

April 27, 2025, Divine Mercy Sunday



SAINT GASPAR FAMILY OF PARISHES

Our Vision Statement

We will be a vibrant, worshipping, sacrificial Catholic family who loves God and sees dignity in all humanity.

As we are fed by the Eucharist and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we will grow in our relationship with Jesus and serve those in our community.

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



**Pope Francis
1936-2025**



St. Gaspar Family of Parishes

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 Divine Mercy Sunday. God's mercy is abundant. God's mercy is always present in our lives. Last week we saw the agony and resurrection of Christ. He gave everything for us. He gave everything so that our sins could be forgiven and that we could have the opportunity to enter into heaven. What a beautiful God we have.

Let us focus on Christ's resurrection. The sadness is over. We are a resurrected people. We are joyful and we have much hope in this year of hope.

The world wants us to be sad and downtrodden but that is not the Christian life. We reflect the glory and resurrection of Christ wherever we go. This is who we are and we have strength beyond our strength. That strength comes from Jesus Christ and no one can take it away from us.

Have you ever thought about all the people that died for Jesus Christ? Look at all the martyrs that gave their lives in defending the cause and mission of Jesus Christ. These people had hope in something that was far beyond human reality. You and I are called to give that same hope and joy to others in the world. Let us go forward and announce God's Divine Mercy to the world. Don't let people make you sad. You have a divine calling and mission to spread the gospel in a world that wants to bring sadness.

You are called to change the world.

God bless you all,

Fr. Tony Fortman

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Joan Macpherson at 937-276-5954.



Photo of the Week

We wish to extend a very warm thank you to our parishioner photographers, Michele Stoltz, Carla Swartz and our Sinclair Intern Kresensia Kurinawati. We could not have captured so much beauty without you. Scan the QR code to see Holy Week!



Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, April 28, 2025

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Jane Adkins
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** Int. of the Gross Family

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Robert H. Pahl
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Shirley O'Neil

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** Liv/Decd. Members of the Hugo A Behlau Family
 8:30 am **St. Paul** Communion Service
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** Int. of Deanna

Thursday, May 1, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** Wisdom for our Elected Officials
 8:30 am **St. Paul** †Isabelle Campise
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** Liv/Decd. Members of the James & Evelyn McCarthy Family

Friday, May 2, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Chris Enochs
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Lucille & Mat Heck
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Michael Angelo Buccheri

Saturday, May 3, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** All Unborn Children & Their Families
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Doug Carder
 4:30 pm **St. Joseph** For Our Parishioners
 *4:30 pm **St. Paul** †Mary Lou McDaniels
 5:00 pm **Emmanuel** Int. of William Trick Jr.

***For St. Gaspar North: the Saturday Vigil Mass, Confession, Adoration and Benediction rotate to St. Paul and will remain there through August.**

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Carolyn Ferguson
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** For Our First Communicants
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Laura Keefe
 10:30 am **Emmanuel** For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am **St. Joseph** Decd. Members of the Mooney & Ckhaizior Families
 10:30 am **St. Paul** For Our Parishioners

Confession Schedule

Monday Saturday

11:30-11:50 am | St. Joseph

Saturday

4:00-4:45 pm | Emmanuel

4:00-4:20 pm | St. Joseph

3:30-4:20 pm | St. Paul

Sunday

8:00-8:25 am | Holy Trinity

Scripture Readings

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 27, 2025

Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-25; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6 7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military

Yves Benihana
 Michael Borgert
 Nicholas Butler
 John Carner
 Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles
 Jon Chachula
 Laura Chachula
 Eric Justin Dino
 Eric Raymond Dino
 Caleb Fowler
 Jacob Gutwein
 Christopher Harman
 George Hinton
 Ryan Hulsman

Nicholas Kern
 Morgan Konsdorf
 Connor "Bakir" Magill
 Greg Marcus
 Brittany Maurer
 Zachary McIntyre
 David Musgrove
 Diane Nyirasimbi
 Anthony Pelfrey
 Gage Plasenthal
 Matt Shulten
 Luis Torres
 Susan Varmuza
 Justin Williams

Parish Calendar

Monday, April 28, 2025

Chair One Fitness (Through May 5)

4:00-4:30 pm • St. Joseph/Parish Center

Walk with Mary

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

Stephen Ministers Meeting

7:00-8:30 pm • St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

PrayerMates

7:00-8:30 pm • Precious Blood/Church

Marriage Works

6:30-8:30 pm • St. Joseph/Parish Center

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Lunch with the Lord (join at any time)

11:45 am-1:00 pm • Holy Trinity/Rectory

Senior Program and Lunch

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm • St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Catholic Life/OCIA

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

Thursday, May 1, 2025

OCIA

5:30-7:00 pm • Holy Trinity/Rectory

Adoration and Benediction

6:00-7:30 pm • St. Paul/Church

Splendor of Truth Book Read

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

Friday, May 2, 2025

Friday Hour

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

First Friday Mass for Healing with Anointing

7:00-8:30 pm • Emmanuel/Church

Saturday, May 3, 2025

May Crowning

10:00-11:00 am • Emmanuel/Church

Rummage Sale

9:00 am - 2:00 pm • Holy Trinity/Trinity Center

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Rummage Sale

9:30 am - 1:00 pm • Holy Trinity/Trinity Center

First Communion,

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes will host two First Communions, one at Precious Blood Church at 8:30 am and one at Emmanuel, 10:30 am.

NEW TIME

Knights of Columbus First Sunday Brunch

9:00 am — 1:00 pm • Bainbridge Hall

Death of Pope Francis

Statement from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Release date: April 21, 2025

Mourning the death of Pope Francis

Today, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati join Catholics and all people of faith around the world in praying for the soul of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. The Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati mourns his recent death.

Most Reverend Robert G. Casey, Archbishop of Cincinnati, has released the following statement upon the death of Pope Francis:

"As we commend a good and faithful servant to God, let us remember that Pope Francis proclaimed 2025 as a Jubilee Year of Hope — awakening us to Christ, who is alive and present in our midst. In the words of the Psalmist: "Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart, and hope in the Lord!" (Psalm 27:14).

May we, then, be filled with hope — hope that Pope Francis will receive the reward of a life poured out in selfless service and love for God's people and all creation; hope that Christ, who comforts us in our mourning, will send the Holy Spirit to be our Helper; and hope that this same Spirit will inspire and unite us as the Church to stand firm in faith, proclaiming the power of the Resurrection and the joy of the Gospel."

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr, Archbishop Emeritus of Cincinnati, has released the following statement upon the death of Pope Francis:

"Please join me in praying for the repose of the soul of our beloved Pope Francis, who was Vicar of Christ, the successor of St. Peter and a faithful shepherd of Christ's Church. The Holy Father will long be remembered for his great compassion for the elderly, the sick, the unborn, the persecuted and all those on the margins of society. He continuously reminded us that we are the stewards of God's creation and not its master. And he was an unwavering champion of world peace. After a life dedicated to proclaiming the Good News of our Lord's saving love for us, may Pope Francis now inherit the reward of eternal rest with God."

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Jesus, I Trust In You



Divine Mercy Sunday

@Emmanuel, Sunday, April 27, 12:30-3:00 pm

In addition to our regular Sunday Mass schedule, Emmanuel holds a special annual celebration for Divine Mercy Sunday.

12:30-1:45 pm

Confession with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1:00 pm

Rosary

1:30 pm

Benediction

2:00 pm

Celebration of the Eucharist followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (confessions will continue after Mass if needed).

Divine Mercy Sunday is a significant feast for the Catholic Church. Celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. The celebration focuses on the mercy of God and the importance of compassion and forgiveness in the Christian faith.

Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

From Michele Carner, Music Director

The words of the well-known "Ye Sons and Daughters" are attributed to the fifteenth-century Franciscan monk Jean Tisserand. The inimitable translator John Neale rendered into English this narrative of the resurrection, which includes the doubting Thomas text from today's readings. Even better known is the beloved Easter tune of the same name (in Latin), "O Filii et Filiae," the refrain of which we often hear as the Gospel acclamation throughout the season.

Devotionals

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday

11:30 am -12:30 pm · St. Rita

Tuesday

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel | *Doors open at 6:00 pm*

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

9:45 am · Holy Trinity

Saturdays during Lent

12:00-4:00 pm · St. Joseph

Pray the Rosary

Monday-Saturday

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

Saturday

4:30 pm · Emmanuel (before 5:00 pm Mass)

Sunday

7:55 am · St. Rita (before 8:30 am Mass)

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

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

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

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

The Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary before Mass at Holy Trinity on the first Sunday of the month at 8:00 am.

Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Friday, May 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Emmanuel Roman Catholic Church

Join us for a special Mass for Healing, including the Anointing of the Sick, a sacrament of comfort and strength for those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. All are welcome to come and pray for healing for themselves or loved ones.

If you are currently sick or have recently been exposed to the flu, coronavirus, or other contagious illnesses, we kindly ask that you wear a mask to help protect others in attendance. Let us gather as a community in faith, hope, and healing.

Faith, Fellowship and Fresh Finds

Holy Trinity's Rummage Sale

@Trinity Center, May 3 & 4

Holy Trinity's Annual Rummage Sale will be held May 3, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and May 4, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm for all in our family of parishes to attend. The second floor at Trinity Center plays hosts to five rooms full of books, a jewelry table, housewares, as well as holiday items, games and more. We hope to see you there.

Senior Program & Lunch: Layers of History

@St. Paul, Wednesday, May 7, Noon-2:00 pm

Hannah Wiest, local historical researcher, will present a revealing history of ladies' dress and undergarments during the early 1860s. Not only will she uncover each layer, describing its functional purpose, but she will also explain how fabric choice, dress style, and garment fit all help illustrate the diverse experiences of American women in the mid-nineteenth century. Please call to make reservations by noon on Monday, May 5.

God's Garden: Feed the Hungry

@St. Paul, Monday evenings, 7:00 pm, Thursday mornings, 9:00 am

God's Garden at St. Paul grows organic produce for food pantries, and has free garden beds available for the local community in exchange for help with the larger garden. Grow for your own household, get expert advice, provide service to the community. Tilling, water, some plants and seeds available. Contact Sue at skksack@gmail.com or 937-836-4223. God's Garden is located at 1000 W Wenger Rd.

Honor Your Mother with Prayer

@Holy Trinity

You will find a basket of flower cutouts 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 flower and place it in the basket.

Holy Trinity Spring Work Party

Saturday, May 10, 8:30 am

Come lend a hand! Holy Trinity's annual spring work party is Saturday, May 10th beginning at 8:30 am. We'll clean out the flower beds, clean the grounds, trim the bushes and spread mulch. Bring an extra rake if you can!

Hearts and Hands

News from St. Joe's

No Brunch with Us In May!

Come Brunch with Us! will not be held on May 11, Mother's Day.

After Mass collections

Thank you for your generosity during the after-Mass charity collections. These funds directly support our neighbors facing housing insecurity, assisting them with rent, utilities, and basic needs in order to combat homelessness. All recipients are vetted through the Dayton Neighbor-to-Neighbor organization. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

"He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his good deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

Thank you for your service!

If you are Active Military and wish to be recognized for your service, please give your name and Branch of Military to an Usher 10 minutes before Mass so Father can make the announcement after Mass. We thank you for your service! Thank you!

Rosary Rally Saturday, May 10

Our Lady calls us to pray the Rosary. Please join us for a Rosary Rally in front of St. Joseph Parish Life Center on Saturday, May 10, after the 12:00 Noon Mass. We will be praying the Rosary for America. As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God through his Holy Mother, asking his urgent help!

Prepare Lunches for St. Vincent De Paul

@Holy Trinity, Sunday, May 18 at 9:45 am

We will be packing lunches for St. Vincent's on Sunday, May 18, at 9:45 am in the Trinity Center at Holy Trinity and we could use your help. Details and a list of items needed are available at <https://bit.ly/42sqhNQ>

Please sign up by May 11, 2025.

Donated items may be turned in to the parish office at Holy Trinity on Sunday, May 11, from 9:45-11:00am.

Your help in the past is greatly appreciated. We started this quarterly activity in July of 2023. As of our February 2025 bagged lunch date, we have bagged 1,031 lunches for St. Vincent de Paul. Your time and donations continue to be a blessing to those in need and we thank you! This program will continue in September and November 2025.

If you need assistance with the sign-up link, please contact Leslie 937-901-5468 or Janet 937-623-9272.

Sponsored quarterly by the Holy Trinity Social Action Ministry.

Divine Mercy and the Death Penalty

@St. Joseph Center, April 27, beginning at 11:45 am

The presenters will be Michael R. Merz presenting the Catholic Church's position and Kendall White, Deputy Director for Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE).

On Sunday, April 27, Divine Mercy Sunday, please join us for an informative presentation regarding ending the death penalty in Ohio. This program will be held after the 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in the Parish Life Center located at 400 E. 2 nd St., Dayton, OH. A light lunch will be served beginning about 11:45am in the Center with presentations to follow and concluding about 2:00pm. Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE) is the only single-issue death penalty repeal organization in Ohio. OTSE represents millions of Ohioans who oppose the death penalty, and we are the lead organization in the #NoDeathPenaltyOhio campaign to abolish Ohio's capital punishment system.

For more information on OTSE, go to the website at: <https://otse.org>

For more information on the Church's position, go to: <https://catholicaoc.org>.

For questions, please contact Leslie Iannarino at leslieiannarino@hotmail.com

This program is jointly supported and sponsored by: Holy Trinity Church Education and Social Action Ministry, Knights of Columbus Council 500 and Marian Council 3754, and St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Right to Life Ministry.



5th Annual Women's Day: Women of Hope

@Trinity Center, Saturday, May 17

Please join us for a lovely day designed especially for the women of our parishes. Our day will include three presentations, a special craft session, delicious food and inspirational prayers to uplift your spirit and renew your hope. Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S., PhD., S.T.D. Director of the Institute for Liturgical Ministry in Dayton will kick off our day reflecting on Hope: Surrender to Goodness Always and Everywhere. Time is 8:30 am – 2:30 pm at Holy Trinity Center. Cost is \$30.00 (scholarships available). Pre-registration is required, Seating is limited to 50 people. To register,

complete this registration form and return it with payment to your parish, or contact Patsy Martin at 937.776.8949, or plmartin937@gmail.com. The registration form is also available on the Holy Trinity Church website at holyltrinitydayton.net. The deadline to register is May 9, 2025. Cancellation with Full Refund: By Friday, May 9, 2025. Substitutions are allowed.

WOMEN'S DAY REGISTRATION FORM: 2025

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____ PARISH: _____

Mail your \$30 check or money order, made payable to Holy Trinity Church to: Holy Trinity Church, C/O Patsy Martin, 272 Bainbridge Street, Dayton, OH 45402.

Box Lunches will be Provided, Circle Your Choices Below:

Sandwich, Wrap or Salad (Choose One)

- Deli Double Decker Club Bacon, turkey, Swiss, lettuce, tomato on Vienna bread
- Chicken Salad on Croissant
- California Chicken Wrap Chicken breast, avocado, tomato, provolone, sprouts with tangy southwest sauce
- Club Wrap Turkey, bacon, lettuce, tomato, Swiss cheese, ranch dressing
- Cobb Salad (Vegetarian) Portobello mushroom, scallions, tomatoes, carrots, Colby, Monterey Jack, avocado, sprouts with creamy dill dressing
- Cobb Salad with Grilled Chicken Scallions, tomatoes, carrots, Colby, Monterey Jack, avocado, sprouts with creamy dill dressing

Side Dishes (Choose One)

- Potato Chips
- Twice Baked Potato Salad
- Veggies with Dill Dip

Desserts (Choose One)

- Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
- Chocolate Chip Cookie

For Families and Youth



Movie Meet Up

Monday, April 28, at 7:00 pm

Cinemark at the Greene

4489 Glengarry Dr.

Beavercreek OH 45440

Please buy your ticket in advance: <https://carloacutisfilm.com/>

Update on Carlo Acutis

The canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis has been postponed due to the death of Pope Francis. Carlo has been the April Saint of the Month for the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes. Prayer cards are available at all of our parishes.

St. Joan of Arc: Our Saint for May

Celebrated for her unwavering courage and faith, Joan was a peasant girl who led the French army to victory during the Hundred Years' War, believing she was guided by divine visions. Captured and martyred at the age of 19, she became a symbol of hope and resilience. Her feast day is observed on May 30th, and she serves as an inspiring example of how faith can empower individuals to make a significant impact in the world. We encourage everyone to reflect on her life and draw strength from her remarkable dedication to her faith.



Pray For our First Communicants

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes will celebrate First Communion on May 4, 2025 at the 8:30 am Mass at Precious Blood and the 10:30 am Mass at Emmanuel.

As our young parishioners across all six of our churches prepare to receive their First Holy Communion, we invite you to be part of their journey by praying for them. Your prayers can take any form—whether it's attending daily Mass, praying a Rosary, or simply offering an Our Father or Hail Mary—whatever fits naturally into your prayer life.

From Emmanuel, pray for:

Sherman Ingalls
John Bowen
Ellie Hoerbert
Lucas Kreitinger
Teresa Bond
Karen Nunes
Sophia Smith
Max Beauchamp
Jacinta Mark
Lucy McBride
Lucy Hunter
Divine Matumaini
Sylvie Norckauer

From St. Joseph pray for:

AJ McCarty

From St. Paul, St. Rita and Precious Blood pray for:

Adelynn Combs
Natalie Cottrell
Vincent Eziako
Charlie Kahlig
Joseph Lowery
Haley Marshall
Payton Marshall
Daniel Smith
Braelyn Statzer
Easton Stockslager

May Crowning 2025

Honoring Our Blessed Mother

May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and one of the most beloved traditions is the May Crowning. This special devotion celebrates Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Mother of the Church. During the celebration, we offer flowers and prayers as we crown her statue, recognizing her purity, grace, and motherly love.

Please bring fresh flowers to carry in the procession.

May Crowning Celebrations – St. Gaspar Family of Parishes:

Emmanuel Church

Saturday, May 3 | 10:00 AM Mass

St. Paul Church

Sunday, May 11 | 10:30 AM Mass

Let us come together in love and faith to honor our Blessed Mother.

St. Gaspar Respect Life Group



Bottles for Babies!

May 11 - June 15

The St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is hosting a Bottles for Babies campaign from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Money raised will benefit the life-saving work of Elizabeth's New Life Center, an organization which provides free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, prenatal care, and material assistance to abortion-vulnerable women.

To participate in Bottles for Babies, simply pick up a bottle on May 11 and fill it with coins, cash, and/or checks (made out to ENLC). Please return your bottle by June 15.

Ohio Pro-Life Laws Steadily Being Nullified by Issue 1



A local judge has permanently blocked an Ohio law requiring fetal or embryonic remains from surgical abortions to be cremated or buried, ruling it violates the constitutional amendment protecting reproductive rights that Ohio voters approved in 2023 (Issue 1).

The recent decision by Hamilton County Judge Alison Hatheway came in a case brought by a group of clinics and the ACLU of Ohio. An earlier iteration of the legal challenge had argued that a lack of rules, including whether a death certificate would be required, made complying with the law "impossible."

Dayton Right to Life and other prolife groups worked on this legislation for over 3 years. It passed the Ohio legislature and was signed by the Governor in 2020. This is just one of numerous Ohio abortion laws that courts have blocked as a result of the 2023 amendment that codified a so-called, "right to abortion" in the Ohio Constitution.

Last August, Franklin County Judge David C. Young temporarily blocked several state laws that combined to create a 24-hour waiting period for obtaining an abortion in the state. Then, in September, Hatheway blocked two more abortion laws impacted by the vote: a ban on the use of telemedicine for medication abortions and one prohibiting non-doctors — including midwives, advanced practice nurses and physician assistants — from

prescribing the abortion pill mifepristone. In October, Hamilton County Judge Christian Jenkins struck down Ohio's Heartbeat law, which protected babies after a fetal heartbeat detection.

So, it seems the voters of Ohio are getting exactly the kind of laws they wanted. In spite of this we must recognize that the fight to protect life is ultimately not about changing laws. Rather, it is a moral and spiritual fight to change hearts and minds, to bring about a true culture of life.

Want to Learn More About the Respect Life Group?

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

~Emmanuel: Dan Godale bz2ngk@roadrunner.com
~Holy Trinity: Karen Averback kmaverbeck@aol.com
~Precious Blood: Rosie Prier rprier@elizabethnewlife.org
~St. Joseph: Mary Jo Klein
klein.maryjo@immaculateheartcoop.net
~St. Paul: Mike and Sally Boston kkkkboston@aol.com
~St. Rita: Debbie Nieport psalm27.dn@gmail.com

Dayton Area Parent Resource Guide

Available at Emmanuel

Dayton Right to Life has prepared a pamphlet listing contact information for resources available to parents. These include everything from adoption services, car seats and cribs, clothing, employment assistance, and miscarriage and post-abortive support, to parenting education, birth certificates, legal help and pregnancy support services. Copies are available for free in the back of Emmanuel church. Please pick up a copy to see the full list of resources available, and use it to help someone you know.

-Laura L. Mann, Emmanuel Parishioner

IMPACT

May 2025

Bring faith to life.
Find life in faith.



Discover true love.

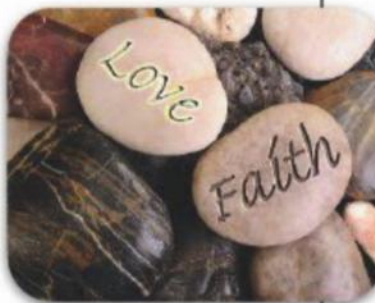
At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus met Peter, James, and John by the seashore, filling their nets to overflowing. They left their boats behind, awestruck and hopeful. After the resurrection, confused and out of sorts, the apostles returned to their fishing boats, seeking security in their previous way of life. They encountered Jesus on the seashore again, their fishing net and their hearts overflowing anew.

Even though the disciples had journeyed with Jesus for three years, he still had much to teach them about forgiveness, mercy, and love. Peter had denied Jesus during his passion; others had walked away, hidden, fearful. Jesus did not come to condemn them, however. He came with love, seeking love. "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Jesus asked. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (Jn 21:15, 13:35)

Allow the Lord to come to you with love. Jesus sacrificed himself, giving himself completely so that God's love might be known. Listen to the gospels as though it's the first time you're hearing them and be awestruck by the miracle of Christ's undying love for all.

The love we encounter in Jesus is not easy, feel-good love, like young infatuation. Rather, the love of Christ is deep, unshakable, true. Jesus reveals God who is love: "God's very being is love. By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret. God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange." (CCC, 221)

Thank God for the gift of love through sharing and caring. Jesus asks, "Do you love me?" Respond to Christ's love in gratitude by putting love into action, especially for those who are poor, lonely, frightened, and sick.



Give yourself away.

"There the cross is found, because the cross is our desire to give ourselves away. It is our hunger to genuinely hand ourselves over, to give ourselves to others, because it is in doing so that we are most who we are. If you hold onto your life, you will not have life, but if you give it away, you cannot exhaust life. It becomes everlasting life. You become absolutely you."

***And who, finally, are you?** You are the image and likeness of God. If God is pure self-gift, then self-gift is the image in which we are made, the blueprint on which we are built. Therefore, to give ourselves away is what we most deeply desire."*

— Fr. Michael Himes, *Doing the Truth in Love*

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Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my hand.

-John 10:27-29, Fourth Sunday of Easter

New life

What difference does the resurrection make in your every day life? At times, the richness of what we believe may seem distant from the way we live. In this season of Easter, our Sunday readings focus on the depths of Jesus' love for us and the fervor of the first disciples in witnessing to that love with others. These are perfect themes for us to explore this month, as we consider what followers of Jesus who live the new life of the resurrection are called to be and to do.

There are many moments when we face death. Perhaps we experience the physical death of a loved one, or we come to terms with our own mortality.

There are other "deaths" we experience in life as well: illness, with the limitations it brings; fear, and the paralysis that may accompany it; anxiety, and the way it can diminish our sense of wellbeing and hope.

Christ's resurrection brings new life, transforming our experiences of death with ultimate meaning and the certainty of God's love through everything life holds.

As the Easter season unfolds, face death with the assurance that new life is yours in Christ! Be mindful that others wait for you to witness to and share that life as a faithful disciple and steward.

IMPACT THIS MONTH

Stewards of Hope

We all need a little hope now and then. It is easy in today's charged, polarized culture to be overwhelmed by fear, mistrust, anger, and frustration. Studies show that more people are lonely and isolated than in previous generations. Others long for support from family or friends who seem too busy to listen or pay attention to their dismay.



The Jubilee Year theme "Pilgrims of Hope" is a reminder that we have

hope and are called to bring hope to others through our membership in Christ's Body. Jesus' resurrection and ascension gives us the certainty that this present moment, no matter

how dismal it may seem, is a passing thing - Christ's victory over death means that we have hope for eternity.

The apostles understood that the hope that is found in Jesus' resurrection was a great gift that must be shared. They simply could not not share the Good News of Christ with all.

This month, reflect on the hope you have been given through your faith in Jesus Christ. When do you lean in to that hope in times of trial, loneliness, or frustration? How are you called to be a good steward of this hope? The world needs hope now more than ever. Be hope. Share it. Be a good steward of hope for all.

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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.

Communion for the Homebound

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 at 7:00 pm

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.

Thursday Evenings at 5:30 pm

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults), offers a welcoming pathway for individuals embarking on the journey of joining the Catholic Church. 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/livestream/>

St. Joseph Church, Sunday, 10:30 am

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

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Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin Date: May 11, 2025

Articles Due: May 1, 2025

Ministry leaders should send information to the Communications Manager, Joan Macpherson via email at: jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org.

Full Page Flyer

Full page flyers for parish events will be included when space allows. Flyers will be accepted in the form of Word documents or PDFs., JPEGs. Scans will not be accepted.

Stephen Ministry

Could you benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister? Do you know someone who could benefit from Stephen Ministry? Are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister?

Contact Diane Huelsman to learn more: 937-416-8870 or call your parish office.

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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 4/22/25

Tomasina Asterino Jones

Barb Aivalotis

Tony Batiille

Andy Belt

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Daniel Brooks

Rita Brun

Bill & Jayme Budde

John D'Agostino

Marty DeMange

Fran Franchina

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Janet Rudy-Gerrard

Jeffrey Glackin

Michael Glackin

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Phil Lange

Howard McKinney, Jr.

Sue Michael

Amy Michel-Magan

Diane Meier

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Steve Peralta

Malena Phillips

Kathy Profit

Brandon Schneider

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr

Fr. Jim Seibert

Debbie Shively

Ted Sollmann

Mike Tanner

Ruth Suttmiller Jackson Tokasey and Family

Velma & Family

Catherine Winkler

Jack & Ann Wolf

Prayer List Guidelines

New names appear in bold.

Names remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless we are notified otherwise.

Adding a name to the prayer list:

The St. Gaspar Family of parishes prayer list is faithfully maintained by staff member Nancy Burton.

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list call your parish office.

With Sympathy to St. Paul parishioners Fred & Barb Kreuzer, Fred recently lost his brother, Kenneth Kreuzer. 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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