

August 31, 2025, 22nd 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

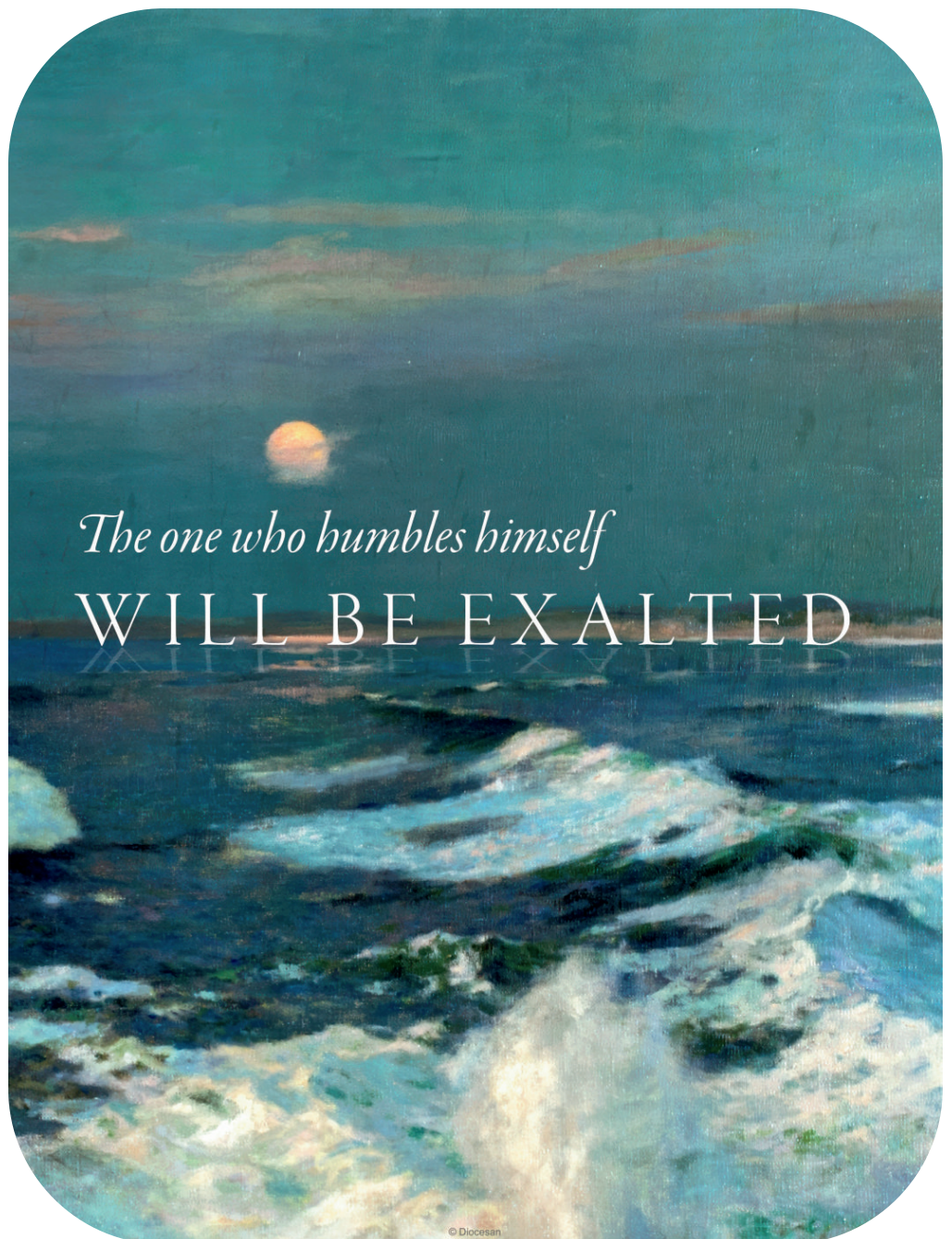
411 East Second Street
Dayton, OH 45402
937.228.9272

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.

Pastor's Desk

Drawing Near to the Lord this Fall



In today's first reading from Sirach, we hear,
*"My child, conduct your affairs with humility,
and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.
Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,
and you will find favor with God.
What is too sublime for you, seek not,
into things beyond your strength search not.
The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs,
and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise."*

We are to be humble, just like the Blessed Virgin Mary. We also see that we are not to go after things beyond our strength. Sometimes we think that there is nothing we cannot conquer. But you and I are weak and we do have our faults. We do have our strengths also, but we don't have it all together. This is why we are dependent on the Lord and others.

We also hear that we are to be attentive to proverbs. This means that we should take every opportunity to open up the Old Testament and look at the book of proverbs. There is much wisdom in those sayings in the bible. The bible is a beautiful instrument from God. As we close up the summer, please make every opportunity to open up your bible during the fall and winter months.

Most of us will have time in the evening to do that. We won't be having parish picnics, so draw close to the Lord during the winter months. Anytime we spend meditating on God's word, is never in vain. The more we spend time in God's word, the more we arm ourselves against the evil of this world. Because you and I are in a spiritual battle. Remember, Jesus came into the world to save us from sin. That is why he came into the world.

God bless you all,

Fr. Tony

Welcome Newly Registered

@St. Joseph

Seth & Christina Ayotte

Nancy Hutson and Bob Hutson

Jodie & Michael McCoy and family

Desbele Teferi & Hager Hailemariam and family

Eric Siefferman



Photo of the Week

Last weekend, we kicked off our Ministry Fair Series in our Family of Parishes, focusing on Faith Formation and Liturgical Ministries. The series will continue with our Outreach Ministries on September 6 & 7 and our Knights of Columbus will be featured October 11 & 12.

Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, September 1, 2025

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Ron Henne
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Charlie Steuer

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

7:30 am **Holy Trinity** Celebrant's Intention
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Dec. Members of the Prier & Rindler Families
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Louis Homan

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** Int. of Dan & Julie Trick
 8:30 am **St. Paul** †Salome Streaker
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Louis & Rita Hoying

Thursday, September 4, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** †Effie M. Minham
 8:30 am **St. Paul** †Tom & Karyle Dillhoff
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** Int. of Steve Calhoun

Friday, September 5, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** Niehaus Family
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** †Rachel Buschur & Marie Ballmann
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Charles Vehorn

Saturday, September 6, 2025

7:30 am **Emmanuel** All Unborn Children & their Families
 12:00 pm **St. Joseph** †Nancy Sprauer
 4:30 pm **St. Joseph** †Ken Belcher
***4:30 pm St. Rita †John Steila**
 5:00 pm **Emmanuel** Liv/Dec. Members of the Friel Family

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:30 am **Holy Trinity** †Dec. Members of the Friel Family
 8:30 am **Precious Blood** For our parishioners
 8:30 am **St. Rita** †Virginia Thomas
 10:30 am **Emmanuel** For our parishioners
 10:30 am **St. Joseph** For our parishioners
 10:30 am **St. Paul** †Ron Henne

First Friday Mass

for Healing and Anointing

A Mass for healing with anointing will be celebrated on **Friday, September 5, at 7:00 pm at Emmanuel**. The celebrant and host will be Fr. Vincent Chembakassery. All are welcome to attend. If you are sick or have been exposed to the flu, coronavirus, or similar illnesses, please remember to bring and wear a mask for the safety of others.

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. Rita

Sunday

8:00-8:25 am | Holy Trinity

Scripture Readings

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 31, 2025

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| Monday | 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30 |
| Tuesday | 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37 |
| Wednesday | Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44 |
| Thursday | Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11 |
| Friday | Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39 |
| Saturday | Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5 |
| Sunday | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33 |

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, September 1

Labor Day-Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Pope Leo Bible Study

7:00 pm-8:00 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Lunch with the Lord (join at any time)

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

Unified Finance Council

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

OCIA-A Journey to Eternity

7:00-8:30 pm · St. Paul/Mtg. Room

Thursday, September 4, 2025

God's Garden Work Day

9:00-10:30 am · St. Paul/Garden

Monthly Adoration

6:30-7:30 am · St. Rita/Church

Friday, September 5, 2025

Friday Hour

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

First Friday Mass for Healing

7:00-8:00 pm · Emmanuel/Church

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Ministry Fair Series: Outreach

After Mass at all parishes

1/2 Way to St. Patrick's Day

Doors open at 6:00 pm · St. Paul/Pole Barn

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Ministry Fair Series: Outreach

After Mass at all parishes

Volunteer Appreciation

At all parishes

OCIA-A Journey to Eternity

12:00-1:30 pm · Holy Trinity/Mtg. Room

Save the Date

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 Appreciation

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.

"Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now but yours."

— St. Teresa of Ávila

Invitations

The Thorn Group Trip

Save the Date, Thursday, October 2

The Thorn tells the epic story of God's love for the world and the spiritual battle for all humanity. The story of Christ is presented in an immersive show with music, drama, aerial acts, movement arts, modern dance, and special effects. Witnessed live by more than 1 million people over 25 years, The Thorn will engage audiences in the definitive story of love, sacrifice and redemption like never before.

More details about our trip will be shared soon. We will provide bus transportation and purchase group tickets so that our Family of Parishes can enjoy this unique show together.



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.



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. Rita

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.

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

STEPHEN MINISTRY INFORMATION NIGHT

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

SAINT GASPAR
FAMILY OF PARISHES

Bringing Stephen Ministry to all of our 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.

The Rewards are Bountiful

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.

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.





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FAMILY OF PARISHES

MINISTRY FAIR SERIES

**FEATURING OUTREACH MINISTRIES
AFTER MASSES, SEPTEMBER 6 & 7**

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 continues next week, featuring our Outreach Ministries.

➡ The following pages include information on our Outreach Ministries— take a look and see where your gifts may be shared!
Come and see what amazing opportunities await you!

Outreach

Angel Gifts

Coordinate and plan the Giving Tree Christmas Tree Program for Julia's Place and Stillwater Center.

For more information:

Mary Kreuger (SR)
Nancy Striebich (SR)
937.278.5815

Bereavement

Assist with Funeral Planning during one of life's most difficult times.

For more information:

Debbie De Brosse (PB)
937.276.5954
Parish Office (SP)
937.836.7535
Joyce Bachmann (SR)
937.416.9927

Fill The House

Provides essential household items to individuals and families in need by helping those starting over.

For more information:

Bonnie Vitangeli (PB, SP, SR)
937.219.0271

Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed for tasks such as sorting donations, stocking shelves, assembling food boxes, and assisting during pantry hours. Located on the St. Paul Campus

For more information:

Dave Heuker (PB, SP, SR)
937.416.7260

God's Garden

Volunteers are needed to help plant, water, weed, and harvest. The garden provides fresh produce for those in need.

For more information:

Rita Hess
937.367.1296
Sue Sack
937.836.4223

Health Ministry

Volunteers assist with health screenings, wellness education, and providing resources to those in need.

For more information:

Contact your parish office.

Homebound Ministry

As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to care for one another—especially those who are homebound.

For more information contact:

Matt Rutte (PB, SP, SR)
937.278.5815

Prayer Chain

Volunteers receive prayer requests by phone or email and commit to praying for those intentions daily.

For more information:

Fran West (PB)
937.276.2239
Peg Cacek (SP)
937.836.7535
Matt Ruttle (SR)
937.278.5815

Respect Life

Join us as we stand for the voiceless, support mothers and families, and bring the message of God's love and dignity to our community.

For more information:

Debbie Nieport
937.829.4646

Outreach - continued

Social Action

Promote justice, serve those in need, and respond to issues affecting our community and world.

For more information:

Matt Rutte (PB, SP, SR)
937.278.5815

St. Bonaventure

Volunteers needed to help box up blankets and clothing to bring support and dignity to this Navajo Nation.

For more information:

Don & Ruth Simon
937.750.0324

St. Vincent De Paul

Dedicated to serving those in need with compassion and respect by providing emergency financial assistance, food, clothing.

For more information:

Bill Burkhardt (EM, SJ)
937.672.8442
Bonnie Vitangeli (PB, SP, SR)
937.219.0271

Stephen Ministry

A one-on-one lay caring ministry. Lay caregivers are trained to provide Christ-centered care to individuals experiencing life crises.

For more information:

Diane Huelsman
937.416.8870
Steve Lewis
937.654.5740

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email : _____

Church/es (circle all where you currently participate)

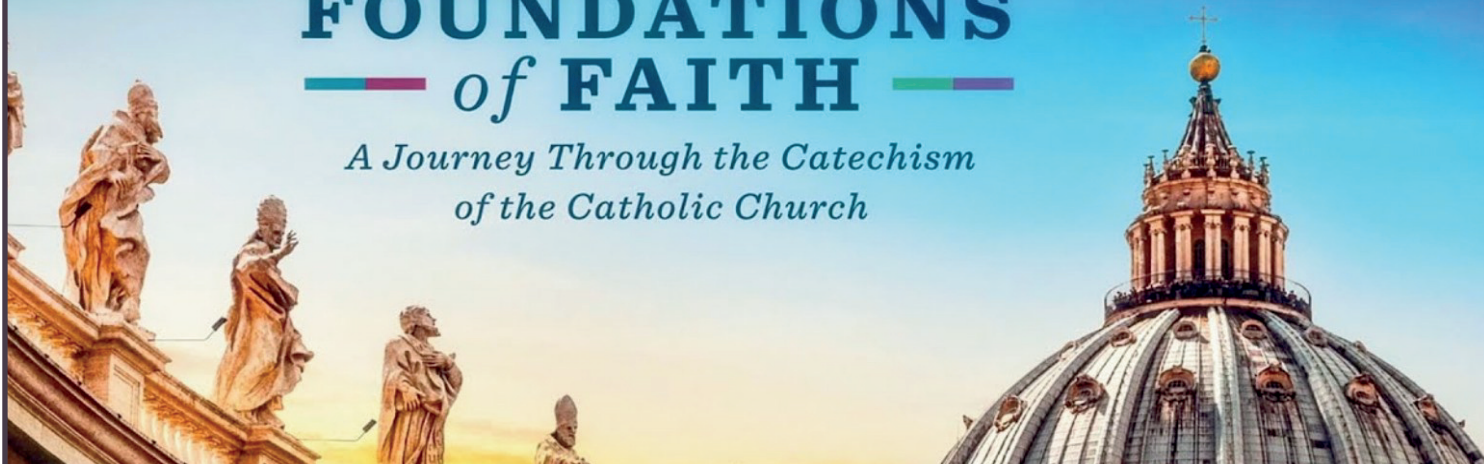
Precious Blood St. Joseph St. Paul St. Rita Holy Trinity Emmanuel

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

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

FOUNDATIONS — of FAITH —

*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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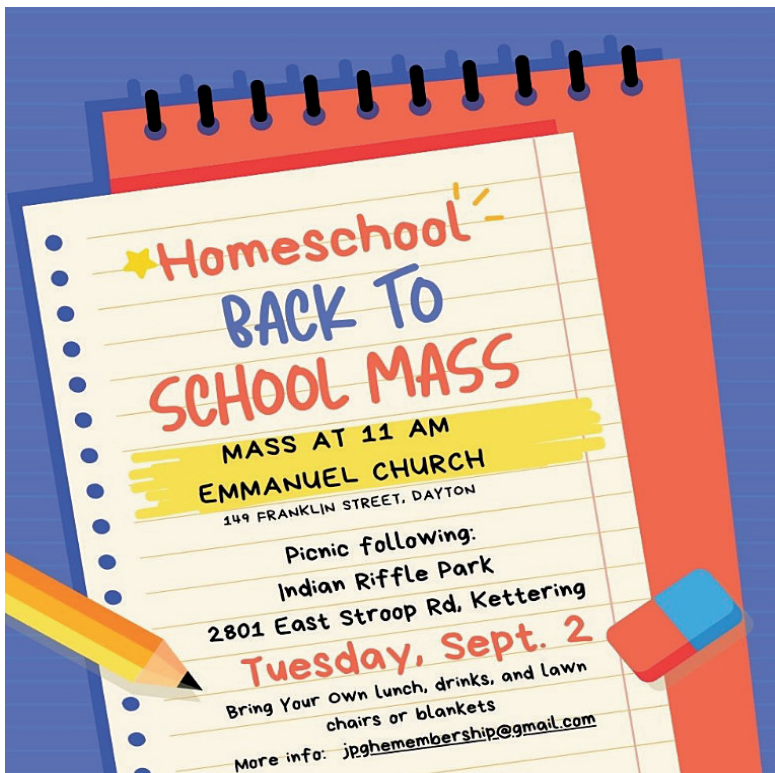
Children's Faith Formation Begins September 21 @St. Paul

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>



Holy Trinity Family Program

F.I.R.E. begins September 7

Families in Religious Education is an opportunity for families with children from age 4-13 to learn about the Catholic faith together. We learn. We celebrate. We have a pretty good time. You are invited to join us upstairs in the office building at 9:45 for donuts and our family faith formation.

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.





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 5:00 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 937.776.2942, or by email at sharonbecker6@gmail.com.

Senior Program and Lunch

@St. Paul, Wednesday, September 10 • Noon - 2:00 pm

“Navigating Diabetes Together “ presented by Diabetes Dayton

Please make reservations by noon on Monday, September 8 by calling 937-836-7535.

St. Joseph News

Lost and Found

A prayer book with an inscription was found at St. Joseph Church. Please call the parish office with a description if you have lost a prayer book.

Come Brunch with Us!

Come Brunch with Us! will be held Sunday, September 14, in the Parish Life Center after the 10:30am Mass. Please consider bringing a dish to share. Items can be dropped off before Mass, starting at 10:00am. All are welcome!

Volunteer Cleaning Crew

The volunteer cleaning crew will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, September 10, at 9:00am. Please consider joining the crew; additional help is appreciated!



St. Joseph Fall Street Party Sunday, September 28!

1:00-6:00 pm

Join us for a joyful street party filled with live music, tasty local food and drinks, and a beautiful procession of faith that brings the whole community together. It's a celebration for all ages—where families, friends, and neighbors can gather for fun, fellowship, and shared tradition.



Knights of Columbus



**Serving St. Gaspar
Family of Parishes**

Council 500 and Marian Council

The St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is blessed to have two active Knights of Columbus Councils serving our community:

Knights of Columbus Council 500

@Bainbridge Hall, Tuesday, September 2 • 7:30 pm

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

Knights of Columbus Marian Council

@St. Paul, Wednesday, September 10 • 7:30 pm

The monthly meeting for the Marian Council is held on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization rooted in charity, unity, and faith.

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**



The Christmas In July / Dayton Right To Life Storks Nest Baby Shower was a great success. A large quantity of clothing articles, baby bottles, formula, etc., was donated and each parish's generosity was overwhelming. Thank you to all of the Saint Gaspar donors, volunteers and parish representatives for your commitment to this project.



SG North Vigil Mass Moves to St. Rita

Beginning Saturday, September 6

Starting Saturday, September 6, the Saturday Vigil Mass and confession for St. Gaspar North will rotate to St. Rita through the end of the year.





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

THE ONE SECRET

THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR

marriage

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE
DATE NIGHT

with dinner & happy hour drinks

**27
SEPT**

1:30 - 8:00 PM

@ Spiritual Center
of Montezuma

FEATURING
WORLD-RENOWNED SPEAKERS & AUTHORS, DAVE & ANN WILSON



Emmanuel Music Update

Children's & Alumni Choir will be Featured on Sunday, October 26

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.

Help Spread the Word

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.

Notes from the Choir Loft

Today's entrance hymn, "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken," written by John Newton (1725-1807), echoes our second reading. It begins with a vision of the new Jerusalem and then recalls the early journey of the Israelites, with references to cloud, fire, and manna, finally returning to the heavenly city: "Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's Blood." We sing it to the familiar tune Beach Spring, but many hymnals set the text to Haydn's famous—and gorgeous—Austrian Hymn. (source: hymnary.org)



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.



Our Stewardship

Emmanuel, August 17, 2025

Sunday Collection \$5,521

St. Vincent De Paul \$552

Holy Trinity, August 17, 2025

Sunday Collection \$2,622

Precious Blood, August 17, 2025

Sunday Collection \$4,249

St. Vincent De Paul \$46

Saint Paul, August 17, 2025

Sunday Collection \$3,760

St. Vincent De Paul \$25

Saint Joseph, August 17, 2025

Sunday Collection \$10,176

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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@cpspsdayton.org our retreat master.

Canonization of Two Young Saints

September 7

Pope Leo XIV will canonize Blessed 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 BIs. 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 14, 2025

Articles Due: Thursday, Sept. 4, 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 8/25/25

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
Forst Elliott
Flood Victims in Texas & New Mexico

Kay Galliher
Jeffrey Glackin
Michael Glackin
Christine Gorczynski
Jean Henry
John & Joan Jankowski
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
Ann & Jack Wolf

We extend our sympathy to the families of St. Joseph parishioners Shirley Turvene and Shirley Roselle. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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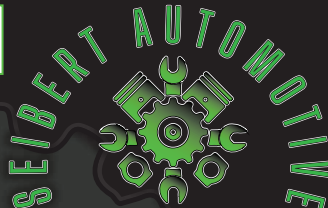
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