

July 27, 2025, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# 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**

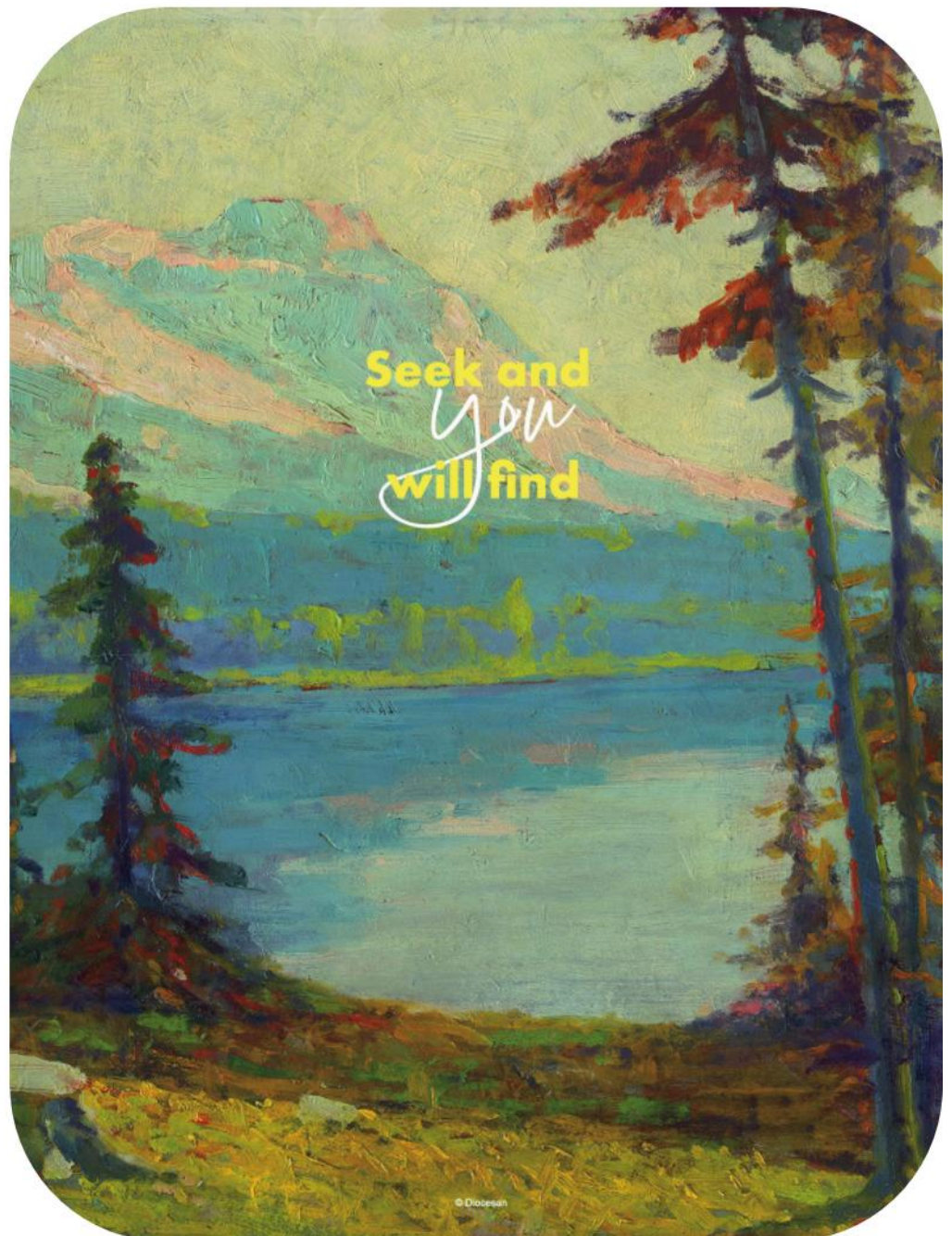
411 East Second Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.9272

### **Saint Paul**

1000 W. Wenger Road  
Englewood, OH 45322  
937.836.7535

### **Saint Rita**

5401 N. Main Street  
Dayton, OH 45415  
937.278.5815





# 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.

## One Family, One Faith One Fun-Filled Day Parish Picnic Sunday, August 10

### UNITY

The state of being united or joined as a whole; oneness.

### PICNIC

An excursion or outing, usually with food; a social activity enjoyed with family and friends; a pleasant or amusingly carefree experience.

On Sunday, August 10, we are all invited to attend a pleasant and amusingly carefree day and join together as a whole St. Gaspar family. We all share the same love of God, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and blessings of Jesus in our lives. Let us bridge the distance that separates us and bring the gift of each other as we share this special day.

As with most families, we travel near and far to be together to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, weddings, sporting events, etc. Let this be our St. Gaspar Family holiday as we gather at St. Paul Catholic Church.

If you've never been to St. Paul's, now is a great time to see and enjoy the beautiful grounds that surround the Church. The day is planned from noon to 4:30pm with music, food, games, animals, wagon rides, BINGO, face painting, volleyball, corn hole, magic show, dunk booth and more.



Please let us know you're coming! It will help the Knights of Columbus from Marian Council and Council 500, who have graciously agreed to provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. We don't want to run out!

Ask and you will receive; seek and you shall find many friends, family, and God's blessings on us all!

Sign up today!

### Questions:

**Leslie Iannarino 937-901-5468**

**Charlie Gross 937-239-3298**

Scan the QR code to RSVP or visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094FA8AE2CA02-57094226-stgaspar> If you need assistance with your RSVP contact your parish office.

## Sign Up for Flocknote

Sign up to receive updates from our parishes via email and text.

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

Text: GETGASPAR to 84576

If you need assistance with signing up contact:  
Joan Macpherson at 937-276-5954.



## Photo of the Week

We welcomed Joseph Patrick Sugrue, son of Logan and Ian Sugrue, into the family of God at St. Paul. Joseph was joyfully baptized by Deacon Brian Seibert, and we celebrate this special moment as he begins his journey of faith. Welcome to the Church, Joseph!

# Mass Times & Intentions

## Monday, July 28, 2025

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... Celebrant's Intention  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Jasmine & Hugh Skees  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** For the Texas flood victims and their families

## Tuesday, July 29, 2025

7:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... Celebrant's Intention  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Mary Dexter  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... Int of Mark, Carl & Lia Brzozowski

## Wednesday, July 30, 2025

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †Catherine Woodruff  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... Celebrant's Intention  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... Fr. Seraphine's ordination

## Thursday, July 31, 2025

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Liv/Dec Members of the Moore family  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Lucille & Mat Heck  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Nancy Sprauer

## Friday, August 1, 2025

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Int of Dan & Theresa Ruschau  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Joe & Rick Heberling  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Fran Franchina

## Saturday, August 2, 2025

7:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... †All unborn children and their families  
 12:00 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Angela McCarthy  
 4:30 pm ..... **St. Joseph** ..... †Kay Belcher  
 4:30 pm ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Gene Carver  
 5:00 pm ..... **Emmanuel** ..... For our parishioners

## Sunday, August 3, 2025

8:30 am ..... **Holy Trinity** ..... For our parishiners  
 8:30 am ..... **Precious Blood** ..... †Connie Albers  
 8:30 am ..... **St. Rita** ..... †Vera Pahl  
 10:30 am ..... **Emmanuel** ..... Liv/Dec members of the Hugo A Behlau family  
 10:30 am ..... **St. Joseph** ..... For our parishioners  
 10:30 am ..... **St. Paul** ..... †Tom Horan & Jim Butz

## 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

## Mass Intentions

A Mass Intention can be requested for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Mass intentions for 2025 can be scheduled by calling your parish office.



## Scripture Readings

### For the Week of July 27, 2025

<b>Monday</b>	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus</b> Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</b> Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
<b>Saturday</b>	Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

## 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, July 28, 2025**

**Craft Day**

3:30-7:30 pm · Holy Trinity/Rectory

**God's Garden Work Day**

7:00-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Garden

**Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

**No Public Events**

**Wednesday, July 30, 2025**

**Lunch with the Lord (join at any time)**

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

**Thursday, July 31, 2025**

**God's Garden Work Day**

9:00-10:30 am · St. Paul/Garden

**Friday, August 1, 2025**

**Friday Hour**

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

**Mass for Healing & Anointing**

7:00-8:30 pm · Emmanuel/Church

**Saturday, August 2, 2025**

**Glenmary Sisters Missionary Co-op Appeal**

Precious Blood · St. Paul · St. Rita

**Sunday, August 3, 2025**

**Donut Sunday**

After Mass · Precious Blood/Gaspar Room

**Glenmary Sisters Missionary Co-op Appeal**

Precious Blood · St. Paul · St. Rita

## Coming Up

**Sunday, August 10, 2025**

**Family of Parishes Picnic**

12:00-4:30 pm · St. Paul/Outdoors

**August 23 & 24, 2025**

**Diocese of Tanga Missionary Co-op Appeal**

Emmanuel · Holy Trinity · St. Joseph

**Sunday, September 28**

**St. Joseph Street Party**

St. Joseph · Outdoors

## What's Ahead?



### Happy Anniversary Fr. Seraphine!

**Ordained July 30, 2002**

This Wednesday, Fr. Seraphine will celebrate the Anniversary of his ordination. Please be sure to wish him well when you see him.

From your St. Gaspar Family: Thank you so much for your joyful and sincere service to the Church. Your smile, your laughter, and your deep love for Christ have touched so many hearts and brought light to our community.

Your ministry is a beautiful reflection of God's love—steadfast, generous, and full of grace. Whether through your words, your presence, or your prayerful spirit, you lead with both humility and joy, and for that, we are truly grateful.

May the Lord continue to bless you and fill you with the same joy you so freely share with others.

### Summer Series with Fr. Tony

**@St. Paul, Thursday, August 7, 6:30 pm**

Fr. Tony continues to host informal gatherings at St. Paul to view the FORMED series *The Search*. *The Search* leads people to the deepest questions of the human heart, exploring the meaning and purpose of life with a visually stunning and intellectually stimulating approach.

**A Time to Share a Meal**

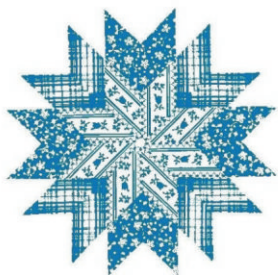
These gatherings are social and informal.

Please bring a dish to share.

To find out what you can bring visit:

<https://stgasparfamilydayton.flocknote.com/signup/216688>.

# Co-op Appeal North & South



## Glenmary Sisters

**@St. Gaspar North August 2 & 3**

The Glenmary sisters will be speaking at Masses at St. Gaspar North (Precious Blood, St. Paul, and St. Rita) for the Missionary Co-op Appeal. We will be taking up a special collection for their ministry.

The GLENMARY SISTERS were founded in 1941 by Father William Howard Bishop and have been serving as living examples of Christ's love in action in the rural, small town mission areas of America for over 80 years. Many Americans do not realize the tremendous amount of spiritual and material poverty that exists right here in the U.S. The Glenmary Sisters minister to all God's people regardless of their race, creed or lifestyle through compassionate outreach and ecumenical efforts.

## Diocese of Tanga

**@St. Gaspar South August 23 & 24**

Fr. Augustine Temu will be speaking on behalf of the Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania. He will be joined by another speaker at St. Gaspar South (Holy Trinity, St. Joseph and Emmanuel).

Father Augustine Temu was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tanga in Tanga, Tanzania, East Africa, in 2007. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Communication and Rhetorical Studies at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



As an Outreach Priest, he has seen firsthand the impact that Cross Catholic Outreach has in serving the poor. As a priest from Tanzania, he is inspired and motivated to serve those in need, having worked in rural parishes where the majority of people are terribly poor.

Father Augustine is an inspiring and compassionate speaker, and Cross Catholic Outreach is proud to have him preach on behalf of those we serve — the poorest of the poor.

Please be sure to welcome our visitors on their respective weekends and prayerfully consider your donation.

### **About the Missionary Cooperation Plan**

The purpose of the Missionary Co-op Appeal is two-fold. First, the many mission congregations, lay organizations and mission dioceses get a chance to personally appeal for prayer and financial support from U.S. Catholics. Secondly, we Catholics have the opportunity to learn more about current mission efforts. We emphasize solidarity and understanding of the situations that make life so difficult for so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ.



## 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*

### **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

### **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.**

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD,  
WE'RE HAVING A

# **ST. GASPAR FAMILY** *Picnic*

A big Thank You to the Knights of Columbus  
Marian Council and Council 500 for providing  
the hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments and  
beer! That's why we need your RSVP so no  
one misses out on the great food!

NOON - 4:30PM  
**AUGUST 10, 2025**

There'll be music, food, games, animals,  
and more - just let us know you're coming!  
Bring a dish to share! Sign up now!

St. Paul Catholic Church  
1000 W. Wenger Rd., Englewood





# Our Parish Picnic Location

## Gather Together Under God's Sky

If you've ever driven out to **St. Paul Church in Englewood**, you know there's something special about it—a peaceful stretch of green, open skies, and the feeling of being just far enough “out in the country” to relax and breathe. It's the perfect place to gather, and that's exactly why we scheduled our picnic here!

This year, we especially encourage all our **Family of Parishes**—from areas as far away as **Kettering, Beaver Creek, Xenia and beyond**—to join us for a day of fellowship, food, and outdoor fun on the wide, beautiful grounds of St. Paul.

The aerial photo here gives just a glimpse of the open space, the ease of parking, and the flourishing community garden that makes our parish such a welcoming place. There's room to run, relax, and reconnect—with nature, with neighbors, and with God. Whether it's your first time visiting or you've been here often, we hope you'll make the trip and enjoy a Sunday afternoon surrounded by beauty and community.



### Picnic Fun Facts

- Fill out a name tag when you arrive
- Kona Ice will be available, 1 per person
- Wristbands for beer for those 21 and over

#### *Dunk Booth “Dunkees”*

- 1:30 - Brad Thobe - Unified Parish Council Member
- 2:00 - Erica Rudemiller - Children & Teen Evangelization Director
- 2:30 - Fr. Tony Fortman - Yes, our Pastor
- 3:00 - Marianne Pitts - Music & Liturgy Director
- 3:30 - Deacon Brian Seibert - Director of Evangelization

If you've never seen a Lavender Skunk you don't want to miss it!  
Idle Hour Farms will be here from 1:00-2:00 with some special friends!

### Soccer Challenge at the Picnic

The Knights of Columbus Council 500 will be hosting the Soccer Challenge at the St. Gaspar's Family of Parish Picnic on August 10 between the hours of 12:00pm-3:30pm. This challenge will be open to all boys and girls in the community, ages 9-14. Registration will occur the day of the event. The contest only requires making penalty kicks on a goal, so no professional gear is required. Winners will be announced for both boys and girls in the 9-11 and 12-14 age brackets (4 total winners). Winners will receive a Knights of Columbus soccer ball and the opportunity to compete at the district, regional, and state levels.

If you have any questions please contact Chris Grimm at (402) 578-9018 or at [cgrimm92@gmail.com](mailto:cgrimm92@gmail.com).

### Live Music: Adam Unbound performing from 12:00-2:00 pm



Wagon Rides with Eric and Angie's Belgium Horses

## Two Great Ways to Grow in Faith This Fall! Foundations of Faith Bible Study & OCIA!

*Fall Bible Study @ Emmanuel begins in September*

Discover the heart and soul of your Catholic beliefs with Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This engaging, 20 week series was filmed across 40 locations, spanning 4 continents and 10 countries, showing you the universal beauty of the Church. We will meet to view the dynamic video presentations followed by a time of lively group discussions and fellowship. 10 sessions will be offered this Fall and the next 10 sessions will be in the Fall of 2026. Sessions will be offered on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings, starting in September. More info to follow.

### Becoming Catholic

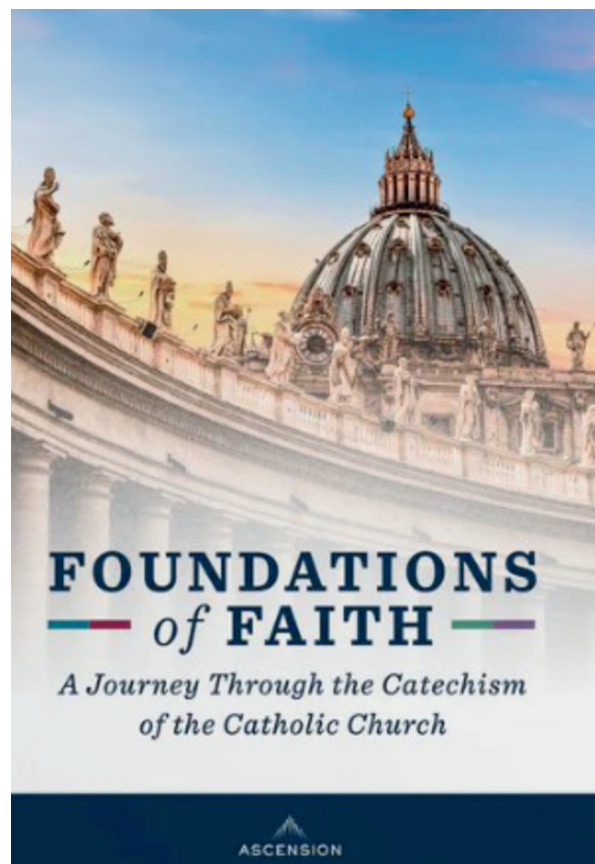
*The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)*

OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the process by which baptized Christians and unbaptized persons can learn more and join the Catholic Church. Three opportunities for OCIA will be available this year in the St. Gaspar family of parishes starting in September:

- Holy Trinity: Wednesdays at 11:45 am, starting September 3
- St. Paul: Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm, starting September 3
- Holy Trinity: Sundays at 12:00 noon, starting September 7

Each group will be using the “Foundations of Faith: A Journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church” series from Ascension. Cost for the workbook and internet access to the videos is \$40. Scholarships will be offered on an as-needed basis.

Contact: Lynda Middleton – 937-228-1223 | lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com



*Whether you're exploring Catholicism for the first time or diving deeper into the beauty of your faith, these programs offer a path to growth, friendship, and encounter with Christ.*

### First Friday Mass for Healing & Anointing

*@Emmanuel, Friday, August 1, 7:00 pm*

Join us for our First Friday Mass for healing, with anointing on Friday, August 1, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Fr. Vincent Chembakassery will be out celebrant.

If you are sick, or have been exposed to the Flu, corona virus, etc., please be sure to bring & wear a mask.

### Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

*From Music Director, Michelle Carner*

Most of you probably know that the music for our processional, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee,” was composed by the great Ludwig von Beethoven (1770-1827). This famous work is from his ninth symphony, itself unusual in that it calls for a chorus to sing with the orchestra. Ode to Joy, as it is commonly known, is perfect music for the text today, and indeed for the many different texts it serves (“Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” and “Sing with All the Saints in Glory,” to name just two others).

### Golden Jubilee Mass w/Archbishop Casey

*RSVP by August 25, 2025*

Couples celebrating a jubilee wedding anniversary (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on September 6th (Dayton) or 7th (Cincinnati). Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered to the jubilarian couples. Times and locations are:



**Saturday, September 6th, 5:00 pm**  
Church of the Incarnation (Centerville)

**Sunday, September 7th, 10:00 am**  
Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains (Cincinnati)  
Please RSVP using the QR code or by following this link:  
<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/divine-worship-and-sacraments/news/golden-jubilee-masses-with-archbishop>

If you need assistance please call your parish office.





## St. Gaspar Youth Help build the float that will represent the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes in the Englewood Arts Parade!

@St. Paul, Thursday July 31, 7:00 pm &  
Friday August 8, time TBD

**Who:** All ages (Children, teens, adults!)  
Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent.

**What:** Design the float- painting, cutting, drawing, -- don't worry if you're not artsy or crafty we'll find a way to put you to work!

**Vote for the Float theme!**

Scan the QR code or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2vhw887b>



## Join us for the Parade

**Saturday, August 9**

Join us in walking in the parade and passing out candy Saturday August 9th in the morning-- details coming soon! Please let Erica know if you can come on July 31 so we can begin planning and creating our float. This counts as community service hours for those preparing for Confirmation! Please contact Erica with any questions, 937-836-7535.



"Catholic Youth Summer Camp (CYSC)...brought (me) great joy through Eucharistic Adoration, and I came to a greater love for Our Eucharistic Lord" Anthony N.

## Lector Training & Refresh

@Precious Blood, Monday, August 11, 6:00 pm

Summer is a time to refresh. All lectors are joyfully invited to a refresher session on proclaiming the word. Attendees will have the opportunity to read a passage of choice and received live feedback from other fellow lectors in a casual, relaxed environment. Also, some of our St. Gaspar Family of Parishes lectors who recently attended an online training session will share their insights and helpful highlights from the course.

If you are newer to the ministry, a veteran of many seasons, or feeling called to lector ministry, this is for you! The session will be held at Precious Blood on Monday, August 11 @ 6:00 PM. Please email Marianne Pitts if you plan to attend at [mpitts@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:mpitts@preciousbloodchurch.org) or call the parish office at 937-276-5954.

## Knights of Columbus Council 500

@Bainbridge Hall, Tuesday, August 5

The monthly council meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm. Please contact Sir Knight Drew Hilgeford, Grand Knight, at [kofc500gk@gmail.com](mailto:kofc500gk@gmail.com) for further particulars.

# CHRISTMAS In JULY

Hosted by St. Gaspar Family Respect Life Group for

Through this outreach, St. Gaspar Family of Parishes can help to make it possible for the Stork's Nest Baby Pantry to offer FREE assistance to parents or guardians who find themselves unable to provide basic needs to their children.

## Our most NEEDED ITEMS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baby Wash Cloths/Towels</li> <li>Burp Cloths/Bibs</li> <li>Bottles/Sippy Cups</li> <li>Toiletries</li> <li>Baby wash/lotion</li> <li>Formula</li> <li>Emlamil Infant/Gentle Powder</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boys/Girls Clothing</li> <li>Toddler 2T-5T</li> <li>Toddler PJ's/Underwear</li> <li>Socks - NB-5T</li> </ul>
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**SCAN HERE**

to shop for items on our Amazon registry and your order ships directly

**Baby Shower**

Please return donated items to your parish by July 31.  
Thank you for helping those in crisis pregnancies.





# Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

## Impact this month

### OPEN YOUR HEART

Take a few moments each day, or longer if you are able, to open your heart to God's love. Recall moments when you have felt God's presence or remember that God always waits for you!

### THINK ABOUT YOUR LIFE

What is most important? How do your daily activities, decisions, and focus show your love for God? In what ways does your faith direct and influence your life?

### GROW IN FAITH AND HOPE

Allow Jesus to touch your heart with peace, healing, love and hope. Trust that God is with you in all things. Share the blessing of this loving, trusting relationship with family, friends, co-workers and fellow parishioners.



## Who or what do you love with all your heart?

Your answer to this question says it all.

Have you ever had someone ask, "What's in your heart?" Or say, "This is at the heart of our discussion"? When we speak of the heart, we get to what is most important, at the center, the crux of the matter. **What is at the heart of our lives has the greatest impact.** When we know where our heart is, we prioritize and put things in proper perspective. In doing so, we begin to see how all of the many aspects of our lives fit together.

**Is God at the heart of your life?** Some could clearly say yes — and their decisions and actions reflect the heart of God. Yet, many will say that their heart is not quite there yet. As we listen to the readings and hear the stories of the early disciples, it is clear that they gave Jesus a place in their lives. We may forget, however, that before the disciples were sent out two by two, before they asked Jesus to teach them to pray, before they walked from town to town with him, there was an encounter. As they came to know Jesus, he touched their hearts; they experienced peace, healing, mercy and love in ways they had never known before. This encounter is the beginning point for us as well. It must be.

**How do we come to know Jesus?** The answer may be a bit different for each of us. No matter the circumstances, however, the starting point is an *open heart*. When we open our hearts to an encounter with Christ, we can be certain that God is there, waiting, ready to touch our hearts with love beyond our imagining or comprehension. An open heart leads to a heart filled with love. A heart filled with love naturally reaches out to others, overflowing with mercy, generosity, and peace. In this Jubilee Year, may we be like the disciples sent out on the journey as pilgrims together. Let us dare to open our hearts to the hope of Christ, loving the Lord with all our heart, being, strength, and mind, and our neighbor as our self.





## Martha, Martha

Mary chose the better part. What about Martha?



**"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things..."** Jesus' words may sting for those of us who relate to Martha. Mary, it seems, ignores Martha's bustle, focusing instead on Jesus' and his teaching. We rankle at Jesus' response to Martha. After all, she was taking care of Jesus and those in his company, wasn't she?

This exchange between Jesus and Martha is not the only one between them in the Gospels, however. Martha is featured in another key Gospel narrative, the one in which her brother, Lazarus, has died. Jesus waits to come to the grieving family. Martha is the first to question his absence, and to declare her belief that he is the Messiah.

It seems that Martha has been listening all along. She has a trusting relationship with and faith in Jesus. Perhaps she, like Jesus' mother Mary, has been pondering many things in her heart. Maybe we overreact to Jesus' words to Martha, and therefore miss something important for us as well. Perhaps Jesus wasn't chiding Martha about her anxious pace as much as he was showing care for her, drawing her back to her trusting relationship with him. The testimony of the later interaction between them gives evidence that Martha didn't leave after Jesus commented on her anxiousness and worry. She must have remained, perhaps stilling her heart and anxious life to let Jesus in more completely.

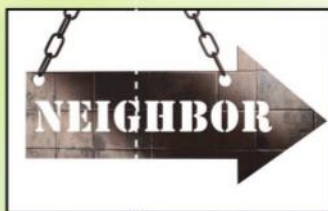
As we go about our daily lives, it will be good for us to remember Martha and Mary. Let us consider our relationship with the Lord in the midst of our daily living, and allow Christ's love, forgiveness, and mercy to permeate our hearts, and to shine through us. At times, we must be like Mary and "choose the better part," and at other times, we will be Martha, busy with many things. We can let go of the worry and anxiousness that burdened Martha and sometimes burdens us, and learn to trust in God even in, especially in, our busy, bustling, lives!

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.**

– Lk 10:25–27

## Who is your neighbor?

When Jesus responded to the scholar who wished to trick him, he teaches us all what it means to see our neighbor through the heart of God. He exposes the hypocrisy of the religious leaders whose concern for the *letter* of the law overrode their concern for the injured man, and the compassion at the *heart* of the law.



In placing the Samaritan as the one who was neighbor to the victim, Jesus challenges the social prejudices of the time. Samaritans and Jews held each other in contempt, yet this Samaritan not only cared for the victim, he reflected God's love through his lavish expression of compassion and mercy. The one who was hated became the one revered and respected.

Who is your neighbor? Are there individuals or people of a particular ethnic or social group that you avoid or hold in contempt? How are you called to the love and service that is at the heart of Christ's message? Who waits for your compassion, acceptance, selfless sharing, or attention?

## Our Stewardship

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## Other Families

### DCYA Assumption Ball

#### *Dayton Catholic Young Adults*

Dayton Catholic Young Adults (DCYA) invites young adults to join us this August! Our featured event for the month is St. John Paul II Parish Family's Assumption Ball on Saturday, August 16th.

More information can be found at

<https://www.stjohnpaulii.org/assumptionball>

Thursday night events for August include (1st Thursday) Theology on Tap at Oregon Express, (2nd Thursday) Activity Night, (3rd Thursday) Candlelight Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary, and (4th Thursday) Social at The Silos!

For more information on DCYA and the events, check out our website <https://daytoncatholicya.com> and social media @DaytonCatholicYA



### Catholic in Recovery

St. Mary of the Assumption offers the Catholic in Recovery ministry that seeks to serve those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments: alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography, and lust addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating, restrictive eating and food addictions, gambling addiction, and codependency and the impact on family.

This program combines the successful 12 Step approach created by the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous with the Sacraments and traditions of the Catholic Church.

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Visit our website for more information and the full recovery meeting schedule:

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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

For those adults wishing to enter the Catholic Church. Contact Lynda Middleton for more information: 937-228-1223 or via email: [lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com](mailto: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>

### Hearing Aid Receivers

Hearing Aid Receivers available at St. Joseph.

## Facility Rentals

### for St. Paul

Sue Seibert: 937-836-7535

## Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin Date: August 10, 2025

Articles Due: Thursday, July 31, 2025

Send information to the Director of Communications Joan Macpherson: [jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org).

## Priests and Deacons

*The most effective way to contact a priest or deacon is by email, as it allows them to respond thoughtfully and in a timely manner. For urgent matters or sacramental emergencies, please call your parish office directly so we can assist you as quickly as possible.*

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*Each parish office operates independently and is supported by its own dedicated staff.*

*Staff members are identified by role and the corresponding letters in parentheses, which indicate the office where they work.*

## Family Leadership Team

*The Family Leadership Team (FLT) plays a vital role in advancing the vision of Beacons of Light, the Archdiocesan initiative for parish renewal.*

### Director of Evangelization

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## Communications & Media

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### Parish Administrator

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**Erica Rudemiller – (SP)**

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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.

Jose Antonio Acuna & Family  
Jodi Adams  
Barb Aivalotis  
Sayyah Ajlouni, MD.  
Angela & Family  
Athena & Her Parents  
Andy Belt  
Christopher Boeckman  
Immaculata Bramlage  
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Hutch Hutchins  
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Deacon Jim Olinger, Kathy & Family  
Gail Lynn O'Neil  
Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church, Maria Stein  
Claudine Robertson  
Patty Schlorman  
Archbishop Dennis Schnurr  
Debbie Shively  
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Aimee Storm  
Sylvia, Philip, & Michele  
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