

August 17, 2025, 20th 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

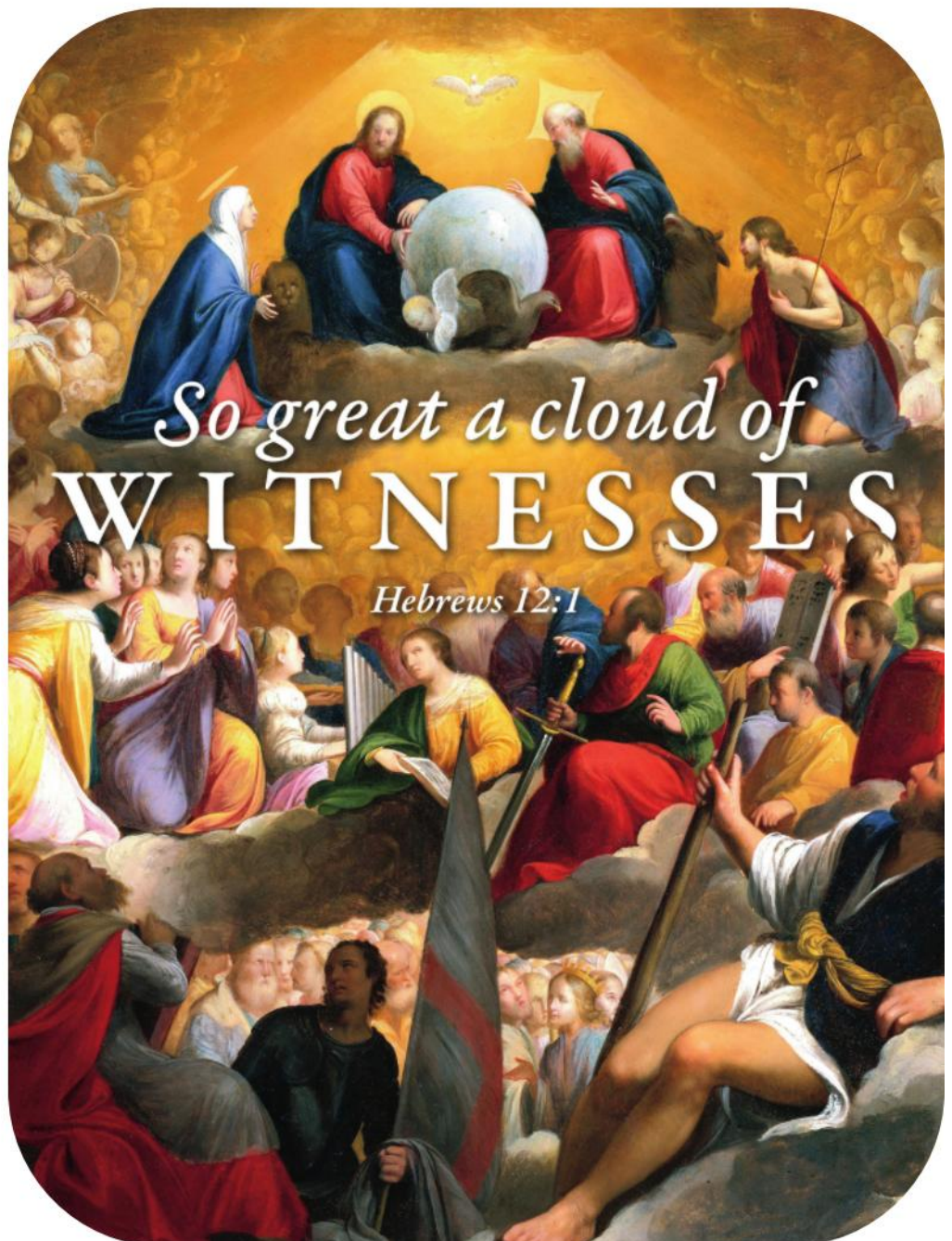
411 East Second Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.9272

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.

A Cloud of Witnesses

When the author of Hebrews speaks about being "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses," it reminds us that we are never running the race of faith alone. Our family of parishes—each with its own history, traditions, and personalities—might sometimes feel like separate runners in different lanes. But this past Sunday, as we gathered for the parish picnic, we were reminded that in God's eyes, we are one team.

Coming together can be challenging. Different communities have different ways of doing things, and merging them into a shared life of faith takes patience, humility, and a willingness to lay aside "every burden" that keeps us from unity—things like old resentments, fear of change, or the temptation to cling too tightly to "the way we've always done it."

The reading invites us to "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus." That's the key. If our goal is only to protect our preferences, we'll tire quickly. But if our goal is Christ—his mission, his joy, and his Gospel—then we can endure difficulties just as he endured the cross, knowing that the reward is far greater than the cost.

Sunday's picnic was more than food and fun—it's a living sign of the Gospel in action. In sharing a meal, in laughing together, in meeting someone from a "different" parish, we're practicing what it means to be the Body of Christ. We're running the race side by side, encouraged by that "great cloud of witnesses" who already finished their race and are cheering us on.

And when people outside our parishes see our unity, joy, and love for one another, they see the Gospel. That's how the Good News spreads—not just through words, but through a community so centered on Christ that it becomes a beacon of hope.

So let's move forward, with hearts united, eyes fixed on Jesus, and a renewed commitment to persevere together in the mission God has entrusted to us.

Your Sister in Christ,

Joan Macpherson
Communications Director
In cooperation with the Parish Picnic and Unity Team.

Welcome Newly Baptised

@St. Joseph

Welcome to our Family of Faith
Peter Von Mehaffie, son of Caleb & Megan Mehaffie



Photo of the Week

Our very own Fr. Seraphine is seen enjoying a wagon ride at our parish picnic this past Sunday.

To view photos from the picnic visit: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/oj23nuigRanBCd1TA> or scan the QR code.



Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, August 18, 2025

7:30 am Holy Trinity †Tom Zimmerman
 8:30 am Precious Blood †Ken Marapese
 12:00 pm St. Joseph †Robert & Ruth Deschler

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

7:30 am Holy Trinity Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 am St. Rita †Donald & Joan Eifert
 12:00 pm St. Joseph †Our Lady of Knock

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

7:30 am Emmanuel †George Muckenthaler
 8:30 am St. Paul †David & Pat St. John
 12:00 pm St. Joseph †Sam Bitonti

Thursday, August 21, 2025

7:30 am Emmanuel †Int. of Joe & Mel Trick
 8:30 am St. Paul Celebrant's Intention
 12:00 pm St. Joseph Int. of Drake & Lisa Madison

Friday, August 22, 2025

7:30 am Emmanuel †Kathy Doncaster
 8:30 am Precious Blood †James E Winkler Sr.
 12:00 pm St. Joseph †Joseph L. Anderson

Saturday, August 23, 2025

7:30 am Emmanuel Mary Ann Robinson
 12:00 pm St. Joseph †Donna Anastasi
 4:30 pm St. Joseph Jim & Terri Gilbert, for the 48th wedding anniversary
 4:30 pm St. Paul †Dr. Carl Stanitski
 5:00 pm Emmanuel †Liv/Dec. of the Monnin Family

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:30 am Holy Trinity For our parishioners
 8:30 am Precious Blood †Laverne Mitrisin
 8:30 am St. Rita †Cheryl Simon
 10:30 am Emmanuel For our parishioners
 10:30 am St. Joseph †Bonita and Elizabeth Gilbert
 10:30 am St. Paul †Sandra McMahon

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

Saturday Mass Rotation to St. Rita

St. Gaspar North: Precious Blood, St. Paul and St. Rita

Starting Saturday, September 6, the Saturday Vigil Masses for St. Gaspar North will rotate to St. Rita. This will be in effect until January, 2026.



Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 17, 2025

Monday	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

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, August 18, 2025

Craft Day

3:30-7:30 pm • Holy Trinity/Trinity Center

God's Garden Work Day

7:00-8:30 pm • St. Paul/Garden

Stephen Ministers Meeting

7:00-8:30 pm • St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

(see devotionals on the right)

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Lunch with the Lord (join at any time)

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

The Search

6:30 pm-8:00 pm • St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Thursday, August 21, 2025

God's Garden Work Day

9:00-10:30 am • St. Paul/Garden

Friday, August 22, 2025

Friday Hour

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

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Diocese of Tanga Missionary Co-op Appeal

Emmanuel • Holy Trinity • St. Joseph

Ministry Fair Series

After Mass at all parishes

Sunday, August 24, 2025

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Save the Date

1/2 Way to St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, September 6/St. Paul • 7:00 pm

Together Sunday

Sunday, September 14/All Churches

St. Joseph Street Party

Sunday, September 28/St. Joseph

Holiday Bazaars

Holy Trinity's Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 1 • 9:00 am-3:00 pm

St. Paul's Jingle and Mingle Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 1 • 9:00 am-3:00 pm

In Our Family

THANK YOU

TO ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR
FIRST ANNUAL

ST. GASPAR FAMILY PARISH PICNIC!

A very special thank you to the
Knights of Columbus Marian Council
and Council 500 for their very generous
donation of the hamburgers, hot dogs,
buns, condiments and beer,
and the soccer challenge for our youth.

We couldn't have done it without all of you
who volunteered in any way. You helped
make the picnic a great success! Thank you!

THE HEAT DIDN'T STOP US FROM HAVING A GREAT TIME!
HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU, AND MORE, NEXT YEAR!

Additional Picnic Thanks

Boord-Henne Insurance - donation for drinks

Seibert Automotive - Kona Ice

Monnin's Fruit Farm - tomatoes

Hagemeyer Homestead

The Unity Team

Leslie, Tanya and Sue (Picnic Committee)

Paul & Roger

St. Paul Maintenance

All the Volunteers who donated their time! And parishioners who
came out to enjoy the day!

Parade Thank You

Thank you to everyone who marched in the Englewood Arts Festival
parade to represent our St. Gaspar Family of Parishes. Thank you to
all who helped build the float to celebrate our 1st American pope,
Pope Leo XIV. Special thanks to: Andy Swartz for allowing us to use
his trailer, and for driving the float in the parade. Tom Sorna for
building a stand for Pope Leo and creating our smoke stack with
white smoke. Jen Smith for creating red, white, and blue tissue paper
flowers to decorate the float. Debbie DeBrosse for painting our bird
for the smoke stack. Carla Swartz for taking care of all the logistics of
getting us signed up, and for taking pictures. And Erica Rudemiller, for
all of her hard work and organization

What's Ahead

Missionary Co-op Appeal

Welcome Fr. Kajiru and Fr. Mkamwa

@Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph, August 23 & 24

On the weekend of August 23 & 24 we will welcome Fr. Richard Kajiru, and Fr. Thadeus Mkamwa to our downtown parishes. They will be representing the Catholic Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania/East Africa. The mission needs of their diocese are many, but currently they are very challenged to meet the tuition fees for their diocesan major seminarians who are now in formation and studies in their national Philosophical and Theological seminaries.

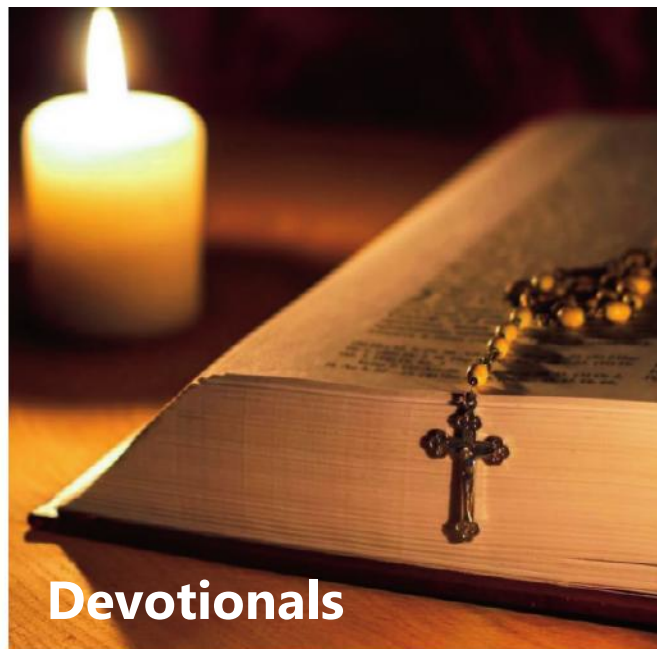


Fr. Richard Kajiru is a bona fidei priest from Tanga, Tanzania. He was ordained a priest in August 2011. Since his ordination, Fr. Richard has done parish ministry in Tanzania and USA. He holds an MA in Business Administration from Elmira University College, Elmira, NY. Since 2024, Fr. Richard has been the Pastor of Holy Family parish, Kwediboma, Tanga, Tanzania.

Fr. Thadeus Mkamwa, Ph.D., is a bona fidei priest from Tanga, Tanzania. He was ordained a priest in 1997. Since his ordination, Fr. Thadeus has done parish ministry in Tanzania, USA and Ireland. He has taught as a Lecturer and later Associate Professor at the Saint Augustine University of Tanzania. He has held several educational positions. Since 2021, Fr. Thadeus has been the Principal of Stella Maris Mtwara University College.



Any help you can provide from this mission appeal (MCP 2025) will be vital in supporting the formation of these fine young men who will soon move on into priesthood. We can't thank you enough for your consideration in this. Your generous financial and spiritual help will make a difference. Please prayerfully consider your donation.



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.

A simple invitation can be *life changing.*

This fall, our parish is striving to be a place where people feel a strong sense of belonging. Where they are invited, welcomed, and supported. And most of all, where they can experience the joy of encountering Jesus in the Eucharist and in each other.

*This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.*

– JOHN 13:35

1. Start with prayerful openness

Ask God to place someone on your heart.
Trust that God is already at work.

2. Hold them in prayer

Pray for that person each day. Ask for the grace
to be a gentle and loving presence in their life.

3. Connect through friendship

Be present. Reach out. Initiate a conversation, a coffee,
a shared moment. Let them know they're loved.

4. Extend a personal invitation

When the time feels right, invite them to take a
next step in faith. For some that might be an invitation
to come to Mass with you on Together Sunday,
September 14 — a day set aside for welcoming and community.

Because no matter where someone may be in his or her journey of faith,
they are welcome here.

We're better together.



LOVE OUR COMMUNITY? HELP US BUILD IT!



Scan the QR code to sign up.

Discover the many ministries our parishes have to offer! Over the next several weeks, we will highlight various opportunities for parishioners to get involved and share their God-given talents. The Ministry Fair series begins next weekend with a focus on Liturgical and Faith Formation Ministries. We invite you to stop by after Mass on these weekends to learn more.

➔ The following pages include information on Faith Formation and Liturgical ministries — take a look and see where your gifts may be shared! Come and see what amazing opportunities await you!

MINISTRY FAIR GUIDE AUGUST 23/24

FAITH FORMATION & LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

SAINT GASPAR • FAMILY OF PARISHES

Liturgical Ministries

Adult Servers

Adults assist the priest at the altar during weekday and weekend liturgies, holy days, funerals, and weddings.

Commitment: Rotating schedule.

For more information:

Dcn. Rusty Baldwin (EM)
937.228.2013
Gine Elliott (SJ)
937.228.9272
Lynda Middleton
937-228-1223 (HT)
Marianne Pitts (PB, SP, SR)
937.276.5954

Altar Server

Assist the priest at the altar during weekend liturgies, holy days, funerals, and weddings.

Formation required.

Commitment: Arrive at least 15 min. before Mass.
4th Grade and older.

For more information:

Dcn. Rusty Baldwin (EM)
937.228.2013
Lynda Middleton (HT)
937.228.1223
Marianne Pitts (PB, SP, SR)
937.276.5954
Gine Elliott (SJ)
937.228.9272

Art & Liturgical Environment

During the liturgical year as the church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ, volunteers prepare and decorate for the liturgical season and feasts to heighten awareness, to enhance, and to foster active participation for people of every age.

Commitment: 8 – 10 work sessions

Patsy Martin (HT)
937.776.8949
Larry Sutherland (PB)
937.276.5954
Gine Elliott (SJ)
937.228.9272
Kimberly Hart (SP)
937.836.7535
Matt Ruttle (SR)
937.278.5815 ext. 102

Cantor

Cantors lead the parish community in song at mass. A clear and pleasant voice is necessary. An interview is required.

Commitment: minister as scheduled, practices, and prayerful preparation

For more information contact:
Michelle Carner (EM) 937.228.2013
Krista Schupbach (HT) 937.228.1223
Marianne Pitts (PB, SP, SR)
937.276.5954
Bradley Wilson (SJ) 937.228.9272

Choir

Choir members help lead the parish community in song at mass. Anyone musically inclined is welcome! Reading music is not required but a bonus!

For more information contact:

Michelle Carner (EM)
937.228.2013
Krista Schupbach (HT)
937.228.1223
Marianne Pitts (PB, SP, SR)
937.276.5954
Bradley Wilson (SJ)
937.228.9272

Choir (Seasonal)

Minister for Christmas Eve, Easter Vigil, and other special Masses. Open to all.

Commitment:
4 – 6 evening practices.

For more information contact:
Michelle Carner (EM) 937.228.2013
Krista Schupbach (HT) 937.228.1223
Marianne Pitts (PB, SP, SR)
937.276.5954
Bradley Wilson (SJ) 937.228.9272

Church Cleaning Crew

Volunteers to help with vacuuming, cleaning, windows, pews, etc. in the church each week and on special occasions.

Barbara Enochs (EM)
937.228.2013
Lynda Middleton (HT)
937.228.1223
Matt Ruttle (SR)
937.278.5815 ext. 102
Kimberly Hart (SP)
937.836.7535

Church Vacuum Crew

Volunteers vacuum the church on a weekly and biweekly basis.

For more information:

Gine Elliott (SJ)
937.228.9272
Kimberly Hart (SP)
937.836.7535

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

Assist in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. Formation required. Commitment: Arrive at least 15 min. before Mass. Serve on a rotating schedule once or twice a month.

For more information:
Gine Elliott (SJ)
937.228.9272

Marianne Pitts (PB, SP, SR)
937.276.5954
Lynda Middleton (HT)
937.228.1223
Dcn. Rusty Baldwin (EM)
937.228.2013

Liturgical Ministers - continued

Friday Hour	Greeter	Lector
<p>Gather in the spirit of community and faith – to pray together, reflect on Scripture, read the Gospel, and share the journey of our Christian Walk. If your heart feels called, we would be blessed to have you with us.</p> <p>For more information:</p> <p>Ruth Ann Rave (PB) 937.901.7910</p>	<p>Welcome and assist people as we gather for Mass. Opening church doors before and after Mass.</p> <p>Commitment: Arrive/Remain 20 minutes prior/after Mass.</p> <p>Lynda Middleton (HT) 937.228.1223 Bob Birkhead (PB) 937.276.5954 Marianne Pitts (PB, SP, SR) 937.276.5954 Richard Fulwiler (SP) 937.266.3238 Warren Mills (SR) 937.278-5815 (ext. 102)</p>	<p>Proclaim the Scriptures at weekend Masses, Formation required.</p> <p>Commitment: Prepare at home. Arrive at least 15 min. before Mass. Serve on a rotating schedule once or twice a month.</p> <p>For more information:</p> <p>Lynda Middleton (HT) 937.228.1223 Marianne Pitts (PB, SP, SR) 937.276.5954 Gine Elliott (SJ) 937.228.9272</p>
Miraculous Medal Novena	OCIA Sponsor	Rosary (Lead before Mass)
<p>Assist by leading the Rosary in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal followed by Adoration.</p> <p>Commitment: Arrive ½ prior to event, once a month.</p> <p>For more information:</p> <p>Karen Wherry / Matt Ruttle (SR) 937.278.5815 ext. 102</p>	<p>An adult who “journeys with” an individual inquiring into becoming a member of the Catholic Church. Those who volunteer to be sponsors attend sessions and help incorporate the new members into parish life.</p> <p>Commitment: September – May weekly sessions. More Information: Dcn. Brian Seibert 937.836.7535 Lynda Middleton 937.228.1223 Dcn. Rusty Baldwin 937.228.2013</p>	<p>Assists by leading parishioners before the Sunday and Holy Day Masses to the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying the Rosary as a community.</p> <p>For more information:</p> <p>Lynda Middleton (HT) 937.228.1223 Marianne Pitts (PB) 937.276.5854 Mark Casdorff (SP) 937.836.7535 Debbie Nieport (SR) 937.278.5815 ext. 102</p>
Usher	Usher (Cont.)	
<p>Assist with seating before for Mass, help with the collection, direct Communion lines, and distribute bulletins.</p> <p>Commitment: Arrive 20 min. before and remain 20 min. after Mass. Serve as available.</p> <p>For more information:</p> <p>Jim Gannon (HT) 937.623.9888</p>	<p>Bob Birkhead (PB) 937.903.3934 Gine Elliott (SJ) 937.228.9272 Richard Fulwiler (SP) 937.266.3238 Warren Mills (SR) 937.278-5815 (ext. 102)</p>	

Faith Formation

Catechist

An adult who guides groups of students through lessons, activities, songs, and prayers using a teacher's manual, as well as other materials.

Commitment: Weekly classes, orientation, and certification classes

For more information contact:

Tanya Lee (EM, SJ) 937.228.2013
Lynda Middleton (HT)
937.228.1223
Erica Rudemiller (PB, SP, SR)
937.836.7535

Catechist Aide

An adult or high school student who assists the teacher and helps the students in classes.

Commitment: Weekly classes and orientation.

For more information contact:

Tanya Lee (EM, SJ) 937.228.2013
Erica Rudemiller (PB, SP, SR)
937.836.7535

Children's Faith Formation

During the traditional school year, we offer weekly religion classes for those who attend public schools. Pre-K – Grade 8

Registration is required and available during the Fair.

For more information contact:

Tanya Lee (EM, SJ) 937.228.2013
Lynda Middleton (HT)
937.228.1223
Erica Rudemiller (PB, SP, SR)
937.836.7535

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Adults lead children through the Sunday readings from the Children's Lectionary, followed by a discussion and reflection.

This takes place after the Opening Prayer of the Mass.

For more information contact:

Erica Rudemiller (PB, SP)
937.836.7535

Mother Maria Anna Brunner School

A Catholic Education
Nurturing Minds, Inspiring Hearts,
Building a Faith-Filled Future
Together at

Mother Brunner, we take pride in our close-knit community.

Pre-K – Grade 8

For more information contact:

School Office 937.277.2291

Contact Information-Complete and Return to the Ministry Fair/or Parish Office

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email : _____

Church/es (circle all where you currently participate)

Precious Blood St. Joseph St. Paul St. Rita Holy Trinity Emmanuel

Church/es (circle where you are willing to participate)

Precious Blood St. Joseph St. Paul St. Rita Holy Trinity Emmanuel

Fall Bible Study Programs & OCIA

Becoming Catholic through OCIA: The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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.

Join the Journey, Become a Sponsor

Persons from the parish are encouraged to become part of the lives of our initiates by becoming involved in OCIA. Why be a sponsor? Christ calls us to “go and make disciples of all nation.” Being an OCIA sponsor for someone on their journey to be fully initiated into the Church is a wonderful opportunity to answer Christ’s call. Additionally, walking with someone learning about the Catholic faith is a great way to grow in your own faith. Expectations of a Sponsor

- Praying for you candidate on a regular basis
- Attending mass weekly
- Attending a sponsor training session (Time: TBD)
- Attending a majority of weekly OCIA meetings
- (Classes run September – May)
- Meeting regularly with your candidate to encourage, accompany and invite to parish happenings

Contact: Lynda Middleton – 937-228-1223, via email : lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com

Pope Leo and the Dignity of Workers

@St. Paul, beginning August 26 • 7:00-800pm

Join us for a special Bible Study and Reflection Series with our very own Fr. James Gaynor. From the groundbreaking teachings of Pope Leo XIII in 1891, responding to the Industrial Revolution and the dignity of workers, to the insights of Pope Leo XIV today, the Catholic Church has continually guided us in applying the timeless message of Christ to our ever-changing world. At the heart of this teaching is the deep respect for each person as created in the image and likeness of God.

We will explore The Symposium of the Social Teaching of the Church, engaging with critical questions such as:

- What should be our Catholic position on family life, work, and the economy?
- How are we called to engage with politics and international relations?
- What is our responsibility in caring for our common home—Earth?

All are welcome—come ready to reflect, learn, and grow in faith together. Please RSVP by calling 937-836-7535

Emmanuel’s Fall Bible Study

@Emmanuel, begins September 9 & 13

Emmanuel Parish’s Fall Bible study covers the first 10 weeks of the “Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catholic Catechism”. (The 2nd 10 weeks will occur in the Fall of 2026). The book price is \$40, however Emmanuel Church will pay \$20 of that amount making it \$20. PROVIDING we have your \$20 or a firm commitment by August 24th. The order for the books will be placed on Sunday evening, August 24th. Following are the scheduled Sessions:

Tuesday evenings 8:00-9:30 pm

Sept 9, 23, 30, Oct 7, 14, 28, Nov 4, 11, 18, Dec 9

Saturday mornings 9:30-11:00 am

Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 8, 15, 22, Dec 13

Ascension Press does offer on line access to the videos and the book for a fee of \$6.95 that will cover both Fall 2025 and 2026 for those who do not want to purchase the book. However, you will NOT be able to may copies of any of the material in the book.

Should you have any questions, please contact Susie Gross at 937-409-0553 or text.

Senior Program and Lunch

@St. Paul, Wednesday, August 27 • Noon-2:00 pm

"Magazine Wars". Come join us for a fun, interactive game!
Lunch and program provided by Cypress Pointe Health Campus
Please make reservations by noon on Monday, August 25 by
calling 937-836-7535.



Stephen Ministry Information Night

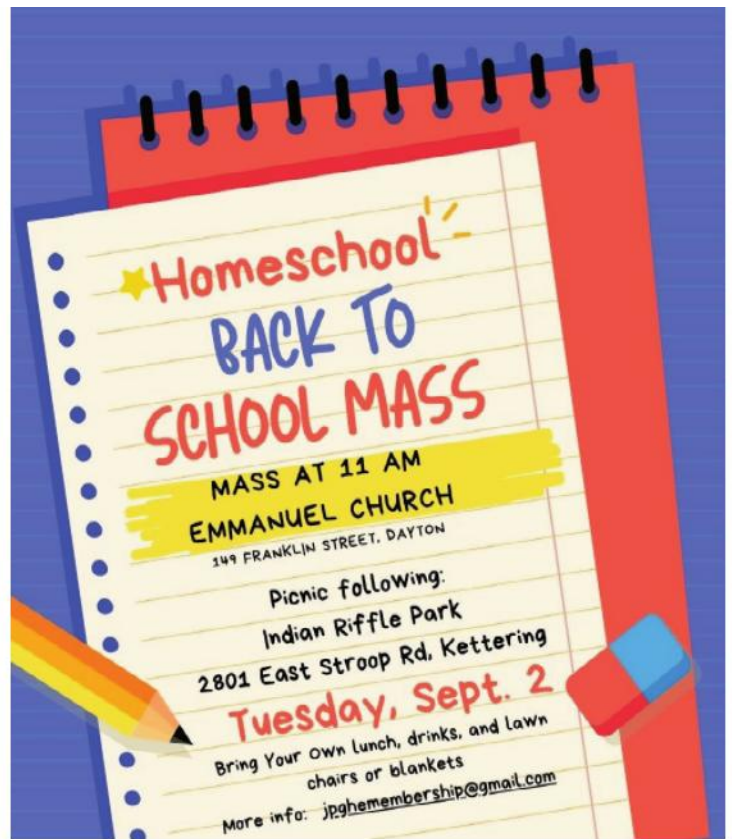
@St. Paul, Thursday, September 18 • 7:00 pm

There will be an information night on Thursday, September 18th
at 7:00 pm to explain this ministry in detail and answer any
questions you may have. You can research this ministry at
Stephenministries.org for more information.

Responses Needed

To RSVP for Stephen Ministry Information Night call St. Paul
Parish at (937)836-7535 by September 15th or call one of the
Stephen Leaders as follows:

- Barb Franz—(937)776-7375
- Diane Huelsman—(937)416-8870
- Steve Lewis—(937)654-5740



**Great Food & Adult
Beverages Available**

ADMISSION

Adults	\$7.00
Kids 12 & under	\$4.00
Kids under 5	Free
Family	\$25.00

1/2 Way to St. Patrick's Day Concert

featuring

Dulaban

Celtic Band

**Saturday,
September 6th**

**Outdoor Family
Show.**

Rain or Shine.

Please bring lawn chairs,
but folding chairs are available.



7:00 PM

(Doors open at 6:00)

St. Paul Pavillion
1000 Wenger Rd.
Englewood, OH

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Emmanuel Children's Choir

Celebrates 20 Years

Calling All Former Members!

The Emmanuel Children's Choir and Alumni will be featured on **Sunday, October 26 at the 10:30 am Mass**. A rehearsal will be at 9:00 am sharp in the School Building. If you have sung with the ECC at any time in your life, you are welcome to join us.

The music for the Mass will be familiar and require just one or two rehearsals. On Sunday, October 19, we will hold a preview rehearsal for any ECC alumni who live in the Dayton area. Please spread the word. We would like to have a grand reunion of all the young people who walked through the doors of the Emmanuel Children's Choir. The Emmanuel Children's Choir, in its current form, was restarted in 2005.

With the initial guidance of Music Director Gary Geisel, and now

Michelle Carner, the ECC has had three directors: Virginia Kuepper for fifteen years followed by Sarah Schutte for two years, and now for three years by Lyndsay Lengel. Mary Izor has been its loyal accompanist for twenty years. The Children's Choir remains a robust and energetic musical vehicle for young voices at Emmanuel. ECC high school youth are channeled into Emmanuel's St. Romanos Choir which has ten high school students singing in its ranks at Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses. The ECC also helped direct some of its members into music school with at least two known currently serving as music directors in parishes afar, and many, many serving the church as cantors. Please spread the word and help bring back our ECC Alumni for rehearsal and Mass on Sunday, October 26. Questions, contact Michelle Carner at 937-478-4097 or Virginia Kuepper at 937-286-0592.

Where are some of our ECC Alumni?

- Rose McGrath May, Music Director, Albany, NY, BA Sacred Music, Franciscan University
- Paul Rosenberger, Music Director, Bowling Green OH, BA Piano Performance, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and Masters in Piano, Bowling Green University, OH
- Maya Vansuch Wurth, BMusic in Vocal Performance, Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University; Masters in Vocal Performance, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Dayton Opera
- Molly Carner, BA Music (Double Major with Communications), Wittenberg University, OH
- Sarah Schutte, BA Music (Double Major with Communications), Hillsdale College, MI
- Cecilia Araya and Mary Kompar, San Damiano Scholarships, Marion University *choir experience contributed to the value of the scholarships
- David Gallivan, organist

Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

From Music Director, Michelle Carner

"From All Thy Saints in Warfare" was written to serve as a general beginning and end suitable for any saint's day, including a set of verses for different saints of the church year. We sing it today in reference to our second reading about the "cloud of witnesses" surrounding us as we run the race of perseverance with "our eyes fixed on Jesus." The tune, King's Lynn, is an English folk song with a martial feel, fit for the firm footfalls of the church militant. The minor key expresses a solemn and serious mood, but it is marked with moments of triumph in the middle of each line as the notes climb upward, step by step, and linger on the highest note for a moment of victory.

Holy Trinity's Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 1, 2025 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Planning has been underway for a few weeks and we are happy to report your favorite booths will be there for fun and shopping! Our annual bazaar is a "One Stop Shop" where everything is at your fingertips to have a great time and check holiday gifts off your list.

The first prize in the Grand Raffle is \$1000 in gift cards, second prize is a 43" Samsung Smart TV, and the third prize is \$100 in cash! Various other prizes will also be included in the raffle.

Dates for drop off for the flea market: 10/5,10/12,10/19,10/26 from 9:30am-12:30pm; No clothes, shoes, live plants, large furniture

Come down and be a part of the fun on November 1st!

We would love to see you, your friends, family and neighbors.

PLAY – and P.R.A.Y. BINGO !

This Fun and Prayerful Contest is Going on Now through September 1st !

Our St. Gaspar Family Encounter Team wishes to remind you of the ongoing P.R.A.Y. Bingo contest – running through Labor Day, September 1st. Please join your St. Gaspar Family of Parishes in playing this fun and unique Bingo contest of prayer, worship, and action. You will grow in your Faith too! Please use the Bingo card below --- or pick up a copy in the front lobbies of our 6 Churches. Any Bingo of 4 down, 4 across, 4 diagonally, or 4 corners wins – and will get your name mentioned in the bulletin. A coverall Bingo will win you a prize of an Olive Wood cross and a beautiful prayer card. Go for it!

Please bring in your winning P.R.A.Y. Bingo card to your parish office – or call Matt Ruttle, Love in Action Director at (937) 278 – 5816. Please also remember to always invite the Holy Spirit to lift you up in your prayer time – and to be united to God, and your sisters and brothers. God bless you! Peace.

(P.R.A.Y. BINGO Card Reprinted here below)

P	R	A	Y
Attend Pentecost Mass & INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT into your heart	Research and Reflect about the Saint of the Month	Attend Adoration at any of our six parishes	Volunteer at a church event
Attend the ALL PARISH PICNIC Aug 10 @St Paul	Pray the Rosary by yourself or with your family	Ask to join a servant ministry: usher, lector, server, greeter, choir member, Eucharistic Minister	Enroll in the St Gaspar Flocknotes email notifications
Pray the before meal prayer in Public	Receive absolution through the Sacrament of Reconciliation	Attend Mass at any of the other 5 sister parishes	Develop a Yearning for the Lord by participating in a Bible study
Participate in the Presentation of Gifts (Offertory)	Read the book of Revelations for 7 consecutive days	Charitable Act through one or more of the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy	Subscribe to a Catholic Podcast or Publication





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EMMANUEL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Emmanuel, St. Joseph, and Holy Trinity parishes collaborate in the Emmanuel St. Vincent de Paul Conference. We serve those in need in the 45402 zip code encompassing Downtown Dayton and the inner West side, parts of the 45403 and 45410 zip codes, as well as parishioners regardless of their address.

2nd Quarter, 2025 (April - June)

Issue No. 15



Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

We are currently in need of the followings items for those we serve at our pantry:

- Canned Tuna
- Grape or Strawberry Jam
- Saltine Crackers
- Manwich
- Soups:
 - Chicken & Noodle
 - Bean & Bacon
 - Cream of Chicken
 - Cream of Mushroom
- Pasta Sauce
- Mayonnaise - small jars
- Pork & Beans
- Sugar (2-pound bags)
- Egg Noodles
- Canned Mandarins
- Deodorant

Thank you!

Delivery Adventures

Deliveries are always adventures! We have a dedicated moving crew and although we try to carefully plan our deliveries on a given day, we never quite know what awaits. A few examples:

~We delivered furniture and household items to a lady who had recently moved from the shelter and had very little. As we assembled a bed frame in her apartment around 11:30 in the morning, she made it very clear to us that she intended to feed us lunch! After making another delivery in her building, the crew returned and was treated to a delicious homemade meal. As our crew "chowed down", our neighbor was shocked to learn that no one had ever fed us before.

~When making a delivery to a downtown apartment building, a neighbor awkwardly requested that we wait at the door while she "corralled" her pet. After delivering a small table and chairs, she shyly asked if we'd like to meet her new "rescue" pet. The crew said "of course", and out she came with a 5-foot-long python named Bunny!

~On yet another downtown delivery, one of our Vincentians served as "lookout" for our delivery vehicles on a hot day on Ludlow Street. As he waited, leaning on a garbage can, not only was he offered a couple of cold drinks, but a gentleman walking by pressed a \$20 bill in his hand! As our Vincentian tried to return the money, the gentleman insisted that he keep it, saying "You keep it. We've all been in your position before."

~Recently, a familiar older neighbor who is legally blind called our helpline; he was distraught over the death of his favorite cat. He fretted about how he was going to bury him, since he couldn't do it himself due to health issues. . . . After making a couple of deliveries one morning, our crew convened at our neighbor's yard - shovels in hand - and dug a grave. Our sobbing neighbor placed the cat in the grave, and one of our Vincentians led us in prayer. Our neighbor was very grateful.

~And finally, we recently happened to have an overabundance of canned black beans in our pantry. In an attempt to "spread the wealth", one of our Vincentians stopped by at the St. Vincent de Paul shelter kitchen to donate the beans. As he approached the door, he heard someone in the kitchen say, "I was planning on making black bean tacos for dinner, but it looks like we don't have any black beans." Upon seeing our Vincentian and the beans, someone else in the kitchen said, "I think your prayer was just answered."

As we are continually reminded, God provides. And sometimes, He also surprises!

This Quarter by the Numbers

During the months of April through June, we assisted our neighbors in need with:

- \$6731.07 in rental assistance to keep 47 families in their homes;
- \$7194.77 in utility assistance to keep 55 families' electricity, gas & water on.
- Our moving crew made 13 furniture pick-ups and made deliveries to 31 households, including 18 beds - complete with sheets and pillows.
- We also provided food to 148 people from 83 households, and we made 18 food deliveries to those who were physically unable to come to our pantry.

We thank you for your support! We couldn't do it without you!

Our Stewardship

Emmanuel, August 3, 2025

Sunday Collection \$5,818

St. Vincent De Paul \$581

Holy Trinity, August 3, 2025

Sunday Collection \$3,087

SJB Fire..... \$1,100

July Electronic Giving \$2,381

Precious Blood, August 3, 2025

Sunday Collection \$6,238

St. Vincent De Paul \$1,539

Mission Co-op..... \$1,592

Saint Paul, August 3, 2025

Sunday Collection \$3,516

St. Vincent De Paul \$285

Mission Co-op \$2,486

Saint Joseph, August 3, 2025

Sunday Collection \$7,945

Charity \$135

Pipe Organ to Date \$192,910

Saint Rita, August 3, 2025

Sunday Collection \$4,905

St. Vincent De Paul \$150

Mission Co-op..... \$482

A Special Thank You for 401(k)

Retirement Distributions!

We are deeply grateful to our parishioners who have chosen to support our church through charitable gifts from their 401(k) retirement accounts. These distributions—often called *Qualified Charitable Distributions*—allow individuals to give directly from their retirement funds, sometimes with tax advantages, while making a lasting difference in our parish.

Precious Blood \$900

St. Rita..... \$99

Other Families

Employment Opportunity

Precious Blood Sisters, Salem Heights

Kitchen Assistant – Full-Time; 5-days/week (10:15 AM – 6:45 PM), including weekends & holidays

Salem Heights is an independent living retirement community in Dayton that is currently seeking help in our Food Service Department at The Sisters of the Precious Blood. Such responsibilities could be assisting cooks in food preparation, receiving & stocking inventory, and assist in dishwashing. Food service is provided 7 days a week and serves 3 meals/day. Candidate must possess a minimum of a high school education or its equivalent; possess a certification in ServSafe or a certification in another food safety program OR be willing to obtain certification. Previous experience working in the kitchen is preferred. Position includes competitive pay and generous benefits including health insurance and a 3% 401(k) match. Interested applicants should submit their resume/application to Sheena McCormick at smccormick@cpsdayton.org

Divorce Recovery

@St. Francis of Assisi

Begins September 4 • 6:30-8:30 pm

Do you need Christian-based healing from going through separation or divorce's emotional challenges?

This might be a very difficult time for you right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. Let us help you at our Fall 13-week support group Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 pm from September 4-December 4.

Location: St. Francis of Assisi Campus, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville.
For more information, contact Marcelle Toma:
937-478-8820, or email: mtoma@woh.rr.com.

Treasures in Clay Artists' Retreat

@Holy Spirit Center, September 12-14

On September 12-14, 2025, artists of all mediums and abilities are invited to the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood to reflect on the ways God the Creator makes us in His image. Sculptor Nancy-Carolyn Smith will lead us in three-dimensional bas relief exercises and reflections on sacred art while Fr. Thomas Flynn, LC will serve as our retreat master.

Opportunities for art making, personal prayer, Mass, confession and spiritual direction will fill the weekend. No sculpting experience necessary! For more information please visit (<https://www.cognitofirms.com/RegnumChristiCincinnatiLocality/TreasuresInClay>) or contact Laura Kline at calledtcreatelouisville@gmail.com

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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.

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.

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Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin Date: August 31, 2025

Articles Due: Thursday, August 21, 2025

Send information to the Director of Communications Joan Macpherson: jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org.

Sign Up for Flocknote

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

Visit:

StGasparFamilyDayton.flocknote.com

Text: GETGASPAR to 84576

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

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.

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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 8/12/25

Jodi Adams
Barb Aivalotis
D. Allen
Carlyle Barnard
Andy Belt
Christopher Boeckman
Carol Boyle
Brandon
Bill & Jayme Budde
Sheila Buehrle & Family
Sandra Craven
Marty DeMange
Rick Dill
Charles Dodsworth
Forst Elliott

Flood Victims in Texas & New Mexico
Kay Gallihar
Jeffrey Glackin
Michael Glackin
Christine Gorczynski
John & Joan Jankowski
Linda Kaminski
Margie Kirsher
Nancy Kosina
Colette Ann Kropp
Catherine Lecklider
Mary Agnes Lowmon
Maggie & Drew & their Baby Girl to be born
Rosemarie Marasco
Mary B.

Sharita McClurkin
Pamm McLaughlin
Diane Meier
Margaret Newsad
Deacon Jim Olinger, Kathy & Family
S. Plunkett
Claudine Robertson
Archbishop Dennis Schnurr
Debbie Shively
Sky & Family
Jeannie Talmadge
Karen Thomas
Bill Waddle
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We extend our sympathy to the family of Precious Blood parishioners, Caroline Stauffer-Rose and Carl Tipton. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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