

August 24, 2025, 21st 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

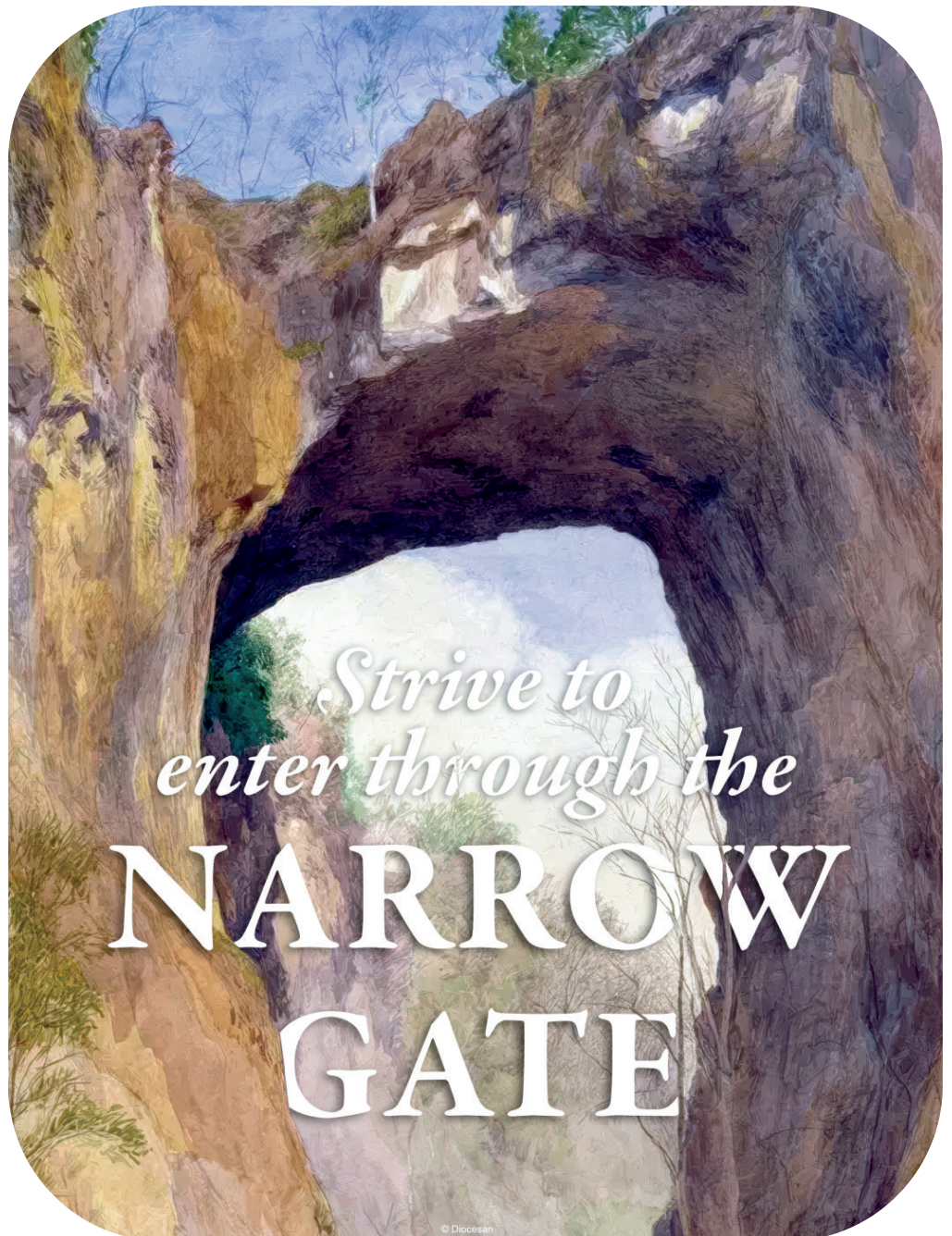
411 East Second Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.9272

Saint Paul

1000 W. Wenger Road
Englewood, OH 45322
937.836.7535

Saint Rita

5401 N. Main Street
Dayton, OH 45415
937.278.5815



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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

The Narrow Gate

In Luke's gospel today, Jesus is asked a question.

"Lord, will only a few people be saved?"

He answered them,

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate,
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter
but will not be strong enough.

After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door,
then will you stand outside knocking and saying,
'Lord, open the door for us.'

He will say to you in reply,

'I do not know where you are from.'

Who Shuts the Door?

Jesus tells us that the master of the house will lock the door.

That some people will be shut out from heaven. People will
shut themselves out. Jesus wants everybody to go to heaven.
But some may not like heaven. If we spend our lives living in
sin, then heaven will be a place we will not enjoy or like.

Heaven will even be a place we do not want to go to if we
live a life of sin. Our actions and beliefs affect us in this life
and in the next.

The Sobering Words of Jesus

The words that Jesus says today cuts to the heart. Jesus says,
"I do not know where you are from."

Jesus talks about hell today. That place of wailing and
grinding of teeth. There are four last things and they are
judgment, purgatory, heaven, and hell. We may ask
ourselves, "Will Jesus really judge us?" He will judge us. This
can be disturbing but this can also be motivating. The main
thing is that we love God with all our hearts, mind, soul, and
strength. That's where our mindset and heart must be. God is
merciful and loving but he expects us to go through the
narrow gate. Heaven doesn't come cheap.

God bless you all,

Fr. Tony

The Final Search-August 28

The Search series that has been hosted by Fr. Tony will come
to a conclusion on Thursday, August 28. All are welcome to
join Fr. Tony at St. Paul, starting at 6:30 pm. We will view the
final episode of The Search and enjoy a potluck meal. We
provide the main course and ask that you bring a side dish or
dessert to share.

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.



Photo of the Week

Welcome Sadielle Arcita Gonzalez
Daughter of Logan & Jean Pauline
Gonzalez. Baptized at Precious
Blood on August 17, 2025
By Deacon Dale J. De Brosse.
May our newly baptized continue
to grow in faith, love, and the
light of Christ.

Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, August 25, 2025

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Catherin Winkler
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Charles Sprauer

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Clarence Ridenour
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** For our parishioners

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** Liv/Dec Members of the Weixelman/Muckenthaler Family
 8:30 am **St. Paul** †Bill Sollenberger
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Tom Massie

Thursday, August 28, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Jim Davis
 8:30 am **St. Paul** Shirley Turvene
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Fran Franchina

Friday, August 29, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Tammy Butler
 8:30 am **St. Paul** Int of Richard & Dorothy Leik in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Ida Braun

Saturday, August 30, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** Int of Mildred Sadauskas
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** Int of Bob Brinkman
 4:30 pm **St. Joseph** For our parishioners
***4:30 pm St. Paul †Mary Lou McDaniels**
 5:00 pm **Emmanuel** †For our parishioners

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8:30 am **Holy Trinity** For our parishioners
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Nelson DeBrosse
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Mary Jane McCormick
 10:30 am **Emmanuel** †Joyce Anthony
 10:30 am **St. Joseph** †Matthew & Angela McCarthy
 10:30 am **St. Paul** †Ralph Fenning

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 24, 2025

Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Monica 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

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, August 25, 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

Respect Life Group Meeting

7:00-8:30 pm • St. Joseph/Parish Center

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Pope Leo Bible Study

7:00 pm-8:00 pm • St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Lunch with the Lord (join at any time)

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

Senior Program & Lunch

12:00 pm-2:00 pm • St. Paul/Rectory

Thursday, August 28, 2025

God's Garden Work Day

9:00-10:30 am • St. Paul/Garden

Friday, August 29, 2025

Friday Hour

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

Saturday, August 30, 2025

No public events

Sunday, August 31, 2025

No public events

Repairs at Precious Blood

There will be painters in the church from August 25-29 to complete repairs to the ceiling. Monday morning Mass on August 25 will take place as normal, however, the Friday morning Mass on August 29 will be moved to St. Paul. Weekend Masses will not be affected.

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

A New Six Parish Initiative

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

STEPHEN MINISTRY INFORMATION NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
7:00 PM, AT ST. PAUL PARISH
1000 WENGER RD.

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FAMILY OF PARISHES

Our six-parish family invites you to an Information Night to learn more about Stephen Ministry—a Christ-centered ministry that equips lay people to provide one-to-one care to those who are hurting. The evening will include a detailed explanation of the ministry and time to answer any questions you may have. You can also learn more about Stephen Ministry by visiting StephenMinistries.org.

For Everyone in our Family of Parishes

This event is open to all parishioners from our six-parish family. To RSVP, please call St. Paul Parish at (937) 836-7535 by September 15th, or contact one of our Stephen Leaders directly:

Barb Franz — (937) 776-7375

Diane Huelsman — (937) 416-8870

Steve Lewis — (937) 654-5740

Stephen Ministry is a Christ-centered ministry where laypeople receive extensive training to walk with those going through life's most difficult seasons—loss of a loved one, loneliness, depression, divorce, health challenges, and more. While Stephen Ministers are not professional counselors, they are compassionate listeners who provide confidential, one-on-one care grounded in faith.

This expansion will ensure that more individuals and families have access to a caring companion when they need it most.

In Our Family

Missionary Co-op Appeal This Weekend!

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

This weekend, the downtown parishes will welcome Fr. Richard Kajiru, and Fr. Thadeus Mkamwa. They will be representing the Catholic Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania/East Africa and will be presiding at some of our downtown Masses.

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.

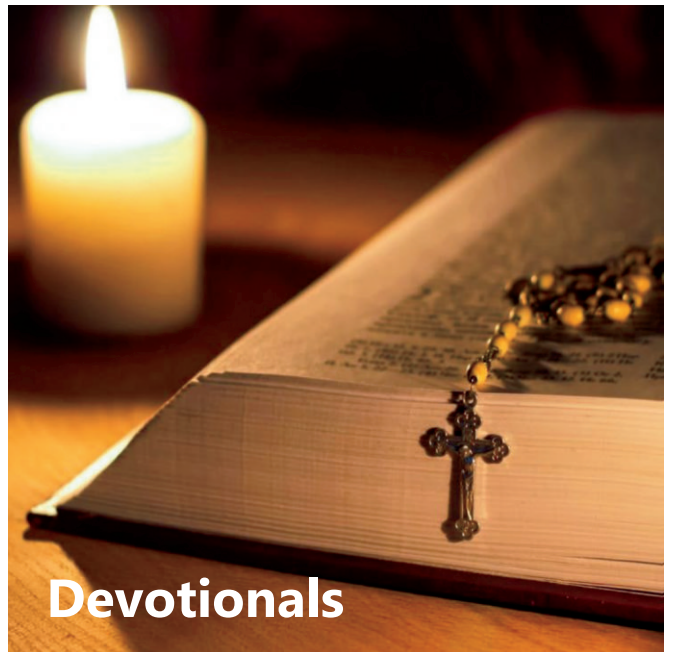
Please prayerfully consider your donation, and be sure to welcome them to Mass this weekend.

For All Our Volunteers

On September 6 and 7,
all Masses at each of our
St. Gaspar Family Parishes will
be in recognition and thanksgiving
for ALL who volunteer in any way
in our parish community.

Your support, time, and talents
are greatly appreciated as we
acknowledge your efforts,
in addition to the intentions,
at all the weekend Masses.

It takes many to support our
individual parish needs,
and you are God's blessing
to all of us in our
St. Gaspar Family of Parishes.



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)

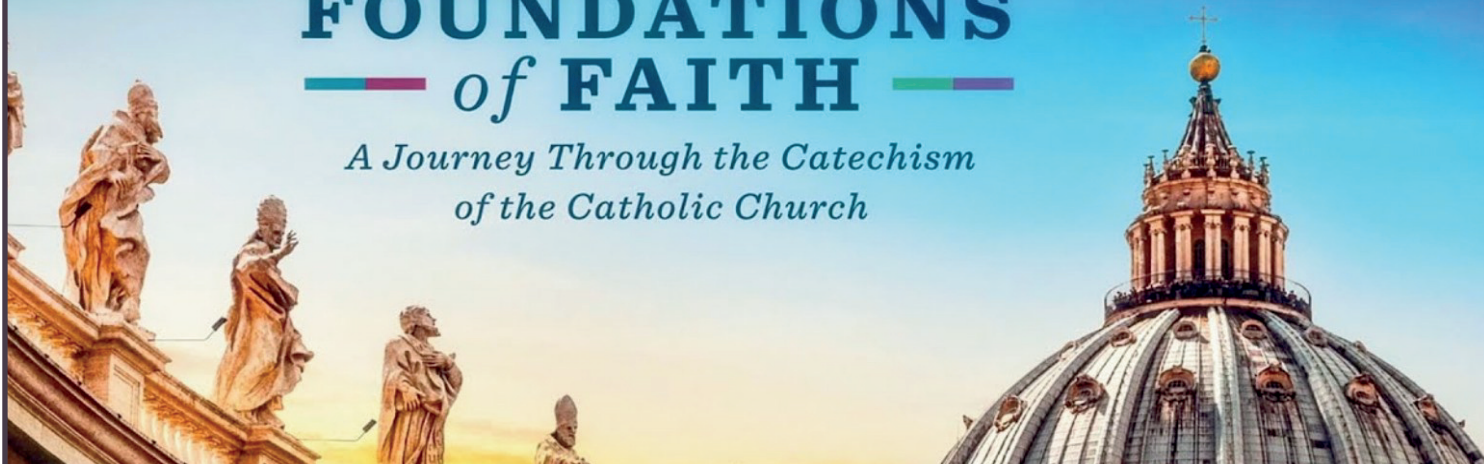
10:00 am · St. Joseph (before 10:30 am Mass)

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.**

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*A Journey Through the Catechism
of the Catholic Church*



A Journey to Eternity

OCIA: The Path to the Eucharist

The Catholic faith journey for adults seeking baptism,
confirmation, and full communion.

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:

Starting Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Holy Trinity: Wednesdays at 11:45 am

St. Paul: Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm

Starting Sunday, September 7, 2025

Holy Trinity: Sundays at 12:00 noon

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 for more information.



937-228-1223



lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com



Scan the QR code for
more information.

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Children's Faith Formation classes at our St. Paul Campus begin September 21st. Classes are for grades Pre-K- 8th grade, and are designed for children attending public school. Classes are Sunday morning 9:00-10:15 and are held at St. Paul. Classes include 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion prep for 2nd grade and Confirmation prep for 7th & 8th grade.

Class fees are \$85 per child before Sept 21st and \$95 after Sept 21st. There is a max fee of \$300 per family. There is an additional \$40 fee for those in Sacramental prep.



Follow this link to register online, or scan the QR code on the left:
<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/1c5b9d00-658f-487a-9ce5-980f2e20ee4b>

PLAY – and P.R.A.Y. BINGO! Ends September 1



P . R . A . Y .



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 that is available at the entrances of church.

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.

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.

Join us for Chair Exercise!

Chair One Fitness Begins Monday, September 8

@St. Joseph Parish Center (accessible) 4:00-4:30 pm

Chair One Fitness is a fun chair-dance exercise program set to music and suitable for all abilities. Alice Ernst is our instructor. She brings a wealth of dance and exercise experience and teaches in other Dayton area churches and fitness facilities. Register now for the next five week series being offered Mondays, Sept. 8, 2025 through Oct. 13, 2025, (skipping 9/29/25). Time is 4:00 – 4:30 pm in St. Joseph Center (across the street from the church). Cost is \$25.00 per person for the series. Pre-registration is required as a minimum of 10 registrants is needed to hold the class with 25 persons as the maximum. Contact Sharon Becker for more information and to register by 5pm, Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 937.776.2942, or by email at sharonbecker6@gmail.com.



Pilgrimages of Hope for Creation

@St. Paul Garden of Eatin', September 13

When: Saturday, September 13 @ 9:00am – 1:00pm.
Starting Location: Aullwood Nature Center, 1000 Aullwood Rd, Dayton

This bus/car pilgrimage visits several locations in northwest Dayton ranging from a nature center, solar field, parish garden, our Garden of Eatin' at St. Paul, and a regenerative family farm. Learn how God has inspired communities and individuals to be loving stewards of God's Creation. This pilgrimage includes a lunch.



Learn more and register here:
<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/catholic-social-action/catholic-social-teaching/laudato-si-main/pilgrimages-of-hope-for-creation>

Knights of Columbus Council 500

@Bainbridge Hall, Tuesday, September 2 from 7:30-9:00 pm

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 for further particulars.

Dayton Council #500 has been serving the downtown Dayton and surrounding area Catholic parishes since 1900. New members are welcome to join us.

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.



A Call to End the Death Penalty in Ohio

Postcard-Signing Weekend September 13 & 14

On Sunday, April 27, the Holy Trinity Social Action Ministry, together with the Knights of Columbus and St. Gaspar Right to Life Ministry, hosted a program by Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE). Kevin Werner, Executive Director of OTSE, shared data on executions in Ohio, while Judge Michael R. Merz spoke on the Catholic Church's position, affirming that every life has dignity and worth.

As a follow-up, we invite parishioners to take part in a Postcard-Signing Weekend on September 13–14 after all Masses at each of our six parishes. By writing a short note on a postcard, you can join the #NoDeathPenaltyOhio campaign and make your voice heard. OTSE is the only statewide group solely focused on ending Ohio's death penalty, working alongside victims' families, faith leaders, and community members. The Catholic Church calls us to advocate for rehabilitation over vengeance and to uphold the sanctity of every human life.

How you can help:

- Stop by after Mass on Sept. 13–14
- Sign a postcard (sample sentences provided, or write your own)
- Leave the postcard with us — OTSE will deliver it to your state legislators

Your handwritten note can make a difference. Together, let's support a society that values life.



It's St. Vincent de Paul Bagged Lunch Time!

We'll be bagging lunches at
Holy Trinity's Trinity Center on Sunday,
September 21, 2025 after the 8:30 Mass.

We'll need your help to fill the lunch bags, and some items have changed, so please check out the Sign Up Genius link for details and the items needed. Thank you for your generosity in the past. With your efforts, we continue to help those in need.



For questions or help with the sign up:
Leslie Iannarino 937-901-5468
or Janet Zak 937-623-9272

Sponsored quarterly by the
Education and Social Action Ministry at Holy Trinity

St Gaspar Respect Life Group Meeting

@St. Joseph Parish Center, Monday, August 25 • 7:00 pm

Help to build a culture of life in our local community
The St Gaspar Respect Life Group invites you to our next group meeting, Monday, August 25th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, at the St. Joseph Parish Life Center, 411 East Second Street, Dayton. Together we are powerful. For more information about what we do, contact your Parish Coordinator:

Emmanuel – Mark & Nancy Miller
markm5704@gmail.com

Holy Trinity – Karen Averbeck
kmaverbeck@aol.com

Precious Blood – Rosie Prier
mprier1@gmail.com

St Joseph – MaryJo Klein
klein.maryjo@immaculateheartcoop.net

St Paul – Mike & Sally Boston
kkkkboston@aol.com

St Rita – Debbie Nieport
psalm27.dn@gmail.com





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.

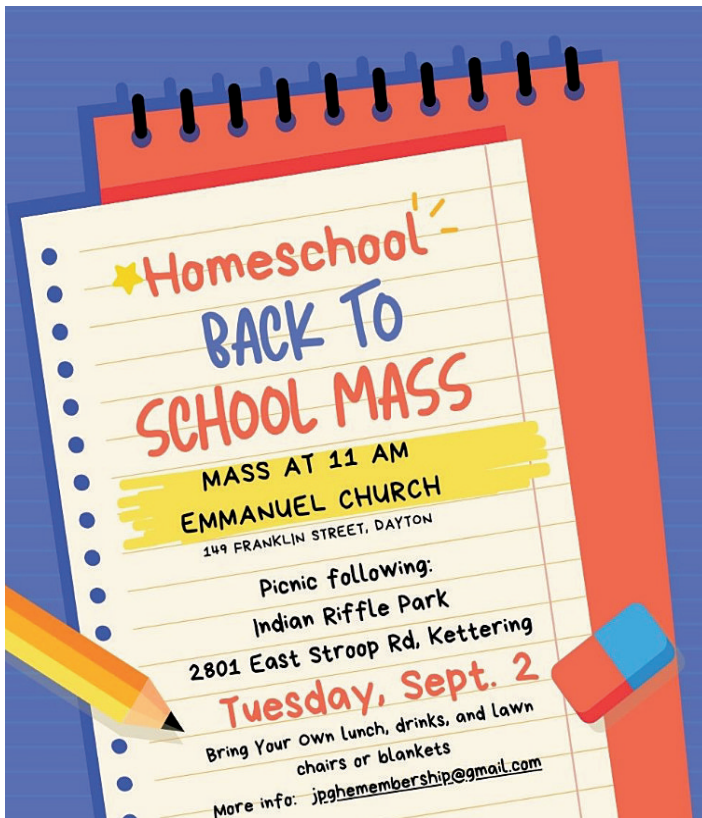


7:00 PM

(Doors open at 6:00)

St. Paul Pavillion
1000 Wenger Rd.
Englewood, OH

Majority of Proceeds Benefit
Our Charities



Join the St. Gaspar Team!

St. Gaspar North seeking part-time bookkeeper

St. Gaspar North is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper to support the parish's financial operations, including maintaining records for both church and school, managing tuition payments, overseeing state funding compliance, assisting with budgets and audits, and collaborating with staff to ensure sound financial practices. Candidates should have an associate's degree in accounting (bachelor's preferred), bookkeeping experience—ideally in a church or nonprofit—proficiency in QuickBooks or ParishSOFT, knowledge of fund accounting, strong organizational and communication skills, and a commitment to Catholic values.

Confidentiality, background check clearance, and child protection training are required. Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Julie Behrens, Business Manager, at jbehrens@preciousbloodchurch.org by September 2nd.





Invite Someone to Mass

Sunday, September 14

This year, St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is participating in the Diocesan wide effort called Together Sunday on Sunday, September 14.

Together Sunday is a special Sunday in which we make a renewed effort to be welcoming and hospitable to each other and to everyone who joins us for Mass. We invite you to help make Together Sunday a beautiful expression of our parish's culture of welcome and hospitality. Small gestures can have a big impact. Here are a few simple ways to help: Move to the center of the pew so others can easily find a seat Park a little farther away to leave closer spaces for those who aren't as mobile Greet those around you with a friendly word or a warm smile Together, we can make our parish not just a place people come to out of obligation, but a place they look forward to coming to because they truly belong.

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

Our Stewardship

Emmanuel, August 10, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$4,765

St. Vincent De Paul\$476

Holy Trinity, August 10, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$2,930

Precious Blood, August 10, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$6,975

St. Vincent De Paul\$80

Saint Paul, August 10, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$3,133

St. Vincent De Paul\$45

Saint Joseph, August 10, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$3,900

Charity\$180

Pipe Organ to Date.....\$194,460

Saint Rita, August 10, 2025

Sunday Collection.....\$3,054

St. Vincent De Paul\$155

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Canonization of Two Young Saints September 7

Pope Leo XIV will canonize Blesseds Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati on September 7, 2025, making them the first saints proclaimed in his pontificate. Both young laymen, known for their deep faith and service, have become powerful models for young people around the world.

Canonization Mass

@Maria Stein, September 9 • 7:00 pm

Join in celebrating the canonization of Bls. Pier Giorgio Frassati & Carlo Acutis at the Maria Stein Shrine. Mass will be at 7pm on Tuesday, September 9 in the Adoration Chapel. At the conclusion of Mass, the relic of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati will be presented for the faithful to venerate. St. Carlo Acutis's Eucharist Posters will be on display in the Shrine's Upper Room before and after the liturgy for the public to view. The Shrine is located at 2291 St Johns Rd, Maria Stein.



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.

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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

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Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin Date: September 7, 2025

Articles Due: Thursday, August 28, 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 8/18/25

Jodi Adams
Barb Aivalotis
D. Allen
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Andy Belt
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Carol Boyle
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Forst Elliott
Flood Victims in Texas & New

Mexico
Kay Gallihar
Jeffrey Glackin
Michael Glackin
Christine Gorczynski
John & Joan Jankowski
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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

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Margaret Newsad
Deacon Jim Olinger, Kathy &
Family
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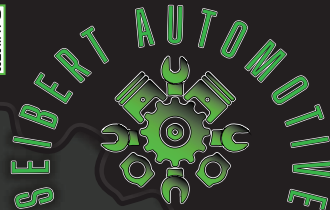


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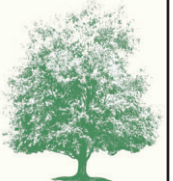
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