

April 28, 2024, Fifth Sunday of Easter



**SAINT GASPAR**  
FAMILY OF PARISHES

**Emmanuel**

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Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.2013

**Holy Trinity**

272 Bainbridge Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
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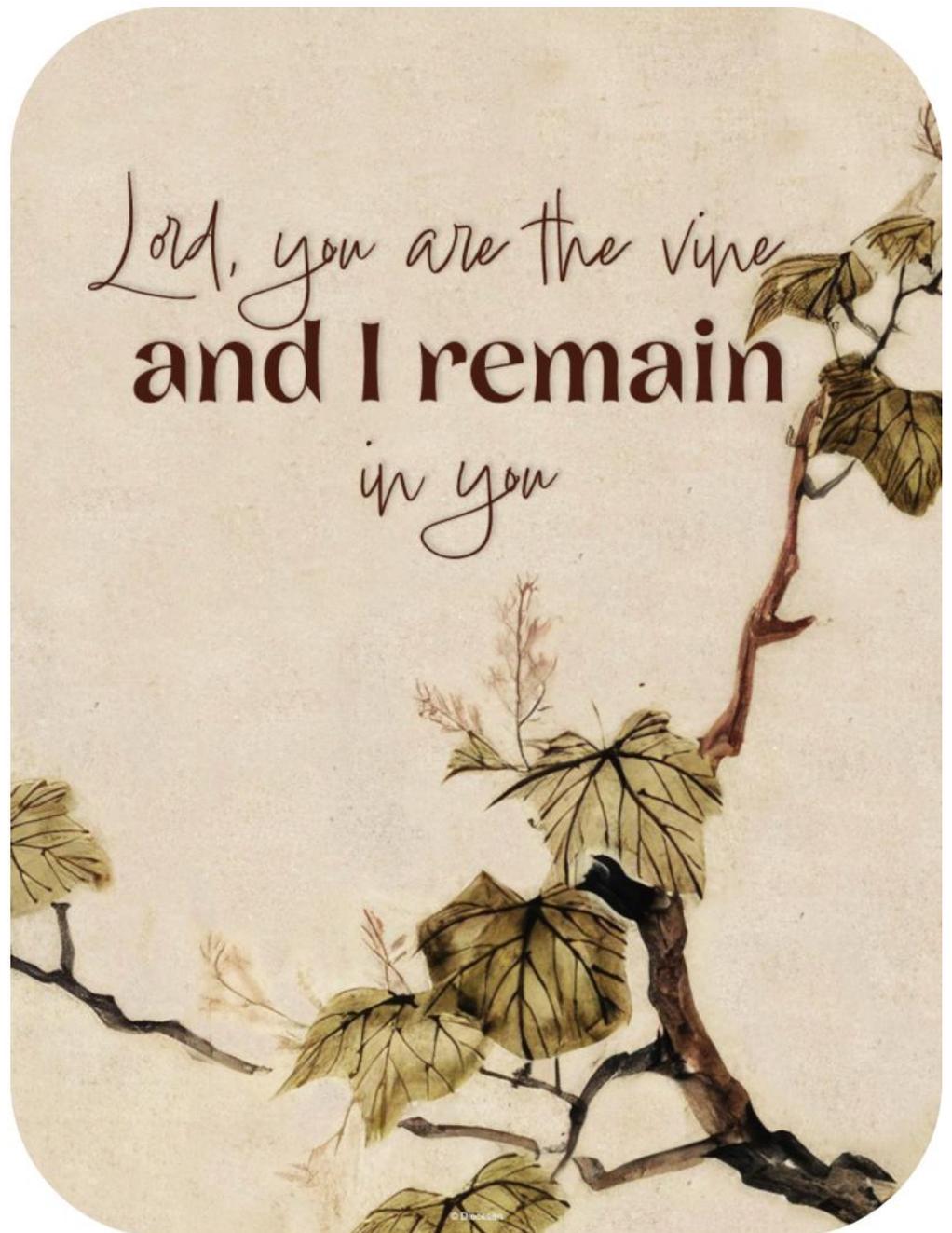
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Englewood, OH 45322  
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Dayton, OH 45415  
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# St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

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.



Fr. Tony joined members from St. Gaspar Family of Parishes for the Pilgrimage to two historic basilicas on Friday, April 19, 2024. Photo courtesy of Debbie Nieport.

## Pastor's Desk

Today, Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. That we must remain in Him if we are going to bear fruit, because without Him we can do nothing. He will remove any branch that does not bear fruit. There is a necessity to bear fruit. God will ask us to do many difficult things, but in doing those acts of ministry, He will give us what we need. He tells us that all we need to do is ask Him.

So this asking in ministry is a part of our life. We can't just believe Jesus, but we have to believe in Him and remain in Him. If we do not remain in Him, we can do nothing. There are many people who believe Jesus but they don't believe in Him. They may not love Him or trust Him. I can believe the

apostles Peter, Paul, and Andrew, but I don't believe in them. I believe in Jesus. People are not our God. Jesus is Lord. He wants us to announce that to the whole world.

There are some who say that they are Christian, but they do not believe that Jesus is Lord. Some may believe that Jesus was a great man with wisdom, but not God. Either Jesus is a liar, a lunatic, or He is Lord. He is a liar if he says he is something other than what he is. He is a lunatic if he believes he's God but he's really not or Jesus really is Lord. What do you believe?

So to remain in Jesus, we have to get to know Him. We do that through scripture and in our prayer life. We do that by spending time with other Christians and sharing the word with them. Christianity is not supposed to be an isolated event. Christians are not supposed to be isolated from the world.

Pope Benedict XVI tells us that knowing Christ is not just reading about Him, but having an encounter with Him. I know that I encounter Christ every time I come into His presence during Eucharistic adoration and when I receive communion.

God is in nature but he is substantially present in the Eucharist. The Eucharistic Congress will be in Indianapolis this July. Realize that the body and blood of Christ bring substantial life to all of us.

God bless you all,

Fr. Tony Forman C.P.P.S.

## Welcome

### Newly Married

@Holy Trinity

Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Kathryn Chillelli) Winner

### Newly Registered

@St. Joseph

Katrina Crespo  
Thomas Dosedelo

@St. Paul

William Macek, Lawrence & Carla Baczkowski, Brett & Julie Harmon, and their children Ryan & Shaelyn

## Confession Schedule

### 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 | St. Paul

### Sunday

8:00-8:25 am | Holy Trinity

# Mass Times & Intentions

## Monday, April 29 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... U.S. Military and First Responders  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Carol and Robby Fountain  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Hoerbert Family

## Tuesday, April 30, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Sally Madigan  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Susan Zimmerman  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... Liv/Dec Members of the MacDonald, Haas and Hardy families

## Wednesday, May 1, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Chris Enochs  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Karyle Dillhoff  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Self Family

## Thursday, May 2, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Int. of Ann Caputo  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... Int. of Benjamin Kneblak  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Buckmeier Family

## Friday, May 3, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Int. of Christopher McDonald  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Sam & Rose Rumbolo  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Philip Wetzel

## Saturday, May 4, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †All Unborn Children and their families  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Poor souls in purgatory, especially those for whom no one prays  
 4:30 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †John McHale  
 4:30 pm ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Ruth Persinger  
 5:15 pm ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Liv/Dec Members of the Lengel Family

## Sunday, May 5, 2024

8:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Stephanie Middleton  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Dec. Members of the Ballmann and Kronenberger Families  
 9:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Roger and Virginia Jette  
 10:00 am ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †For our Parishioners  
 10:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †For our Parishioners  
 10:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †For our Parishioners  
 11:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †For our Parishioners

## St. Gaspar North, Saturday Mass Rotation

Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita (St. Gaspar North) rotate their 4:30 pm Saturday Masses on a quarterly basis. Starting in May, the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass will move from Precious Blood to St. Paul, and remain there through August. The rotation schedule for St. Gaspar North's Saturday vigil Mass is as follows:

Precious Blood Church—January through April  
 St. Paul—May through August  
 St. Rita—September through December



## Scripture Readings

### For the Week of April 28, 2024

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b> Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles</b> 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

## 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



## Parish Calendar

### Monday, April 29

#### Our Lady of the Precious Blood Group

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

#### God's Garden

7:00-9:30 pm · St. Paul/Garden

### Tuesday, April 30

#### No Public Events

### Wednesday, May 1

#### Lunch with the Lord

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

#### Widower Meeting

2:00-3:00 pm · Precious Blood/Mtg. Room

#### Knights of Columbus 3754

7:30-9:00 pm · St. Rita/Mtg. Room

#### Catholic Life

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

### Thursday, May 2

#### Introduction to Devout Life

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

#### God's Garden

7:00-9:30 pm · St. Paul/Garden

### Friday, May 3

#### Friday Hour

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

### Saturday, May 4

#### CCD

9:30-11:00 am · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

#### Good News Bible Study— Through May 25

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

### Sunday, May 5

#### Donut Sunday

After Mass · Precious Blood/Church

#### First Communion, Sunday, May 5

10:30 am · St. Paul/Church

11:30 am · Holy Trinity/Church

## Save the Date!

### Sunday, August 11

#### St. Gaspar Family Picnic

Time TBA · St. Paul/Outdoors

# St. Gaspar Family News

## Exploring the Eucharist

### Last session this Sunday

*@Emmanuel, April 28, at 1:00 pm*

#### "Eucharist and Evangelization"

by Fr. Patrick Gonyeau.

We hope you will join us. There is no fee to attend.

## Bottles for Babies

### Starts Mother's Day Weekend

*@St. Gaspar Family of Parishes*

Bottles for Babies begins Mother's Day weekend through Father's Day. Bottles will be available for pick up at church.

*More information can be found on page 10.*

## Becoming Catholic

Our Family of Parishes proudly embraces the spirit of the Next Generation Parish as we foster a vibrant community deeply rooted in faith and fellowship. As part of our commitment to nurturing the faith journey of individuals, we offer two programs designed for those interested in exploring the Catholic faith and contemplating the path to becoming Catholic:

### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

*@Holy Trinity, Sunday afternoons, at 12:45 pm*

The Downtown Dayton St. Gaspar Parishes will be coming together to offer OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults on Sunday afternoons at 12:45pm at Trinity Center next to Holy Trinity Church. Summer sessions begin May 19.

*More information can be found on page 9.*

### Catholic Life

*@Precious Blood, Wednesday Evenings, at 7:00 pm*

Catholic Life is a year round program that meets on Wednesday evenings at Precious Blood Church. The meetings prepare individuals to receive the sacraments and enter the Catholic Church. Any adults interested in the Catholic Church are welcome, including seasoned Catholics who want to learn and grow in their faith. Contact Curtis Kneblik, ckneblik@preciousbloodchurch.org for more information.

## Vacation Bible School

### In our Family of Parishes

This summer, we will have three Vacation Bible School programs! The locations will be Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Paul.

*More information can be found on pages 8 and 11.*

# St. Gaspar Family News



## Sacred Pilgrimage

What an unforgettable journey! We extend heartfelt gratitude to Deacon Brian Seibert for orchestrating a remarkable pilgrimage to two iconic basilicas, St. Peter in Chains and the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption.

This extraordinary opportunity united members from all corners of our Family of Parishes: Emmanuel, Holy Trinity, Precious Blood, St. Joseph, St. Paul, and St. Rita. Together, we embarked on a spiritual voyage, delving into the rich tapestry of our shared faith and heritage. A special mention is owed to Sue Seibert and Debbie Nieport for sharing their photos.

## Prayers for First Communion

*@St. Paul, 10:30 am and Holy Trinity, 11:30 am*

We are excited to announce that First Communion will be celebrated on May 5, 2024. Please pray for our First Communicants:

Bernard Beauchamp	Regina Alvarez-Cristia
Delaney Beegle	Ellie Brown
Charlotte Duda	Mya Gibson
Patrick Duffy	Clara Hart
Peter Gallivan	Khoi Nguyen
Jack Grobmyer	Aubrey Orrill
Blandine Irimaso	Olivia Orrill
MarieJesus Matumaini	Emerson Paugh
Eleanor Miller	Oviel Ramierz-Caixa
Christopher Morris	Austin Reid
Jacob Mostrom	Matthew Schneider
Ashley Orban	
Eleanor Starr	
Simon Suelzer	
Lila Watercutter	

## Devotionals

*Miraculous Medal Novena*

Monday

3:30-4:30 pm · St. Rita

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel

*PrayerMates*

Tuesday Evenings

7:00-8:30 pm · Precious Blood

*Benediction and Adoration*

First Thursday of the Month

6:00-7:30 pm · St. Paul

Third Sunday of the Month

12:45 pm · Holy Trinity

*Pray the Rosary*

Monday-Saturday

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

Friday

3:00 pm · Precious Blood Adoration Chapel

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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

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

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

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

*Pray the Rosary for Life*

Second Sunday of the Month

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

We pray the rosary for pro-life issues.

## From the St. Gaspar Respect Life Group

### 9 Months with Christ in the Womb, April: Elizabeth's Burden

*Relevant Scripture: Luke 1: 5-17*

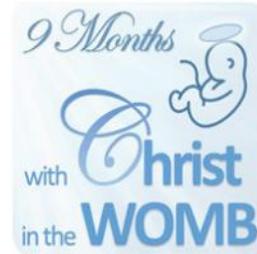
Old Elizabeth's burden was a quiet one. She always carried herself with a confidence and dignity that was fitting to the wife of a high priest. She had been beautiful as a young woman and even more so as she reached the later years of life. Zechariah always referred to her as the greatest joy in his life, and he meant it, no doubt. He knew these things were complicated and never blamed her in the least. Still, she would wrongly blame herself. When she would find herself alone in their home, her pain would often strike her as sharp as a knife. Even now, as her friends celebrated grandchildren, the pain of her barrenness could be so intense as to leave her teary-eyed and breathless at times.

Zechariah and Elizabeth were truly pillars in their community. Likewise, they had worked hard to nurture an environment of deep love, commitment, and kindness in their home. Why had the Lord not blessed them with just one son or daughter upon whom to shower so much love? And if that could not be an option, why could He not at least let the desire of her heart begin to wane? Why could this piercing not be softened by the many other blessings in her life?

Of course, Elizabeth knew well the derision with which the younger mothers sometimes spoke of her. She could see behind the silly facades of women half her age who thought they were too superior to even associate with a barren woman. These did not bother her. There was even something comical about their absurdity. No, what hurt the most was her knowledge that children were being born in every corner of the world. Many were even being neglected or abandoned. Yet, she and her dear husband were being denied this most basic of human longings, the desire for a child of their own to love and raise according to the law of Moses.

Then, that strange morning came when Zechariah lost his voice. She would have thought he might be distraught to lose something so important to his daily life. Yet, he seemed completely unconcerned, almost joyful. What did he know? What secret was it that he could no longer share with her? Weeks later, she felt something strange inside her, a bubbliness or a tickle. She knew it was madness. She knew it was impossible, and yet somehow, she also knew beyond any shadow of doubt that the Lord had finally blessed them. She chuckled to herself. Old Elizabeth was finally going to be a mother!

Over the next month please pray especially for all those couples who struggle with the heavy burden of infertility. May Christ free them from their grief while also leading them to fertility practices fully in line with their own dignity and the dignity of their potential offspring. *Nine Months with Christ in the Womb is a prayer campaign of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.*



Since March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation and through Christmas, we are meditating on the mystery of the Incarnation in a unique way. **9 Months with Christ in the Womb** draws our attention to Jesus, the God-fetus, during the 9

months He lived within Mary. In meditating on the mystery of Christ's humility in the womb, we foster within all Christians a new appreciation for the dignity of our brothers and sisters.

## Mary's Way

*@The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Tuesday, May 14, 2024*

Mary's WAY (Women Answering Yes) is a nation-wide apostolate which promotes the power of the Holy Rosary and brings women closer to Jesus through the perfect example of Mother Mary. You are invited to attend the 3rd annual dinner at Yankee Trace Golf Club. Speaker, Jeanne Hunt, will speak about Mary's YES and how it relates to the challenges in our lives. High School age and older are welcome. Limited space available. Sign up by May 8th by emailing Chris Condit at [cmcondit@woh.rr.com](mailto:cmcondit@woh.rr.com) for registration form or go: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marys-way-dinner-tickets-810621559907?aff=oddtcreator>

The event begins at 6:00 pm and the cost is \$35 per person.

Location:

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace

10000 Yankee St. Centerville Ohio 45458

Questions? Call Chris Condit @ 937-790-0568, via email: [cmcondit@woh.rr.com](mailto:cmcondit@woh.rr.com)

# 4th Annual Women's Day

## A Day of Spiritual Enrichment for Women of Faith

@Trinity Center, Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

This fourth annual event is sponsored by the Education and Social Action Commissions of Holy Trinity Church and the Health Ministry Team. The event covers a diverse range of topics relevant to women's health and spirituality, catering to different interests and needs. From spiritual matters like understanding the Eucharist to practical aspects such as meal planning and music therapy for wellness, there's something for everyone.

**Fee: \$30 donation requested (financial scholarships available upon request, call Lynda at 937.228.1223)**



### Featured Speakers

**Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.PP.S., PhD., S.T.D.**

"Understanding the Eucharist"

**Nora Schaeffer, M.Ed., RDN, LD**

"How to Create a Delicious Personal Meal Plan"

**Joy Willenbrink-Conte, MA, MT-BC**

"Music Therapy in Support of Health and Wellness"

Trinity Center Address:

266 Bainbridge Street, Dayton, Ohio

(entrance is not handicapped accessible)

Continental breakfast and box lunches will be provided. Make your lunch selection below.

## WOMEN'S DAY REGISTRATION FORM 2024

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form and mail it along with your \$30 check or money order, made payable to Holy Trinity Church to:

Holy Trinity Church, C/O Lynda Middleton  
272 Bainbridge Street, Dayton, OH 45402

**Box Lunch Choices, please circle from the options below either a sandwich or salad, one side and one cookie:**

**Deadline to register is Friday, May 10, 2024**

### Sandwich or Salad (circle one)

~ Double Decker Club w/  
bacon, turkey, Swiss, lettuce,  
tomato on Vienna bread

~ Chicken Salad on Croissant

~ Veggie on Croissant (V)

~ Chicken Wrap w/chicken breast,  
avocado, tomato, provolone,  
sprouts w/tangy southwest sauce

~ Greek Wrap w/ roast beef, cheddar,  
Banana peppers, lettuce and tzatziki sauce

~ Cobb Salad w/ Portobello mushroom.  
Scallions, tomatoes, carrots, Colby,  
Monterey Jack, avocado, sprouts w/  
creamy dill dressing (V)

~ Cobb Salad w/grilled chicken.  
scallions, tomatoes, carrots, Colby,  
Monterey Jack, avocado, sprouts w/  
creamy dill dressing

~ Spinach Salad w/mandarin oranges,  
Strawberries, pecans, almonds, dried fruit  
w/honey balsamic vinaigrette (V)

### Sides (circle one)

~ Potato Chips  
~ Creamy Coleslaw  
~ Veggies w/ Dill Dip  
~ Twice Baked Potato Salad  
~ Caesar Pasta Salad

### Cookies (circle one)

~ Sugar Cookie  
~ Oatmeal Raisin Cookie  
~ Chocolate Chip Cookie

Cancellation with full refund: By Friday, May 10, 2024. Substitutions are allowed. Please notify Lynda Middleton: 937-228-1223 or via email: [Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com](mailto:Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com). A registration confirmation e-mail will be sent to you.



### Vacation Bible School at Emmanuel

June 24 through 28

Save the date for Emmanuel’s 2024 Vacation Bible School. Children aged 4 through those entering 6th grade are invited to attend. A variety of service opportunities exist for older students and adults.

Wilderness Adventures Vacation Bible School is a one-week adventure that will lead kids to discover amazing things about Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, and Holy Orders.

The goal of this program is to help children better understand the seven sacraments and deepen their love for Jesus.

Registration forms and details of volunteer positions will be on the Emmanuel website soon.

### Notes from Emmanuel’s Choir Loft

From Emmanuel’s Music Director, Michele Carner

The text for our rousing recessional today, “Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise,” is sometimes attributed to the prolific Edward Caswall. Born in England in 1814 to a clergyman, he converted to Catholicism in his adulthood. According to hymnary.org, “Caswall’s translations of Latin hymns from the Roman Breviary and other sources have a wider circulation in modern hymnals than those of any other translator, Dr. Neale alone excepted.” Today’s words are set to a traditional American melody.

### Vacation Bible School at Holy Trinity

June 10 through June 13

Children age 4-12 are invited to explore the depths of God’s love at SCUBA, the Vacation Bible School at Holy Trinity Church. The event takes place June 10-13, 2024, from 9:00 am to Noon at Trinity Center. Children will be engaged in music, learning and fun as they come closer to Jesus and His friendship with them. Older youth are encouraged to act as guides and volunteers for our young participants.

For more information or to register contact Lynda Middleton at Holy Trinity (937-228-1223) or by email at Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com.

### Trinity Sunday, Mass and Picnic

@Holy Trinity, May 26

Our Trinity Sunday Celebration is May 26, beginning with the 11:30 am Mass followed by a picnic under the big tent on the north parking lot.

No need to bring anything, the parish provides the food and the beverages. It’s a great opportunity to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances.

### The Foundations of Our Society Are in Jeopardy

“When the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular of the more vulnerable, the very foundations of a state based on law are undermined...As a consequence of the respect and protection which must be ensured for the unborn child from the moment of conception, the law must provide appropriate penal sanctions for every deliberate violation of the child’s rights.”. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) contains several paragraphs explaining why abortion is wrong, and what implications that has on civil society. The quote above and many more from the CCC are listed in the pamphlet “Abortion and the Right to Life”. Please take a copy from the pro-life pamphlet rack in the back of Emmanuel Church.

## Spring Rummage Sale

*@Holy Trinity, Saturday, May 4*

*from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm*

Are you doing your spring cleaning and finding lots of items that you haven't used in a long time, if ever? We would be happy to have them for our rummage sale.

### Final date for drop off

We will be accepting your usable donations on April 28 from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm at Trinity Center.

Please use the north door off the parking lot. We do not accept clothing, shoes and technical books. Thank you

## What Is This All About?

### OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

*@Holy Trinity, beginning Sunday, May 19 at 12:45 pm*

Are you or someone that you know Interested in learning about the Catholic Church? The Downtown Dayton St. Gaspar Parishes will be coming together to offer OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults on Sunday afternoons at 12:45pm at Trinity Center near Holy Trinity Church.

All are welcome to learn and explore their faith and what the church teaches. Summer sessions meet monthly on Sunday: May 19, June 23, July 28 and August 25.

For more information, or to reserve your spot, contact Lynda Middleton at Holy Trinity Church: 937-228-1223 or via email: lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com.



## May Crowning

*@Emmanuel, Saturday, May 4*

Come May's first Saturday, Emmanuel comes alive with a special tradition: the May Crowning. The day starts with 7:30 am Mass and the rosary followed by a procession led by our CCD class. They carry Our Lady's statue through the church, culminating in the crowning ceremony. It's a simple yet profound way to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and deepen our faith together.

## Spring Work Party

*@Holy Trinity, May 11*

Our Spring Work Party is May 11, starting at 9:00 am here on the grounds. Primarily we will be spreading mulch and lots of other little odd jobs around our campus. All are welcome to come and help. Many hands will make for light work for all.

## Help Prepare Lunches

*@Holy Trinity, Sunday, May 19*

At Holy Trinity, bagged lunches will be prepared on Sunday, May 19.

*Won't you please help us?*

You can help us prepare for the quarterly project of packing lunches for St. Vincent DePaul!

Visit Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E48AAA929A3FA7-49129313-help#/>

to sign up to see the items needed and details. You can also scan the QR code with your phone.



*Please sign up by May 11, 2024.*

Donated items may be turned in to the Holy Trinity Parish Office on Sunday, May 12, from 9:30 to 11:30 am. A special "Thank You" to Brunk's Meat Shoppe and to all who have donated in the past. You are a blessing to those in need!

If you need assistance with the sign-up link Contact: Leslie at 937-901-5468 or Janet at 937-623-9272. Sponsored quarterly by the Holy Trinity Social Action Commission.

## Prayer Board for Mother's Day

*@Holy Trinity*

You will find a basket of hearts on the table at the entrance to the main aisle in church. To remember your Mom in prayer on Mother's day, please write her name on the back of a heart and place it in the other basket alongside the empty hearts.





A fun, easy way to support the life-saving work of Elizabeth's New Life Center.

**St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Mother's Day, May 12 - Father's Day, June 16**

For more information contact:

Emmanuel: Dan Godale, bzngk@roadrunner.com \* Holy Trinity: Karen Averbeck, kmaverbeck@aol.com  
PB: Rosie Prier, rprier@elizabethnewlife.org \* St. Joseph: Mary Jo Klein, klein.maryjo@immaculateheartcoop.net  
St. Paul: Mike and Sally Boston, kkkboston@aol.com \* St. Rita: Debbie Nieport, psalm27.dn@gmail.com  
or call Rosie Prier at 937-232-7406

Elizabeth's New Life Center provides positive solutions to unexpected pregnancies by offering free pregnancy tests, free limited ultrasounds, consulting/mentoring, prenatal care, educational classes, and material assistance.

**How it works:**



Provided Bottles are filled with coins, money, or checks.



These funds are used to provide services and material assistance.



Donate Here

**POC: Britany Thomas  
Development Officer  
937-991-0161**

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## Benediction and Adoration

@St. Paul, Thursday, May 2

from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Spend Time with the Lord. Please come away for some quiet, peaceful time with our Lord Jesus during our next Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

Come and pray with our Lord for peace for our world, the protection and nurturing of all human life, care for God's Creation, and for the blessing of our loved ones, and the poor and the oppressed in our world.

## Senior Program & Lunch

### Senior Scams

@St. Paul, Wednesday, May 8

from Noon to 2:00 pm

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

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 Precious Blood: 937-276-5954  
 St. Joseph: 937-228-9272  
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## Area News

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**May 22 to October 30**

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## Parish Information

### 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 4, 2024 at 10:00 am, St. Joseph

May 13, 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 six months in advance to begin required pre-nuptial preparation.

### OCIA and Catholic Life

For those adults wishing to enter the Catholic Church. St. Gaspar Family of Parishes has two programs:

#### Wednesday Evenings

Catholic Life meets at Precious Blood Church on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

The program is year round and you can join at any time. Contact Curtis Kneblak for more information: 937-276-5954 ext. 2111 or via email: ckneblak@preciousbloodchurch.org.

#### Sunday Afternoons

OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is also offered at Holy Trinity on Sunday afternoons at 12:45 pm. The summer schedule is monthly, meeting on May 19, June 23, July 28 and August 25.

Contact Lynda Middleton for more information: 937-228-1223 or via email: lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com.

### Live Stream Mass

#### Precious Blood Church, Sunday, 8:30 am

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

#### St. Joseph Church, Sunday, 10:00 am

Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/DaytonCatholic/>

## Staff Directory

### Pastoral Staff

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#### Bulletin Submissions

Submissions for the bulletin are due

Thursdays at Noon, 9 days before the

publication date of the bulletin.

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#### Pulpit Announcements

Pulpit announcements for upcoming events need to be submitted no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday liturgy by Noon .

# 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 4/23/2024

Julie & Rodney Behrens  
Cecelia Castellano

### **Florence Kleismit Cobey**

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Janet Rudy-Gerrard

Joan Schimil

Patty Schlorman

Jeanette Schreck

### **Katie Schultz**

### **Tom Serveryn**

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Catherine Winkler

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless our sick so that they may bear their illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore them to health, and lead them to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Names in bold are new this week. Names on the prayer list will remain for four weeks unless we are notified otherwise. To add a name to the prayer list please contact your parish office.*

**With Sympathy:** Our Sincere Sympathy is extended to the family of Rosemary Taylor from Emmanuel. May she rest in the peace of the Lord. Our Sincere Sympathy is extended to the family of Richard Deis buried from Holy Trinity April 20. 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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