

May 12, 2024, Ascension of the Lord



# SAINT GASPAR

## FAMILY OF PARISHES

### Emmanuel

149 Franklin Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.2013

### Holy Trinity

272 Bainbridge Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.1223

### Precious Blood

4961 Salem Avenue  
Dayton, OH 45416  
937.276.5954

### Saint Joseph

411 East Second Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.9272

### Saint Paul

1000 W. Wenger Road  
Englewood, OH 45322  
937.836.7535

### Saint Rita

5401 N. Main Street  
Dayton, OH 45415  
937.278.5815



# St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Pastor, Fr. Anthony Fortman, C.P.P.S.

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Seraphine Lesiriam, C.P.P.S., Parochial Vicar Fr. Jim "Santiago" Gaynor, C.P.P.S.

## Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. This takes place 40 days after His resurrection. Jesus ascended into heaven, body and soul. The Blessed Virgin Mary and the apostles were present to see this marvelous event.

Jesus tells His disciples to go into the whole world and proclaim the good news of the gospel. Jesus is always with us in the Eucharist and in nine days, He will send the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the apostles.

God is always giving us what we need. He trusts us with the mission of the church. We are to make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We do not take this mission upon ourselves, but we know that we have been sent by the master.

This mission to evangelize is for all baptized believers. In the gospel, we see that the Lord worked with His disciples. He does not leave us alone in the work of building the kingdom. At Pentecost, He gives the gifts of wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, fortitude, and piety. These gifts are needed to bring people into the faith. God needs our availability more than our ability. We are representing Him in the world. We are giving Him glory. This is our mission. At Mass we sing the words, "We proclaim your death, oh Lord, and profess your resurrection until You come again." We are trying to get people to focus on Christ and not our individual self.

God bless you all,

Fr. Tony Fortman, C.P.P.S.



On Sunday, May 5, 2024, our Family of Parishes celebrated two First Communions, one at St. Paul, pictured above with Fr. Gaynor, C.P.P.S. and Deacon De Brosse, and one at Emmanuel, pictured below with Fr. Gonyeau and Deacon Baldwin. Congratulations to our First Communicants!

## Welcome

### Newly Married

@St. Joseph

Jonathon Ullery & Caroline Knoblock

### Sign Up for Flocknote

Visit: [StGasparFamilyDayton.flocknote.com](https://StGasparFamilyDayton.flocknote.com)

Text: GETGASPAR to 84576

If you need assistance with signing up contact

Joan Macpherson at 937-276-5954.



## Early Deadline

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes will have an early deadline for the June 2, 2024 bulletin.

Upcoming deadlines are as follows:

<i>Bulletin Date</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
May 26, 2024	Due: Thursday, May 16
<b>June 2, 2024</b>	<b>Due: Monday, May 20</b> <b>(early deadline)</b>
June 9, 2024	Due: Thursday, May 30
June 16, 2024	Due: Thursday, June 6

# Mass Times & Intentions

Recent developments regarding Fr. Seraphine's health have impacted the Mass schedule, resulting in Communion Services instead of Masses at some of our parishes. Mass intentions scheduled for those days will be rescheduled for a later date.

## Monday, May 13, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... Communion Service  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Bob & Teresa LaMendola  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Olga de Baron

## Tuesday, May 14, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... Communion Service  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... Int. of Priests & Deacons of St. Gaspar Family of Parishes  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Mario Jurassich

## Wednesday, May 15, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Ronald C. Soehner  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Ed & Marie Thomas  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Reichert & Thomas Families

## Thursday, May 16, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Niehaus Family  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... +Phyllis Luke  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †John McHale

## Friday, May 17, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... +Joe Spanel  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Dr. Sarah Luce  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... +For Our Parishioners

## Saturday, May 18, 2024

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †James Monnin  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... Int. of Fr. Patrick Gonyeau  
 4:30 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Grace Lee  
 4:30 pm ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Larry Clutter  
 5:15 pm ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Mr. & Mrs. William Gerdes & Family

## Sunday, May 19, 2024

8:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †Tom & Gerry Eden  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Skip & Bonnie Ekhart  
 9:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Purgatorial Mass  
 +Bill Sendelbach  
 +Rita Schieltz  
 10:00 am ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
 10:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †For Our Parishioners  
 10:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... +Joan Wair  
 11:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... †For Our Parishioners

# 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

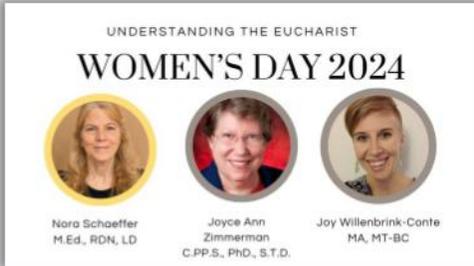
8:00-8:25 am | Holy Trinity



<b>Monday</b>	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle</b> Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Isidore</b> Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Vigil Mass: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <b>Mass during the Day:</b> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## 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



Join us at Holy Trinity for Women's Day 2024 on Saturday, May 18. More information can be found on page 6.

## Parish Calendar

### *Monday, May 13*

#### **Our Lady of the Precious Blood Group**

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

#### **God's Garden**

7:00-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Garden

### *Tuesday, May 14*

#### **No Public Events**

### *Wednesday, May 15*

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

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

#### **Widow's Meeting**

2:00-3:0 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/Basement

### *Thursday, May 16*

#### **Introduction to Devout Life**

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

#### **God's Garden**

7:00-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Garden

### *Friday, May 17*

#### **Friday Hour**

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

#### **Praise Fest**

7:00-10:00 pm · St. Joseph/Church

### *Saturday, May 18*

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

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

#### **Women's Day Retreat**

8:30 am-2:30 pm · Holy Trinity/Trinity Center

#### **Trivia Night**

7:00-9:00 pm · Precious Blood/Activity Center

### *Sunday, May 19*

#### **Donut Sunday**

After 10:30 am Mass · Emmanuel/Mtg. Room

#### **Donut Sunday**

After 10:30 am Mass · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

#### **OCIA Summer Sessions**

12:45-1:45 pm · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Room

## Update on Fr. Seraphine

### Asking for prayers

Last week Fr. Seraphine was admitted to a local hospital. He was kept for observation and it has been determined that he suffered a light stroke and will remain in the hospital and then rehab for at least a month. Please pray for the recovery of this joyful priest!

Please send get well cards to:

St. Joseph Rectory  
400 East Second Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45402



## Unifying Our Community

### Launching the Six Parish Calendar

Exciting News! Our community is embarking on a new journey of collaboration and connectivity with the implementation of a six-parish calendar. This innovative calendar will streamline our scheduling process and enhance communication across all our campuses. While events will still require reservation with the hosting campus, the upcoming launch of an online public calendar this summer will consolidate all public events occurring on our campuses.

To ensure inclusion in this comprehensive calendar, please provide your event dates to your parish office. Once approved, events will be added to the public calendar and featured in our parish events listings. Let's embrace this opportunity for greater unity and cohesion as we continue to serve and worship together as one family.

Please direct all questions to the Communications Manager, Joan Macpherson either via email:

[jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org)

or by phone: 937-276-5954.

### Early Bulletin Deadline

**June 2 bulletin articles are due Monday, May 20**

There is an early deadline for the June 2 bulletin. Please submit your articles for this bulletin by Monday, May 20.

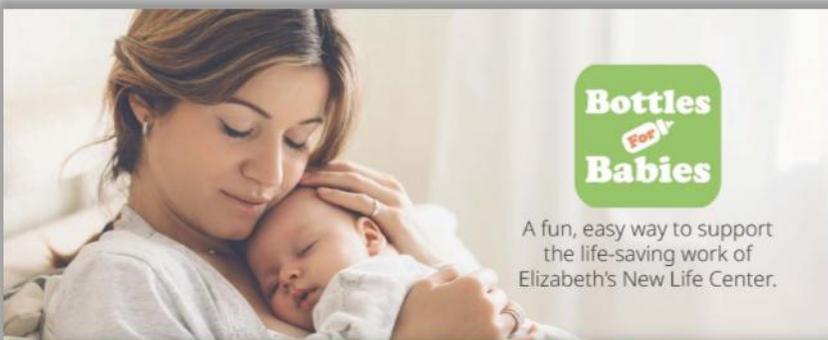


## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

## Day Passes Available Want to Attend?

**July 17-21, Indianapolis, Indiana**

Every day at the Congress will be a powerful experience of fellowship, worship, healing, and formation. Deacon Brian Seibert would like to accompany a group from our parish family to the Eucharistic Congress for a day. Please call St. Paul if you are interested, 937-836-7535, or email Deacon Brian at [brianseibert811@gmail.com](mailto:brianseibert811@gmail.com).



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

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes May 12- June 16, 2024

For more information contact:

St. Rita Debbie Nieport [psalm27.dn@gmail.com](mailto:psalm27.dn@gmail.com)  
 Precious Blood Rosie Prier [rprier@elizabethnewlife.org](mailto:rprier@elizabethnewlife.org)  
 St. Paul Mike and Sally Boston [kkkboston@aol.com](mailto:kkkboston@aol.com)  
 Emmanuel Dan Godale [bzngk@roadrunner.com](mailto:bzngk@roadrunner.com)  
 Holy Trinity Karen Averback [kmaverbeck@aol.com](mailto:kmaverbeck@aol.com)  
 St. Joseph Mary Jo Klein [klein.maryjo@immaculateheartcoop.net](mailto:klein.maryjo@immaculateheartcoop.net)

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:



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These funds are used to provide services and material assistance.



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

Elizabeth's New Life Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All donations are 100% tax deductible in accordance with the law when no goods or services have been received. Donations collected are used to financially support the programs and services provided free of charge at all Women's Centers that are operated by Elizabeth's New Life Center.



2201 N. Main St. Dayton, Ohio 45405 | [enlc.life](http://enlc.life) | 937.226.7414

## 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.

# Featured in our Family of Parishes

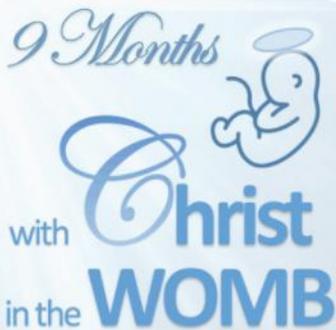
## Happy Mother's Day From the St Gaspar Respect Life Group



### The Mother

*"The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral— a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation . . . What on God's good earth is more glorious than this; to be a mother?"*

— Venerable Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty



### May12—Week 8

The tip of our Lord's little nose has formed this week, as well as his bottom. He is still very fragile at a length of just under an inch and weighing only one tenth of an ounce. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

## 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.P.P.S., Ph.D., 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. Registration and payment are required for attendance.

Registration forms can be found at church, your parish office or online: [stgapsarfamily.org](http://stgapsarfamily.org).  
Or scan the QR code with the camera on your phone.



# Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita



## Rooted in Generosity Garden Goodness Giveaway

*@Precious Blood, Sunday, May 19*

Yes!!! There will be FREE reblooming yellow daylilies from our Precious Blood flower beds after the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 19th. These normally bloom in June but because of our crazy weather, will probably bloom two weeks earlier, then will rest for 5-6 weeks, & rebloom again in August, (but not as prolific).

There will also be FREE Mexican Sunflower seed packets, as well. See you there, Master Gardener, Helen Sloan



## Senior Program & Lunch Drum Fitness Class

*@St. Paul, Wednesday, May 22, from Noon to 2:00 pm*

"Back by popular demand: 'Drum Fit Class.'"

*Lunch and program provided by Cypress Pointe.*

Please make reservations by Monday, May 20, by calling St. Paul parish: 937-836-7535.

## Trivia Night

### With Dean Roll, Trivia Shark

*@Precious Blood, Saturday, May 18 at 7:00 pm*

Our next Trivia Night is Saturday, May 18th, at 7:00 pm in the Precious Blood Parish Activity Center. Come on by, even if you haven't joined us yet. We continue to have a great time each month, so come join us as a team, a couple, or an individual. Whether you know a lot of trivia or not, everyone will be able to contribute as Dean Roll, the Trivia Shark, will present a wide range of general trivia questions. Everyone from the St. Gasper community is invited!

Donation is \$5.00 per person, to help provide prizes after each trivia round and for the overall winning team. You are welcome to bring snacks and drinks if you desire, and we'll provide some too.

## 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, May 14*

- Group A: Off
- Group B: Salad
- Group C: Pies
- Group D: Entrée

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.

# St. Gaspar Youth Ministry

## St. Gaspar VBS



### Vacation Bible School at Holy Trinity

*June 10 through June 13*

Children from ages 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.



### Vacation Bible School at St. Paul

*June 24 through 28*

Time: 9:00 am to Noon

Grade: PreK4-5th Grade

Cost: \$25/child or \$65/ a family

Registration forms are available online and in church, visit: <https://northwestdaytoncatholic.org/vacation-bible-school/>

For more information contact Erica Rudemiller  
erudemiller@preciousbloodchurch.org



### 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. 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 can be found online at <https://www.emmanuelcatholic.com/>

## Praise Fest

*@St. Joseph, Friday, May 17*

For All Teens Aged 13 through seniors in high school. This evening of adoration, prayer, confession, and fellowship will be held on the third Friday of every month throughout the year. We will meet from 7:00 to 10:00 pm at St. Joseph Church. We will begin in the hall with fellowship and then go over to the church for adoration. Praise Fest is for all teens ages 13 through high school seniors.

Please contact Nicole Bartz with any questions 937-956-8999

## Service Project

*@St. Charles, June 14*

On Friday, June 14, our youth spend all day working on the grounds at St. Charles. Lunch is included. This service project is a way for our youth to show appreciation for all the Precious Blood priest do for us.

## Steubenville Youth Conference

*June 21 to 23*

We'll join hundreds of Catholic teens in Steubenville, Ohio to be illuminated in the light of Christ.

For more information contact:  
Tanya Lee  
michaelllee25mel@gmail.com  
937-885-7432

## Join the Parade!

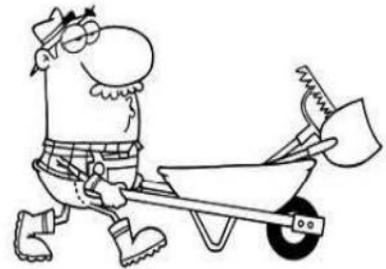
*Englewood Arts Parade, August 10*

Our youth group will be building a float that will be in the Englewood Art Festival Parade on Saturday, August 10. They will work on constructing the float at St. Paul the week before. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

For more information contact:  
Erica Rudemiller  
erudemiller@preciousbloodchurch.org  
937-937-836-7535

# St. Gaspar Youth Ministry

## Y.E.S. Youth Elect Service June 7-8



### Teen Volunteers Needed

Friday evening, June 7:

(6:00 pm - 8:30 pm)

Games, adoration, confession, and ice cream.

Saturday, June 8:

Mass at 7:30 am, then participants will be sent out to the work sites. We will close with dinner and sharing at 4:00 pm.

Current 6th-grade students through graduating high school seniors are encouraged to join us for this service retreat.

\$20 per person. Includes all meals on Saturday and a t-shirt

Financial assistance is available.

### Adult Volunteers Needed

- Do you like to spend time helping those in need?
- We'd love for you to join Y.E.S. as an adult crew leader.
- Y.E.S. is a service retreat in which volunteers will be working at the homes of elderly and homebound parishioners

Adult crew leaders and assistant crew leaders can be current college freshmen up to retirees! All volunteers must be trained in Safe Parish.

Registration forms for youth and adults who want to participate are available at the entrances of church.

Download the forms at [stgasparfamily.org](http://stgasparfamily.org).

### Work Sites Needed

On June 8, teens & adults will be volunteering to help elderly parishioners with various jobs around their homes.

This includes anything from mulching, to washing your car, or just some spring cleaning in the yard!

If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around your house contact:

**Lynda Middleton**

**lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com**

**937-228-1223**

**Or Tanya Lee**

**michaellee25mel@gmail.com**

**937-885-7432**

**Want to be added as a work site?**

**Complete the form below:**

**Do you have yard work or household chores that need to be done? Our youth want to help.**

Please fill out the following and send to Lynda Middleton at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 272 Bainbridge Street, Dayton, OH 45402 or email your information to Lynda at [Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com](mailto:Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check mark what needs to be done:

Outside painting  
Yard work  
Planting  
Weed pulling

Mulching  
Moving materials  
Washing Windows  
Cleaning Garage

Power washing  
Washing vehicles  
Repairs  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph

## Trinity Sunday

### Mass and Picnic

*@Holy Trinity, Sunday, May 26*

Have you marked your calendar for our big parish celebration? Trinity Sunday is on May 26 starting with the 11:30 am Mass and continuing under the big top on our north parking lot. No need to bring anything but yourself. The parish provides the food and the beverages. You bring the opportunity to socialize and renew old friends and make new. We are looking forward to meeting and greeting members of the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes. Come celebrate Trinity Sunday with us!

## Corpus Christi Procession

### Experience the Beauty

*@Emmanuel, Saturday, June 1*

The 23rd annual Corpus Christi Procession will take place on Saturday June 1st following the 5:15 p.m. Mass. All are invited to participate in the beautiful old tradition which takes our Lord out to the world.

**Help Us Decorate:** Join us for the decorating of the street immediately after the 7:30 a.m. Mass that morning, on June 1st. Wear old clothes and come expecting to have a wonderful time working and honoring our Lord.

## 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](mailto:lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com).



## Eliminating the Sufferer

*Available at Emmanuel*

That is how Wesley Smith of the Patients Rights Council refers to euthanasia. Even more importantly, that is how the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) refers to it, in less direct language: Thus an act or omission which, of itself or by intention causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator.

Read more of what the CCC has to say about euthanasia and the difference between euthanasia and accepting the inevitable at the end of life in the pamphlet "Euthanasia and Care of the Dying", available in the pro-life pamphlet rack in the back of Emmanuel church.



## Crafting Sessions Begin in August

### For Holy Trinity's Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar

Crafting Sessions in anticipation of our annual Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar will begin in August here at the parish, however that doesn't mean we haven't been thinking about and crafting during these months for the big day. If you are a crafter, whether it be painting, card making, woodworking, sewing, crocheting, knitting, pottery or lettering, we would be happy to receive your wares for the craft booth.

Any questions? Call Judi (937-228-1223) or Kathy (937-681-2874)



# Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph



## Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

*From Emmanuel's Choir Director,  
Michelle Carner*

The beautiful text for our entrance hymn, "See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph," was written by Christopher

Wordsworth (1807-1885), nephew of the poet William Wordsworth. A brilliant student, he was ordained in the Anglican Church and eventually became a bishop as well as a prolific writer. You will surely recognize the familiar Beethoven "Ode to Joy" tune for these words today, a fitting musical expression of Christ's glorious triumph!

## Two Historic Pipe Organs

In downtown Dayton, two historic catholic churches, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph, have long been pillars of the community. Now, they're undergoing restoration projects on their pipe organs, led by local organ builder Nicholas Koch. With a focus on preserving each church's musical heritage, Koch is undertaking the meticulous task of revitalizing these cherished instruments. Holy Trinity and St. Joseph are running simultaneous giving campaigns to offset the cost of the project.

### Holy Trinity's Pipe Organ

***\$18,691 Raised so Far!***

Our Organ restoration Capital Fund Drive – Make a Joyful Noise is underway and we are very grateful to those who have already responded with an outright gift or a pledge.

Let's keep the momentum going to achieve our goal of \$100,000. To date, \$18,691 has been donated toward our goal.

**The generosity of our parishioners is amazing, thank you.**

### St. Joseph's Pipe Organ

***Donations to date total \$32,067***

Work continues on the St. Joseph Pipe Organ, 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 in the collection basket.

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## Coffee & Donuts Update

*@St. Joseph*

Coffee & Donuts will not be held this Sunday.

## Mother's Day Flower Sale

*@St. Joseph, Sunday, May 12, after Mass*

The Mother's Day Pro-Life flower sale will be held this weekend after the Saturday 4:30pm and Sunday 10:00am Masses. All proceeds go to the Dayton Right to Life Society.

## Farewell Reception

### For Brother Matt

*@Emmanuel, Saturday, June 1*

Brother Matt will be taking a new position in Columbus, Ohio. Come say farewell to Brother Matt and thank him for his many years of service to our parishes. Join us for a light reception in the Emmanuel school building following the Corpus Christi procession on June 1.

## Attention Graduates

*From Holy Trinity*

Do you have students who are graduating from kindergarten, middle school, high school or college? We want to recognize them. Please submit their names and where they are graduating from to [Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com](mailto:Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com) so that we can honor this achievement in their lives.

## First Communicants

*From Holy Trinity*

Do you have a student receiving their first communion this year? Please submit their names to [Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com](mailto:Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com) so that we can recognize them for this important step in their faith lives.

## Unsung Heroes Kevin and Ed

*From Holy Trinity*

There are lots of unsung heroes around our parish, but for today I am singing the praises of Kevin and Ed Joyce who just bop in and do whatever they see is necessary to be done. We are grateful for their love and care of our grounds and Trinity Center. Work Party Thanks

*from Holy Trinity*

Thanks to everyone who came to help spruce up the grounds at our Work Party. Your help was greatly appreciated.

## Our Stewardship



### **Emmanuel, May 5**

Sunday Collection ..... \$7,893  
St. Vincent De Paul Tithe ..... \$789

### **Holy Trinity, May 5**

Sunday Collection ..... \$4,358.70  
Electronic Giving ..... \$2,337.30  
Outreach ..... \$1,047  
Pipe Organ to Date ..... \$18,691

### **Precious Blood, May 5**

Sunday Collection ..... \$5,477.50  
St. Vincent De Paul ..... \$865  
April Electronic Giving .... \$8,536.50

### **Saint Paul, May 5**

Sunday Collection ..... \$4,846  
St. Vincent de Paul ..... \$80  
April Electronic Giving ..... \$5,686

### **Saint Joseph, May 5**

Sunday Collection ..... \$5,039  
Outreach ..... \$233  
Pipe Organ ..... \$33,590

### **Saint Rita, May 5**

Sunday Collection ..... \$3,642  
St. Vincent De Paul ..... \$100  
April Electronic Giving ..... \$1,315

## Online Giving

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

Emmanuel: 937-228-2013

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St. Joseph: 937-228-9272

St. Paul: 937-836-7535

St. Rita: 937-278-5815

## Area News

### Taste of the Shrine

*@Maria Stein Shrine, Thursday, May 23*

The Maria Stein Shrine will host the fourth annual Taste of the Shrine on Thursday, May 23, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm! This unique event will give attendees the opportunity to enjoy the historic beauty and charm of the Shrine. Enjoy fellowship while sampling some of the finest food and drink available in God's country. This event is held in the Shrine Courtyard. Participating vendors include Brew Nation Smokehouse, Bella's Italian Grille, Do Good Restaurant, also joining us this year the Deli Bar(n). Adult beverages from GR8 Vines Winery, Winery at Versailles, Lake Rat Brewing, and Moeller Brew Barn.

Early bird discount on tickets, 30 for \$30, is available now through May 17th at the Shrine or online at [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org). After May 17th, tickets are 24 for \$30. Tickets can be used to purchase food and drinks from participating vendors, samples of food and drink will be priced at 1-10 tickets each.

In addition, there will be a \$1,000 raffle drawing during the event at 7:00 pm. Any Heritage Day Celebration tickets purchased between August 1st, 2023, and May 23rd, 2024, are entered into the drawing.

New this year is a silent and live auction! You will have the opportunity to bid on items from local businesses. Items include a Blackstone griddle, fire pits, outdoor furniture, pickleball set, outdoor lighted rosary, handcrafted artwork, gift certificates and more! Food & Drink and Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Shrine, online at [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org) or by calling 419-925-4532.

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# St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Directory & Parish Information

## 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 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm, St. Paul  
June 1, 2024 at 10:00 am, Holy Trinity

### 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.

#### 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 .

# 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 5/7/2024

Julie & Rodney Behrens  
Mark Belt  
Florence Kleismit Cobey  
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Fran Franchina  
David Franklin  
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**Jane Marx**  
**Mike Mudd**  
Caroline Palmer  
Janet Rudy-Gerrard  
Joan Schimil  
Tom Sevryn  
**Ed Stanziano**  
**Shannon Sutter**

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:** For Precious Blood parishioner Michael Sherman and his family. 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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