sacred relics. At 11:30, we will come together to celebrate Mass.

After Mass we will break for lunch in the undercroft of the Basilica, providing a time for fellowship before we continue our pilgrimage.

At 1:30 pm, we will be greeted with a guided tour of the Basilica of the Blessed Virgin Mary, where we will marvel at its stunning beauty and learn about its significance in the history of our faith. As we explore these sacred spaces, let us open our hearts to the grace and presence of God. After the tour concludes, we will return to St. Paul's in the afternoon, carrying with us the blessings and insights gained from our pilgrimage experience. The cost is \$40.00 and includes lunch.

For more information and to reserve your spot, please call: 937-836-7535.

## 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



## Easter Vigil at Emmanuel

**Saturday, March 30, beginning at 8:45 pm**

This Easter Season we will be celebrating one Easter Vigil as a Family of Parishes at Emmanuel. For those who are worshipping at Emmanuel for the first time: during the distribution of Holy Communion, Emmanuel uses a communion rail. You have the option to either kneel or stand at the rail. Additionally, you may receive the Eucharist directly on your tongue or in your hand, according to your personal preference and by the teachings of the Catholic Church. We hope this information helps you participate more fully in this sacred liturgy. Thank you for being part of our community as we rejoice in the joyous occasion of Easter!

## 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)

## More Lenten Opportunities

### 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

### Palm Sunday

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

Precious Blood - 4:30 pm

St. Joseph - 4:30 pm

Emmanuel - 5:15 pm

**Sunday, March 24, 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

Holy Trinity - 11:30 am

### 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



## From the St Gaspar Respect Life Group

### Interested in Building a Culture of Life in our Local Community?

The St Gaspar Respect Life Group invites you to our next group meeting, Monday, March 11, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, at the St. Joseph Parish Life Center, 411 East Second Street, Dayton. Together we are powerful.

For more information about what we do, contact your Parish Respect Life Coordinator:

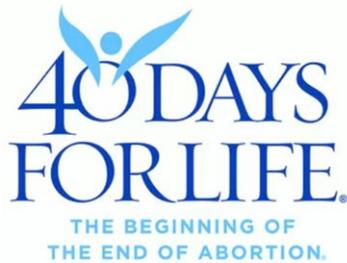
Emmanuel - Mark & Nancy Miller, 937-434-8001, [markm5704@gmail.com](mailto:markm5704@gmail.com)

Holy Trinity - Karen Averbeck, 937-232-3973, [kmaverbeck@aol.com](mailto:kmaverbeck@aol.com)

Precious Blood - Rosie Prier, 937-232-7406, [mprier1@gmail.com](mailto:mprier1@gmail.com)

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St Rita & St Joseph - Debbie Nieport, 937-829-4646, [psalm27.dn@gmail.com](mailto:psalm27.dn@gmail.com)



### Spring 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

February 14<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup>

- Outside Women's Med Center (1401 E. Stroop Rd)
- 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily
- Coordinator: Jenny Belokonny JKony1@gmail.com
- Learn more, & sign up at [40daysforlife.com/en/dayton](http://40daysforlife.com/en/dayton)

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## 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/>

## Join the Choir for the Triduum Rehearsals Begin Soon!

*@St. Paul, March 13 and 20, beginning at 6:00 pm*

Are you passionate about music and seeking a meaningful way to connect with your faith community?

Join us in the joyous celebration of Holy Thursday and solemn observance of Good Friday as part of the church choir at Precious Blood and St. Paul. We are looking for both singers and instrumentalist to uplift spirits and bring solace to hearts during these sacred liturgies.

Rehearsals are at St. Paul on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm on March 13 & 20.

For more information contact Marianne Pitts 937-276-5954 or via email: mpitts@preciousbloodchurch.org.

## 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

## Senior Program & Lunch

### Embrace Spring

*@St. Paul, Wednesday, March 6  
from 12:00 to 2:00 pm*

Our Senior Program and Lunch is provided by Brookdale Senior Living Solutions. After lunch we will work on a Spring craft project. Reservations are due by Monday, March 4. Call 937-836-7535 to reserve your spot.



## Net Ministries Retreat For Adults with Special Needs

*@St. Paul, March 23, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm*

The Office for Persons with Disabilities invites Adults with Special Needs (18 and older) to a retreat hosted by Net Ministries on March 23, 2024 at St. Paul in Englewood.

At Noon there will be a Family Mass with retreatants with Fr. Kyle Schnippel. The Cost is \$25.00 and there are Scholarships available. Registration is required by March 18. Contact Lisa Averion : laverion@catholicaoc.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.)



## 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. Stations begin at 6:30 pm in church. After stations we gather in the gym for homemade soups and bread. Each week the soup is provided by one of our ministries.

## Drive-Thru Fish Dinners

*@St. Paul, Fridays, throughout Lent 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.

## El Salvador Mission

*Leaving April 9*

Three members of our St. Gaspar Family of Parishes will be going to El Salvador on April 9 to help Father John Ostraski in his 23 parishes near Teotepeque. We will work in the K through 9 school, help the poor through Obris de Caridad (St Vincent de Paul), pray with the people at Masses and bring much needed help for the mothers and infants program in the small towns and rural mountain villages.



## Donations Needed

*Due April 4*

We are seeking donations of vitamins for pregnant mothers and their infants that we can put in our checked bags. Last year we brought 150 lbs. to the Mission Center in Teotepeque.

The vitamin packages in the pharmacies here say "Prenatal" and come as pills or gummies. Donations of money are also appreciated, and will allow us to purchase items here. Drop off your gifts at your parish office by Thursday, April 4. Packages should be marked, "El Salvador Mission". If you are able to make a cash donation, make your check payable to: St. Barbabas El Salvador Mission.

Thank you so much for your help, Parishioner, Tom Sorba



## Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

*@Precious Blood, Thursday, March 7 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm*

We have a great grace and a rich blessing from our Lord Jesus, in His Body and His Blood, offered for our salvation, and spiritual nourishment for the journey. You are cordially invited to "come away" for some quiet time with our Lord the Blessed Sacrament, and with your sisters and brothers. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction occurs on the first Thursday of the month at Precious Blood Church through April, 2024.

## Family Rosary & Potluck

*@Precious Blood, Sunday, March 10 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 Knebluk, Director of Adult Faith Formation for Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita via email:

cknebluk@preciousbloodchurch.org. Call or text at 937-203-6037.





## **The Social Action Commission members at Holy Trinity had a vision!**

In order to fulfill that vision, we need your drawerful of used prescription eyeglasses, prescription sunglasses, and reading glasses including children's glasses, for the Lions Club. Glass cases are acceptable, too!

The Lions Club distributes the glasses to The Ohio State University School of Ophthalmology and also recently to VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity).

So, bring your stash of glasses to church and drop them in the box provided on the steps leading to the choir loft. Let's help others have the opportunity for better vision.

## **Almsgiving Project**

**@Holy Trinity**

Our Lenten Almsgiving project this year is for donations to Bridgid's Path. Following are the requested items, these items can be left behind the last pew in church.

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## **Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft**

### **From Music Director Michelle Carner**

For today's Offertory Chant, you will hear the beautiful Gregorian setting found in the Roman Gradual, which is the official cantor's book for the Mass (as the Lectionary is for the reader, and the Sacramentary for Father). Fr. Samuel Weber, O.S.B has skillfully adapted the traditional chant to the English words: "The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts, and His judgments are sweeter than

honey and the honeycomb, for your servant keeps them." Listen especially for the sweetly rejoicing melisma (series of notes on one syllable) on the word "honeycomb."

### **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.

## **Evening Prayers (Vespers) Tuesdays During Lent**

**@Holy Trinity, beginning 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, 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. All are welcome to join with us in prayer.

## **Good News Bible Study**

**@Holy Trinity, Saturday mornings, beginning at 9:30 am**

Enjoy some coffee and the company of your neighbors while you prepare for the Sunday Masses in Lent. Good News! Will take us on 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 Saturday mornings, 9:30-11:00am through March 23rd 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.



## Feast of St. Joseph

### @St. Joseph Church

**Tuesday, March 19**

You are invited to join us for the celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day at our Noon Mass. Mass will be followed with the Blessing of St. Joseph's Table. Bread will be distributed after Mass and a portion of the bread will be shared with the House of Bread in Dayton.



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

### @Holy Trinity

**Saturday, March 30 at 12:00 pm**

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 30 at noon on the grounds at Holy Trinity. If you would like to help fill plastic eggs for the hunt, please stop by the office at Holy Trinity and pick some up. Please, don't go out and buy them, we have plenty to share.

## 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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"...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

## 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.

## Fish and Sausage Fry Thanks

**From Holy Trinity**

The final figures are not available yet, but suffice to say a good time was had by all. Again, we thank the organizers, Jeff Gonya, Julie Williams and Barb Gilbert for their excellent organizing skills.

## Spring Clean with a Meaning

**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 am to 1:00 pm.

## Dublin Pub Help

**For St. Patrick's Day**

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

## Cleaning Brigade

**@St. Joseph on March 13**

On the second Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am, the cleaning brigade will be cleaning the church. Looking for an opportunity for almsgiving this lent? Join the crew in this act of charity on March 13.

## Join the Respect Life Group

**@St. Joseph**

St. Joseph parish is looking for a committee member(s) for the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Respect Life Group. If interested, please call the parish office.

## Abolish the Death Penalty

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



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 25**

Sunday Collection.....\$3,861.75

St. Vincent De Paul .....\$188

### **Saint Paul, February 25**

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St. Vincent De Paul .....\$750.16

### **Saint Rita, February 25**

Sunday Collection.....\$6,019

St. Vincent De Paul .....\$226

### **Holy Trinity, February 25**

Sunday Collection.....\$6,408

Electronic Giving .....\$386.30

### **Saint Joseph, February 25**

Sunday Collection.....\$6,075

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### **Emmanuel, February 25**

Will appear next Sunday

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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

### **2nd Annual Interfaith Community Concert**

### **Praise, Hope, Sing!**

**Sunday, March 10, 7:00 pm**

All are invited to join the Interfaith Community Performers for an evening of worship and praising through song. The concert will feature community and regional choirs, and other musical performances. The grand finale, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," will feature all musical participants.

The location of the event is: Beaver Creek High School, 2660 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beaver Creek, Ohio. Hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### **NAIM**

**@ST. Francis Parish, Monday, March 11**

NAIM members will be "Wearing the Green" in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day at the 1:00 pm meeting in the All Saints Room at St. Francis Parish, 6245 Wilmington Pike. This year prizes will be awarded for the "Best" St. Patrick outfit. Following this gathering of widowed Catholics, cards will be played. If YOU would like to know more about this social & religious organization, contact Sunny Hickey at 937-433-1437.

### **A Night of Wisdom and Wit**

**@Chesterton Academy, Wednesday, March 20**

Chesterton Academy of St. Joseph in Dayton, Ohio is hosting "A Night of Wisdom & Wit." Dr. John Walker, a former Hollywood actor, will be entertaining the audience with his one-man show portraying the life of G.K. Chesterton. John is currently a Professor of theatre at Franciscan University and has a TV series called "Chesterton Station" on EWTN. Call 937-609-5318 for more details. The location of the event is: 138 W. First Street, Dayton.

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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:

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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:**

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.

# 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.

## St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Prayer List as of 2/28/2024

Dave Aivalotis  
Julie & Rodney Behrens  
Colleen Crolley  
Alma Davis  
Greg Davis  
Joanne Davis  
Dale Edwards  
David Franklin  
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David Grooms  
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Lynn Postlethwaite  
Janet Rudy-Gerrard  
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Pat Schlearth Family  
Katie Schultz  
Ed Stanziano  
Larry Sutherland  
Karen Thomas  
**Tony Trick**

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 Parishioner David Boeke. 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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