

March 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent



SAINT GASPAR

FAMILY OF PARISHES

Emmanuel

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Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.2013

Holy Trinity

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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.



Are We There Yet?

Have you ever, as a family, taken a day trip in the car? You load the car trunk with everything you need for a trip that will take just a few hours. Adults in the front seat and the children in the back seat with games to keep them occupied during the drive.

And then, after about an hour, the dreaded question comes from that back seat. 'Mom and Dad, are we there yet? We're getting bored!'

In this 5th week of Lent, are we getting bored with fasting and prayer? Are we there yet? Lent is a time devoted to our growth as followers of Christ. It is a time for us to recognize our sinfulness and to recognize how much we are loved by Christ. It is also a time to recognize how much we love Him in return. It's a time to see Christ in one another. Our fasting and prayers are a way to look deep inside ourselves and help us to grow in our love of Christ. Fasting and prayer help us to keep our minds focused on Christ and to renew our conversation with Christ. We are growing our relationship with Christ. We are recognizing that Jesus is truly our Brother.

Today's Gospel from John is showing us that Christ knows each of us. Jesus knows our sorrows and fears because He has lived them Himself. Jesus knows that His death is approaching, yet He is willing to give His life for our sinfulness. Jesus is ready to give His life for us despite the

Cross. He sees the Cross despite His anguish. Jesus is our Salvation, and He has shown us how to be His followers by loving us so much that He willingly suffers and dies on that cross. Are we ready to give our life to Jesus? Are we ready to grow in our love of Jesus? Are we ready to trust in Jesus? Are we ready to love each other? Are we ready to help each other?

Jesus has not left us alone. Today, He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist to nourish us with Love and strength. He gives us the sacrament of reconciliation to help us face our sinfulness so that we may know the forgiveness and love that Jesus offers us each day. God has not given up on us. He gave us His only Son to save us. He is always near. So, are we there yet? No, we are not there yet, BUT we are each growing. We are getting there. Each day we grow. Each day we face our own problems, fears, and sinfulness. Each day we have faith in Jesus. We have faith because Jesus died on the cross, but Glory be to God, He has risen from the dead. He is our life and our salvation. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Love you all.

Your brother in Christ!

Deacon Joe

Join Deacon Joe for the Blessing of the Easter Baskets on Saturday, March 30 at St. Paul's Parking lot. Families prepare special baskets containing a variety of Easter foods, such as bread, eggs, meat, cheese, and other traditional items. These baskets are traditionally blessed on Holy Saturday.

Welcome

Newly Baptized

@Emmanuel

Jack Martin, child of Sean & Madeline Belden

@St. Joseph

Samuel Henry Applegate, son of Connor & Emily Applegate
Newly Registered

Newly Registered

@St. Joseph

Alison Berry, Dylan Niese, Christian Howell
Greg & Jennifer, Ayden and Rielly Salm



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, March 18, 2024

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Eleanor Brown
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Merdella Schwieterman
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Deacon Mike Leo

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** †John R. Braun
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Pauline Mitchell
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Angel Madison

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Liv/Dec of the Factora Family
 8:30 am **St. Paul** †Juanita Astorino
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Int. of Jesus Muñoz

Thursday, March 21, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Int. of Mike McDonald
 8:30 am **St. Paul** †Helen Brinkman
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Louius A. Hoying

Friday, March 22, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Theresa Steinbruegge
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Renee Nussman
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Laura Carter

Saturday, March 23, 2024

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Andrew/Betty Kleinhenz
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Mario Jurrassich
 4:30 pm **St. Joseph** †For our Parishioners
 4:30 pm **Precious Blood** †George & Isabelle Brown
 5:15 pm **Emmanuel** †Anna Polo

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

8:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Magdalene Moorman
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Kathy Osterday
 9:30 am **St. Rita** †Purgatorian Mass
 +Bil Sendelbach
 +Pauline Mitchell
 +Rita Schieltz
 10:00 am **St. Joseph** †John F. McHale
 10:30 am **Emmanuel** †For our Parishioners
 10:30 am **St. Paul** †Lancy Lobo
 11:30 am **Holy Trinity** †For our Parishioners

Mass in an Incense-Free Chapel

@Maria Joseph, Thursday, March 21

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 21 at 11:00 am in the Maria Joseph Center (formerly the Precious Blood Sisters Motherhouse) located at 4830 Salem Ave., Dayton. This is an Incense-Free chapel open to the public for Mass at 11:00 am the 3rd Thursday of each month.

*“Let us adore the crosses that God sends to us
 and let us embrace them tenderly.”*

St. Gaspar Del Bufalo



For the Week of March 17, 2024

Monday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday **Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-1 2abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday **Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion**
 Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1— 15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

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 18

The Glories of Mary Book Read

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

Ageless Grace

1:00-3:00 pm · St. Joseph/Mtg. Room

Stephen Ministers Meeting

7:00-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Tuesday, March 19

No Public Events

Wednesday, March 20

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

Widow Support Group

2:00-3:30 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Soup and Stations

6:30-8:30 pm · St. Rita/Church

Catholic Life

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

Knights of Columbus 3754

7:30-8:15 pm · St. Rita/Lower Level

Thursday, March 21

The Devout Life Book Read

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

Lenten Reconciliation Service

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood/Church

Friday, March 22

Friday Hour

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

Drive-Thru Fish Dinner

5:30-7:00 pm · St. Paul/Parking Lot

Live Stations of the Cross

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel/Church

Saturday, March 23

CCD

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

Good News Bible Study

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

Sunday, March 24

No Children's Faith Formation - Palm Sunday

St. Gaspar Family Calendar

It is important that our events are posted on the parish calendar in the bulletin and online. If you are a ministry leader with events that occur on our campuses send information about your events to Joan Macpherson via email: jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org. If you have questions, concerns, or feedback call 937-276-5954.

Reconciliation Services

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

@Precious Blood, Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm

@St. Joseph, March 25, 26 and 27 from 11:00-11:55 am

(regular confession hours extended)

@Emmanuel, Tuesday, March 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm

(Novena at 7:00 pm)

Stations of the Cross

The practice of Stations of the Cross, especially during the Lenten season, holds significant religious and spiritual importance for many Christians, particularly those of the Catholic faith.

Stations Throughout Lent

@St. Joseph, Wednesdays after the Noon Mass

@Emmanuel, Fridays, 7:00 pm, Live Stations, March 22

Final Soup and Stations on Wednesday

@St. Rita, 6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 20

Stations of the Cross are followed by a communal soup and bread supper in St. Rita's Gym. The final Soup and Stations occurs on Wednesday instead of Tuesday because of the Primary Elections.

Live Stations

@Emmanuel, Friday, March 22, 7:00 pm

Through dramatic performances and visual imagery, our youth group brings the Stations of the Cross to life, evoking emotions of sorrow, empathy, and ultimately, hope and redemption. The audience is invited to reflect on the significance of each station and the profound love and sacrifice demonstrated by Jesus.

Tenebrae Service

On Good Friday

@Holy Trinity, after the Noon Stations

Experience the sacred tradition of Tenebrae, where fifteen candles gradually extinguish as we journey through readings from Psalms or the Gospels, enveloping us in symbolic darkness. Through this solemn reflection, we contemplate Christ's ultimate sacrifice and the darkness He endured on the cross. Yet, as we meditate on the fading light, we find hope in the promise of Easter, where the triumphant return of the "Light of the World" dispels the shadows of despair. Let us embrace the mystery of Tenebrae, knowing that even in our darkest moments, the light of Christ's love shines brightly, guiding us towards salvation. You are welcome to join us for the entire afternoon, after Stations or before the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. The schedule is as follows:

12:00 pm: Stations

12:30 pm: Scriptural Rosary

1:00 pm: Tenebrae

2:00 pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

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*

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.

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



Featured in Our Family of Parishes



Knights of Columbus Open House

@Bainbridge Hall, Tuesday, March 26

Attention St. Gaspar Family of Parishes men:
Join us on March 26th for our open house!

Come experience what it means to be a Brother Knight.

- Open to all Catholic men 18 years of age and older.
- Bring your son, brother, father, friend!

The event will be held at Bainbridge Hall. Presentations will start with prayer around 7:00 pm. Learn from our members what we do in the community and surrounding areas. Presentations will end in prayer around 8:00 pm.

Also on the agenda:

- 50/50 raffle
- Food, and fellowship

Looking forward to seeing you there!

4th Annual Women's Day Understanding the Eucharist

@Trinity Center, Saturday, May 18

The 4th Annual Women's Day, Understanding the Eucharist is Saturday, May 18th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Trinity Center, 266 Bainbridge St. The registration fee is \$40 per person (includes continental breakfast & boxed lunch).

Registration begins March 18th.

*Scholarship available if fee is a hardship by contacting Sandy Hibner, Sandraahibner@gmail.com
Watch upcoming bulletins for more details.

St. Gaspar Respect Life Group

What the Church Teaches about God's Vision of Married Love and the Gift of Life

In *Humanae Vitae* St. Paul VI reflects upon how God designed the nature of married love. This he draws from Sacred Scripture and the Catholic Tradition. The Holy Father writes that married love is fully human (involving the body and soul). Married love is total, faithful, and fruitful (see HV, 9).

"Fruitfulness" is discussed primarily in terms of God's gift of fertility to husband and wife. So important is this gift that Scripture teaches that God calls husband and wife to take up sacred stewardship over the powers of life that He shares with them (see Gen. 1:26-28; cf. HV, 8). Indeed, this gift is directly related to how God created men and women in the divine image (made for communion with God and each other - life-giving love). Children are gifts from God. They are part of the fabric of married love. Consequently, spouses should be open to receiving children lovingly seeking to nurture them as they form their families. Procreation and care of children go hand in hand!

Humanae Vitae raises up the question of planning births in a family. The Church has always taught that it is reasonable for husband and wife to space and even limit births in their marriage for just reasons (see HV, 10); however, they are called to support God's design not to reject it. The use of contraception or sterilization rejects God's gifts. That is because contraception and sterilization do harm to the nature of married love and the gift of life - they separate the unitive and procreative nature of conjugal relations (see HV, 14). Saying this another way, "husband and wife express their committed love not only with words, but with the language of their bodies...the mutual gift of fertility is an integral part of the bonding power of marital intercourse." (USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*, 4, 5.) To reject one's fertility by using contraception or being sterilized is to reject God's gift to husband and wife (see HV, 12).

Does this mean that couples are to leave their family size to chance? No! God invites husband and wife to cooperate with Him in their mission of responsible parenthood. Spouses should pay careful attention to the nature of marriage as God created it, their current responsibilities to each other, any children already born, and the wider society (see HV 10). Within this context, the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) are acceptable because they respect God's divine plan for marriage!

"What the Church Teaches about God's Vision of Married Love and the Gift of Life." United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 25 Jul. 2018, usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/humanae-vitae#tab--what-the-church-teaches-about-gods-vision-of-married-love-and-the-gift-of-life.



Love in Action

March 2024

Updates from Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley

Our New Parish Relations Coordinator: Linda Spanel



Linda Spanel
937.223.7217 ext.1168
spanell@cssmv.org

After celebrating four years of employment as CSSMV Development Assistant, I am excited to announce I have added Parish Relations to my job duties.

In addition to being a member of the Development Department, I will be building relationships between Parish Families and CSSMV and continuing this **Love in Action** newsletter. I'm also

coordinating CSSMV's "Lenten Love in Action" Facebook campaign, highlighting acts of love and kindness through service. Please contact me if you have any good stories of service to share from your church, school or organization.

As a member of Emmanuel Parish and the Catholic community, I'm excited to work to build bridges between the parish families and CSSMV. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about our volunteer opportunities, programs, or ways to get involved with CSSMV. I'm here to help!

"Not all of us can do great things but we can do small things with great love."

St. Mother Teresa



Almsgiving Pantry Items Needed the Most

- Pop-Top Canned Foods that don't require a can opener
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Toilet Paper



Please call or email Linda to arrange delivery.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal began the first weekend in February. This annual Archdiocese campaign supports six local ministries, and Catholic Social Services is one of those receiving support.

In 2023, CSSMV received \$417,107 which allowed us to impact the lives of hundreds in our community who are hungry, lonely, suffering, at-risk and in need.

Thank you for your kind and generous support through the CMA Appeal which allows us to continue our mission to strengthen individuals and families through actions of faith, service and charity.

ECHO Program Grows in Shelby County

Empowering Children with Hope and Opportunity (ECHO) is our comprehensive counseling and social emotional learning program which began for the 2020/2021 school year. In January 2024 we expanded into Jackson Center, so the program is now in three Shelby County school districts. We're



servicing more than 700 students in classrooms, as well as 35 to 40 students in individual counseling.

To learn more about these updates or about Catholic Social Services, call Linda Spanel at 937.223.7217 ext.1168



Behavioral & Mental Health • Family Stabilization & Success • Guardianship
Hispanic Outreach • Pregnancy & Parenting Support • Refugee Resettlement
Services for Older Adults • Supervised Visitation • Transportation Resources

Sacred Pilgrimage with Deacon Brian Seibert

Friday, April 19, 2024

To the Basilica of St. Peter in Chains and the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

Embark on a spiritual journey with Deacon Brian Seibert to two majestic basilicas, where we will immerse ourselves in our faith's rich history and profound beauty. Explore the historic Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, known for its exquisite architecture and sacred relics, followed by Mass and lunch at the Basilica. After lunch, we will cross the bridge to Covington, Kentucky, and enjoy a guided tour of the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, marveling at its stunning beauty and significance in our faith. We will return to St. Paul around 5:30 pm. We will be chartering a comfortable bus for the pilgrimage, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable journey for all participants.



For more information and reservations, Call 937-836-7535. Make checks payable to Precious Blood Church, memo line: Sacred. The cost is \$40.00 (includes lunch).



The date for this event was incorrect in last Sunday's bulletin. Please note the correct date above.

Monthly Meals

For the SVDP Shelter

Would you like to make a meal for the guests at the St. Vincent Shelter? You would be asked to bring a bag of salad and dressing; an entrée (casserole recipe and pan provided); and 2 pies. These items can be brought separately (one per month for 9 months) or all at once (3 times a year).

You can drop off your food items at Precious Blood Church. We will deliver it to the St. Vincent Kitchen on the second and third Tuesdays of the month.

Please consider helping with this ministry. You can call June Schindler on Tuesdays mornings between 9-12 at the P. B. Rectory (937-276-5954) for further details. THANKS!

St. Vincent De Paul Meal Schedule

*@ Precious Blood
Tuesday, March 19*

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

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.

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.

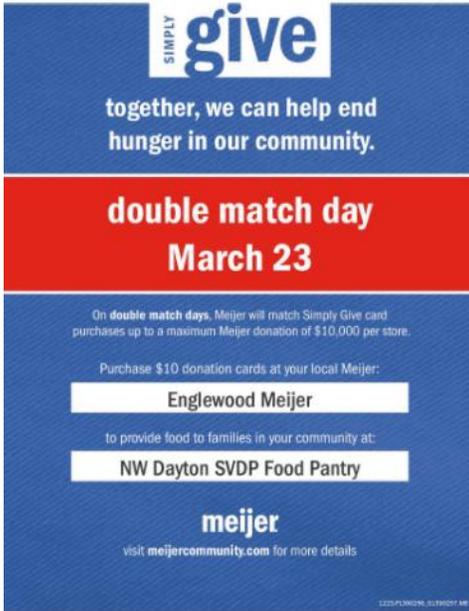
Donations Needed

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 Sorna, from St. Paul and Precious Blood Parish, 937-478-5846.



simply give
together, we can help end hunger in our community.

**double match day
March 23**

On **double match days**, Meijer will match Simply Give card purchases up to a maximum Meijer donation of \$10,000 per store.

Purchase \$10 donation cards at your local Meijer:

Englewood Meijer

to provide food to families in your community at:

NW Dayton SVDP Food Pantry

meijer
visit meijercommunity.com for more details

Double Match Day at Meijer Support the NW Dayton SVDP Food Pantry

Saturday, March 23

During the Winter Simply Give Campaign, your purchase of Simply Give donation cards will be double matched by Meijer on Saturday, March 23.

Please support this hunger relief effort by purchasing a \$10 Simply Give Card at the Englewood Meijer check out 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. The Winter Simply Give Campaign ends March 30. Please take advantage of this March 23 Double Day to stock the shelves of our pantry.



Final Soup & Stations Wednesday, March 20

@St. Rita, beginning at 6:30 pm

We have our final Soup and Stations on Wednesday instead of Tuesday due to the Ohio Primaries.

Carry-Out Fish Dinners

@St. Paul, 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.

Net Ministries Retreat

@St. Paul, March 23

St. Paul eagerly extends a warm welcome to The Office for Persons with Disabilities. We are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting the Adults for Special Needs (aged 18 and above) retreat, facilitated by Net Ministries, on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be a Noon Family Mass for families and retreatants with Fr. Kyle Schnippel. The cost is \$25. For more information contact: Lisa Averion at laverion@cacholicaoc.org.

Senior Program and Lunch

@St. Paul, Wednesday, March 20, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Join us and enjoy the McGovern Irish Dance team. Lunch is provided by Brookhaven. Reservations are due by noon on Monday, March 18. Call 937-836-7535.

Fishers of Men

@St. Rita, Saturday, March 23, From 7:30 to 9:00 am

Fishers of Men will not be meeting on Holy Saturday but will meet the Saturday before, March 23. 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 25 minute presentation and then group discussion. We end promptly at 9:00 am.



Next Neighborhood Clean Up

Saturday, April 6

April marks the second Pulchra Terra neighborhood clean-up event of the year. We will meet in the parking lot of Kroger at 3520 W. Siebenthaler, from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Let's come together in a spirit of unity and service for our neighborhood community. Trash bags and grabbers will be

provided for collecting litter, and we will also focus on recycling cans, bottles, and plastic. Please RSVP to Curtis Kneblak at ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org or via text at 937-203-6037. Let's strive to improve our community, showing mercy and care for our environment.

For more information contact Curtis Kneblak, Director of Adult Formation for Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita at 937-276-5954 or via email: ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org.



Congratulations

Fr. John!

Celebrating 50 Years!

March 30, 2024

Fr. John Mencsik, C.P.P.S. will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on March 30, 2024. Fr. John is a former pastor of St. Joseph, and now, he faithfully celebrates the Monday Noon Mass each week at St. Joseph. On Sunday, June 9, Fr. John will be presiding at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph. The parish will celebrate his 50th Anniversary at coffee & donuts in the Parish Center following Mass.

Thank you Fr. John

Thank you for your tireless service, for guiding, inspiring, and nurturing countless souls along the way. Your commitment to faith and community is a testament to your remarkable spirit and enduring legacy. May God continue to bless you abundantly as you celebrate this remarkable achievement.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

@Holy Trinity

Saturday, March 30 at 12:00 pm

Bring your kids, the grandkids, the neighbors' kids!

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 30, in Trinity Center and on the lawn.

Festivities include: crafts, games, egg hunt and refreshments by age group: 0-3 yrs | 4-5 yrs | 6-7 yrs | 8-10 yrs. The fun begins at 12:00 noon for the first age group.

The Easter bunny will be stopping by. Bring your camera. All kids are welcome to come join in the fun!

Don't forget your Easter basket!



Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

From Music Director Michelle Carner

"Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" was penned by Venantius Honorius Fortunatus in 569 for a procession escorting a relic of the True Cross. Seven centuries later, his poem inspired St. Thomas Aquinas to write, exhorting his tongue to sing the mystery of the Glorious Body—which, another eight centuries later, we will sing on Holy Thursday as the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to the altar of repose.

Today, the mystery our tongues sing is that of the glorious battle won on the Cross. Let us indeed "sound the high triumphant lay!"

(Source: The Stories of Hymns, by Fr. George Rutler.)



Funeral Luncheon Ministry

@St. Joseph

Families may choose to utilize our Parish Center to host a meal following a funeral at St. Joseph. Help is needed to set up the center, meet the caterer, welcome the family and attendees, serve the food, and clean up after the meal. Please call the parish office if you are interested in being on call for this parish ministry.

Evening Prayers (Vespers)

@Holy Trinity, Tuesday, March 19, beginning at 6:30 pm

Please join the community of faith as we pray Evening Prayer together Tuesday, March 19 at Holy Trinity, at 6:30 p.m.

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, 9:30-11:00 am 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.



Understanding Grief and Loss

Reservations Due Monday, 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 23rd 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 18th 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.



Pipe Organ Renovation Update

@St. Joseph

As we continue our journey of renovation, we do so with reverence for the past and anticipation for the future. **We are incredibly grateful for the most recent \$1,427 donation towards the project.**

Thank you for your generosity.

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 that are located at the entrances of the church. They can be placed it in the collection basket.

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Feast of St. Joseph

@St. Joseph, 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.

Easter Flower Donations

@Holy Trinity

We are accepting donations for flowers for the sanctuary for the Easter season. If you are interested in donating in memory of a deceased loved one, a family member or just to beautify the sanctuary for all to enjoy, place your offering in an envelope, along with the names of those you wish remembered. Mark the envelope "flowers" and put it in the collection basket. Thank you.

Rummage Sale Donations

@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.

Almsgiving this Lent

@Holy Trinity for Brigid's Path

Our Lenten Almsgiving project this year is for Brigid's Path, and we are extremely grateful to all who have made donations thus far.

Following are the requested items and can be left behind the last pew in church:

- Clorox or Lysol Disinfectant wipes
- Bottle Brushes
- Liquid-free Laundry Detergent (such as Dreft)
- Paper Towels (rolls)
- Preemie Size Diapers (Huggies or Pampers)
- Baby teethingers, Diapers – Pampers Swaddlers Sensitive (Newborn and Size 1)
- Baby saline nose drops.

Brigid's Path improves the health of newborn babies and mothers impacted by addiction. We offer grace for the past, support for the present, and hope for the future.

Our Stewardship



Precious Blood, March 10

Sunday Collection.....\$4,063
St. Vincent De Paul\$155

Saint Paul, March 10

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St. Vincent De Paul\$385

Saint Rita, March 10

Sunday Collection.....\$3,833
St. Vincent De Paul\$180

Holy Trinity, March 10

Sunday Collection.....\$4,426.36
Electronic Giving\$416.30
Outreach\$416

Saint Joseph, March 10

Sunday Collection.....\$7,048
Outreach\$241
Pipe Organ.....\$1,427

Emmanuel, March 10

Sunday Collection.....\$6,493
St. Vincent De Paul Tithe.....\$649

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

Wonderfully Made

@The Presidential Banquet Center

Elizabeth's New Life Center invites you to join us in celebrating the Babies Saved and Lives Changed this past year and look with us to the future. Our Annual Dayton Partnership Celebration, Wonderfully Made, will be held on Thursday, April 11th and Friday, April 12th at the Presidential Banquet Center in Kettering. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting ENLC by hosting a table at the event by inviting new friends to be a part of the work we do. This is an opportunity to be an advocate for life by sharing our ministry with others who might not know about the lives we are impacting. Each table seats 8 people. Interested parties should contact Lori Ernest at 937-226-7414 Ext. 430 or lernerst@enlc.life to reserve your table(s).

Pregnancy Center West is Hiring!

Do you have a heart for teaching today's youth about the sanctity of human life, and God's plan for their sexuality? PCW seeks a new Outreach Coordinator to go into local Catholic grade schools and high schools to present our The Body Matters program. It's founded upon the teachings of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. It's a full time, year-round position. To learn more and apply, please visit: <https://www.catholicjobs.com/employers/view/5042162915>

NAIM

@St. Francis Parish, April 8

Naim, the social & religious organization for widowed Catholics opens the month of April on Monday, April 8 at Noon with Pizza. The cost is \$5 per person, followed by the regular meeting in the All Saints Room at St. Francis Parish, 6245 Wilmington Pike. Cards will follow. Plans for the 59th Anniversary of Naim will be revealed & reservations taken for the dinner on April 26. Want to get in on the fun, contact Sunny Hickey @ 937-433-1437.

Unplanned Pregnancy?

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St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Directory & Parish Information

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St. Gaspar North: submit to Joan Macpherson: jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org (via email).

Full Page Flyer

Full page flyers for parish events may be included in the featured section of the bulletin and will be considered on a first come, first served basis, with a maximum of one week, unless space allows.

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: 937-276-5954 or via email: jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.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:

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 3/11/2024

Dave Aivalotis
Julie & Rodney Behrens
Sandy Brinkman
Anne Coleman
Greg Davis
Joanne Davis
Dale Edwards
David Franklin
Michael Gauder
Michael Glackin
David Grooms
Karen Hatton
Helen Henning
Susan Hughes
Joe & Zoa Hunter
Joe Jeckering

Colette Ann Kropp
Paul Limbert
Linda McIntosh
Rosie Marchal
Carolyn Palmer
Lynn Postlethwaite
Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Kelly Rapp
Pat Schlearth Family
Jeanette Schreck
Katie Schultz
Dave St. John
Ed Stanziano
Larry Sutherland
Tony Trick
Jan Weigandt
Barbara Wooten

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.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Gerri Rosengarten whose funeral Mass was offered at St. Joseph on March 4. For Dottie Alexander, whose funeral Mass was offered at St. Paul on March 13. 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. Amen.

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