

**October 5, 2025, Respect Life Sunday**



# SAINT GASPAR

## FAMILY OF PARISHES

### ***Our Vision Statement***

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

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

### **Emmanuel**

149 Franklin Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.2013

### **Holy Trinity**

272 Bainbridge Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.1223

### **Precious Blood**

4961 Salem Avenue  
Dayton, OH 45416  
937.276.5954

### **Saint Joseph**

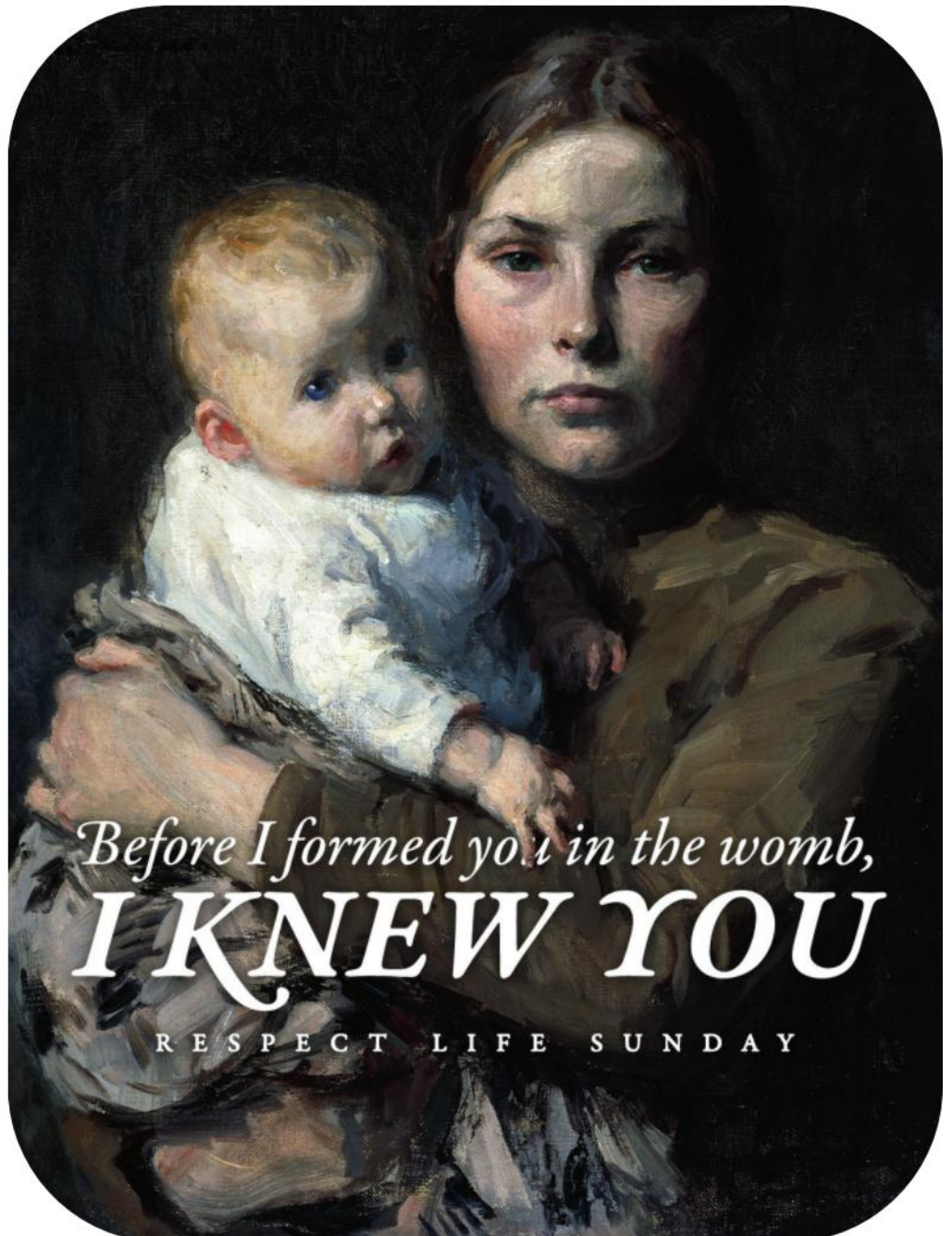
411 East Second Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937.228.9272

### **Saint Paul**

1000 W. Wenger Road  
Englewood, OH 45322  
937.836.7535

### **Saint Rita**

5401 N. Main Street  
Dayton, OH 45415  
937.278.5815





# 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

*In today's gospel, we hear Jesus say,  
"When you have done all you have been commanded,  
say, 'We are unprofitable servants;  
we have done what we were obliged to do.'"*

### The Unprofitable Servant

We are unprofitable, which says that we could've been more profitable, but we chose not to. We chose not to serve Christ and His people.

Sometimes we make a big deal out of our obligations. Maybe we want to be noticed or appreciated. Jesus tells us that we have obligations as Christians, as His followers. There are times when we have to take care of the poor. It's just our obligation. There may be times when people tell you how great you are when you take care of the poor. You are to respond, "I am an unprofitable servant I have only done what's expected of me." There are times I don't do what God expects me to do. But maybe this time I listened to him and I followed through on my Christian responsibility.

### Persevere in Our Charity

We may think at times that our Christianity can be turned on and turned off. That being charitable is not an obligation, that I can be charitable when I feel like it. This is not Christ's understanding. We are to persevere in our charity with fortitude. It's not easy being a Christian. We all will be accountable for our actions at the end of our life. Christ is noticing everything we do and don't do.

So remember, when people wanna make a big deal out of your active charity, tell them that this is what Christians do.

God bless you all,

Fr. Tony

### Updates on our Priests

Help us Welcome Fr. Makala!

We will be welcoming a new addition to our Family of Parishes. More information can be found on page 6.

We are so happy that Fr. Gaynor will be returning soon!  
Please keep our priests in your prayers.

### Sign Up for Flocknote

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

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

**Text: GETGASPAR to 84576**

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



### Photo of the Week

At this year's Blue Mass at St. Rita, we came together to pray for and recognize the brave men and women who serve our community with courage and dedication. Scan the QR code to view more photos.



# Mass Times & Intentions

## Monday, October 6, 2025

7:30 am ..... Holy Trinity ..... †Dwayne Durr  
 8:30 am ..... Precious Blood ..... †Vernice Brown  
 12:00 pm ..... St. Joseph ..... †JoAnn & Bill Penno

## Tuesday, October 7, 2025

7:30 am ..... Holy Trinity ..... †Hope Moorefield  
 8:30 am ..... St. Rita ..... †Gracie Quintanilla & Family  
 12:00 pm ..... St. Joseph ..... †Matthew "Bud" McCarthy

## Wednesday, October 8, 2025

7:30 am ..... Emmanuel ..... †George & Cecilia Muckenthaler  
 8:30 am ..... St. Paul ..... †Leo & Salome Streaker  
 12:00 pm ..... St. Joseph ..... †Poor Souls

## Thursday, October 9, 2025

7:30 am ..... Emmanuel ..... †Wanda Staghl  
 8:30 am ..... St. Paul ..... †Carlos Vega & Ruben Eduardo Salas  
 12:00 pm ..... St. Joseph ..... †Tom Massie

## Friday, October 10, 2025

7:30 am ..... Emmanuel ..... Liv./Dec. Members of the Whalen Family  
 8:30 am ..... Precious Blood ..... †James E Winkler Sr.  
 12:00 pm ..... St. Joseph ..... †Don & Wanda Gayman

## Saturday, October 11, 2025

7:30 am ..... Emmanuel ..... Liv./Dec. Members of the Howar Family  
 12:00 pm ..... St. Joseph ..... For our Priests  
 4:30 pm ..... St. Joseph ..... For our parishioners  
 4:30 pm ..... St. Rita ..... Celebrant's Intention  
 5:00 pm ..... Emmanuel ..... For our parishioners

## Sunday, October 12, 2025

8:30 am ..... Holy Trinity ..... For our parishioners  
 8:30 am ..... Precious Blood ..... †Elaine Carlisle  
 8:30 am ..... St. Rita ..... †Laura Keefe  
 10:30 am ..... Emmanuel ..... Int. of Adam & Jessi Marcy  
 10:30 am ..... St. Joseph ..... †Philip Wetzell  
 10:30 am ..... St. Paul ..... †Lisa Bauer

# 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

# Mass Books Open October 27

## Scheduling Mass Intentions

Mass books in our Family of Parishes will open on October 27. When the Mass book opens, please call your parish office to reserve your Mass intention. Since dates fill quickly, we encourage you to schedule early.



## Scripture Readings

### For the Week of October 5, 2025

<b>Monday</b>	Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
<b>Thursday</b>	Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13
<b>Friday</b>	Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Lk 11:27-28
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

# Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military

Yves Benihana	Nicholas Kern
Michael Borgert	Morgan Konsdorf
Nicholas Butler	Connor "Bakir" Magill
John Carner	Greg Marcus
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Brittany Maurer
Jon Chachula	Zachary McIntyre
Laura Chachula	David Musgrove
Eric Justin Dino	Diane Nyirasimbi
Eric Raymond Dino	Anthony Pelfrey
Caleb Fowler	Gage Plasenthal
Jacob Gutwein	Matt Shulten
Christopher Harman	Luis Torres
George Hinton	Susan Varmuza
Ryan Hulsman	Justin Williams



# Parish Calendar

**Monday, October 6, 2025**

**Crafting for the Bazaar**

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

**Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

**Pope Leo Bible Study**

*Postponed until further notice*

**Emmanuel Bible Study**

8:00-9:30 pm • Emmanuel/School

**Domestic Church**

6:00-8:00 pm • St. Paul/Mtg. Room

**Knights of Columbus Council 500**

7:00-9:00 pm • Bainbridge Hall

**Wednesday, October 8, 2025**

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

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

**OCIA-A Journey to Eternity**

7:00-8:30 pm • St. Paul/Mtg. Room

**SVDP NW Dayton Conference**

6:30-8:00 pm • St. Paul/Mtg. Room

**KOC Marian Council**

7:30-9:00 pm • St. Paul/Mtg. Room

**Thursday, October 9, 2025**

No public events

**Friday, October 10, 2025**

**Friday Hour**

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

**Saturday, October 11, 2025**

**Knights of Columbus Ministry Fair**

After Mass • St. Gaspar North

**Sunday, October 12, 2025**

**OCIA-A Journey to Eternity**

12:00-1:30 pm • Holy Trinity/Trinity Center

**Knights of Columbus Ministry Fair**

After Mass • St. Gaspar North

**Brunch with US!**

After Mass • St. Joseph/Parish Center

**Precious Blood Companions**

1:00-2:00 pm • Precious Blood/Mtg. Room

## Knights of Columbus

**Marian Council Ministry Fair**

**October 11–12 (Northern Parishes)**

Join the Knights of Columbus Marian Council for our final Ministry Fair! The Knights, a fraternal benefit society, assist with parish events and raise funds to support parish needs.

Contact: St. Paul Grand Knight, Fred Schoenhofer,  
937-271-7821

## With Gratitude



**I'M PRETTY TIRED**

*I think I'll go home now...*

*(Yes, that's the Forrest Gump meme that popped up on my feed the other day—funny how our phones know exactly what we're thinking sometimes!)*

That meme about sums up where I'm at. This job has meant so much to me—both the work itself and, even more, the people I've had the joy of working alongside. Over the past few months, though, I've noticed my energy waning, and it's become harder to give this role the time, focus, and creativity that it (and our parishes!) truly deserve. After some thought, I realized the most loving thing I could do—for myself, and for all of you—was to step aside and make room for someone new to bring fresh energy to the work.

My official last day in the office is October 3, but —I'm not vanishing just yet. I'll still be working behind the scenes throughout October to help with the bulletin, website, and Flocknote newsletter so that the transition is smooth and seamless.

On the following page, you'll see just a few of the communication projects we've accomplished together recently. But more important than any project is the team behind it. Please continue to support Fr. Tony, our staff, the Implementation Team, and the Family Leadership Team. **I can honestly say I've never worked with a kinder, harder-working, or more faith-filled group of people.** I'll always be grateful to have been part of this chapter with you.

So—like Forrest—I guess it's time to stop running. But unlike Forrest, I won't be leaving behind a crowd of confused joggers... just a very thankful heart.

Sincerely,  
Joan Macpherson

*Please see the job posting for this position on page 12.*

# Combined Website is Live!

## Introducing Our New Parish Website

We are excited to share the launch of our new parish website, designed to bring together our six parishes in one easy-to-use place. Now, when you visit [stgasparfamily.org](http://stgasparfamily.org), here's what you'll find:

### *Six-Parish Calendar*

Stay connected with everything happening across our parishes. Each event includes details, directions with a map, and the option to add it directly to your personal calendar with a single tap or click.

### *Parish Landing Pages*

From the homepage, you can explore each parish through its own dedicated landing page. Here you'll find Mass times, contact information, and quick links to what matters most.

### *A Congregational Story for Each Parish*

Every parish page features a photo slideshow, sharing the life of the community through liturgies, celebrations, and special events.

### *Featured Highlights*

Each parish page includes a section for upcoming events and important announcements, so you'll never miss what's new and exciting.



[www.stgasparfamily.org](http://www.stgasparfamily.org)



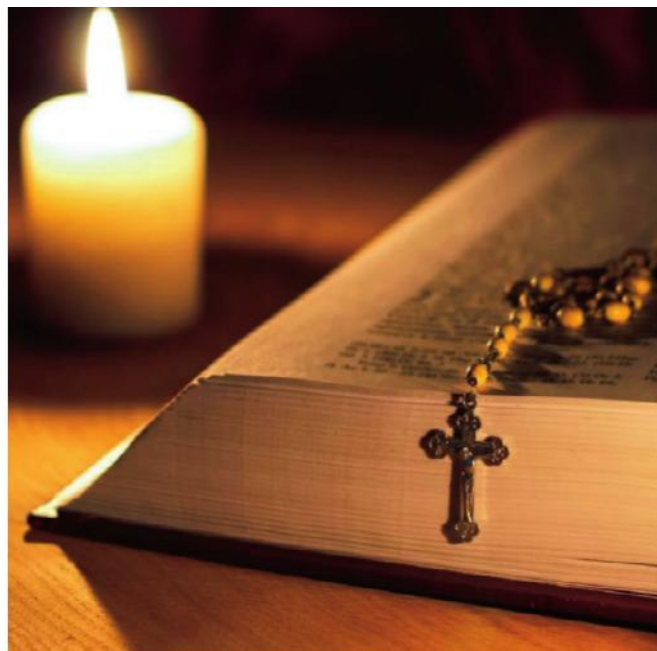
## Combined Facebook and Instagram

In addition to our six parish website we now have a combined Facebook page for our Family of Parishes. For now, our individual parish pages will remain active. Moving forward, this new page will serve as the central hub for news, events, and spiritual content for our entire Family of Parishes.



You will find us here:

[@St.GasparFamilyDayton](https://www.facebook.com/St.GasparFamilyDayton)



### *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.**





## Welcome Fr. Epitasy Makala C.P.P.S

### New Assignment Begins in Our Family

Fr. Epitasy Makala, C.P.P.S., one of two Missionaries of the Precious Blood from Tanzania who recently arrived in the United States, will begin his new assignment in October at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dayton and with the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes. Ordained in 2011, Fr. Epitasy has primarily served in provincial and institutional administration, most recently at his province's headquarters in Dodoma, and now looks forward to his first sustained parish ministry. He will spend October acclimating to Dayton before fully beginning his new role. Grateful for the warm welcome he has received, he views this new chapter as an opportunity for learning, adapting, and sharing his gifts. Please keep Fr. Epitasy in your prayers as he begins his ministry with the people of St. Joseph and the St. Gaspar Family of Parishes.

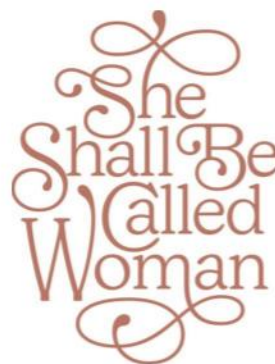
## New Women's Group Begins this Thursday!

### She Shall Be Called Woman

*@Holy Trinity, Beginning Thursday, October 9 • 6:30-8:00 pm*

She Shall be Called Woman is a transformative journey designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. Our program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers and enriching prayer experiences we equip women with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. Join us for food, fellowship, and faith beginning Thursday, October 9 at 6:30-8:00pm in the Holy Trinity office. We will be meeting for 9 weeks with a break at Thanksgiving. All women of the parish are welcome!

Learn more at [www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com](http://www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com). Registration can be made by emailing Lynda Middleton at [lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com](mailto:lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com) or calling the Holy Trinity Church office at 937-228-1223.



## Wedding Anniversary Mass and Dinner

### Celebrate Your Milestone with Your Parish Family

*@St. Joseph, Saturday, October 18 with 4:30 pm Mass, followed by dinner in the Parish Center*

Join us in celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25, 35, 40, 50, 60+ years) with a special Anniversary Mass. Mass at 4:30 PM at St. Joseph. Dinner to follow at 6:00 pm at the St. Joseph Center RSVP to your parish office to St. Paul at 937.836.7535 by October 13 or visit: <https://stgasparfamily.org/event/wedding-anniversary-mass-and-dinner/>



# Saint Spotlight:

## St. Gaspar Del Bufalo

### Founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

This special program, brought to you by our Faith Formation Team, invites you to grow in faith by learning about the lives of the saints—holy men and women who inspire us with their courage, devotion, and love for God. Each month, we highlight a featured saint and share their story as a guide for our own journey of discipleship. Be sure to pick up a prayer card in the gathering space so you can take this saint's wisdom and intercession with you throughout the month. Together, let us walk more closely with Christ by following the example of His faithful friends, the saints.

From an early age, St. Gaspar Melchior Balthazar del Bufalo had a deep love for Christ and a strong devotion to the Precious Blood. Despite fragile health, he was ordained a priest on July 31, 1808. When Napoleon demanded that priests swear allegiance to him, Fr. Gaspar bravely refused, declaring, "I cannot, I must not, I will not." For this act of fidelity, he endured four years of imprisonment and exile, becoming a witness of faith in the face of persecution.

After his release in 1814, Fr. Gaspar became one of Italy's most powerful missionaries. He traveled the countryside preaching parish missions that called people to conversion, reconciliation, and renewal in Christ. On August 15, 1815, he founded the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, a community dedicated to spreading the Gospel, serving the poor, and fostering devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus. His unwavering courage, devotion to the Eucharist, and burning love for Christ continue to inspire the Church today.



### Precious Blood Companions Information Weekend

**@St. Rita, Saturday, October 18 • 4:30 pm Saturday Mass**

**@St. Joseph, October 19 • 10:30 am mass**

On the weekend of October 18 and 19, we will welcome Eileen Givens, Director of the Companions of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Eileen will share at Mass about the Companions and will be available afterward to answer questions and provide more information. We would love for you to join us — and to consider becoming a Companion!

Our parish is served by Missionaries of the Precious Blood, a community of Catholic priests, brothers, and lay associates called by God to heal and restore relationships in the Church and the world. Precious Blood Companions are lay associates who share the Missionaries' beliefs and live the Precious Blood spirituality. For more info email John Hess: [companions@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:companions@preciousbloodchurch.org)



### Calling Emmanuel Choir Alumni

***Emmanuel's 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.

### 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.



# Miami Valley Life Chain

**Sunday, October 5 • 2:00-3:30 pm**

Join hundreds of Dayton area Pro-Life people from many local churches and organizations as they assemble in a **PEACEFUL...PRAYERFUL...EFFECTIVE...and LEGAL** demonstration of love and concern for all the victims of abortion: the babies, the mothers, the fathers, and our entire society.



St Gaspar Family of Parishes and Marian Council Knights will stand for LIFE on the sidewalk on the northside of East Stroop Road beginning at the corner of Vineyard Rd going west to Mengel Drive. (Signs will be provided).

For more information contact: Debbie Nieport , Miami Valley Life Chain Coordinator.

## St. Gaspar Family of Parishes Diaper Drive October 18 – November 2

### Did you know...

- Nearly 1/2 of all households with babies have to decide whether to buy diapers or pay rent.
- WIC does not pay for diapers.
- To save money, many babies stay in diapers much longer than they should, causing diaper rash and other health issues.
- Babies cannot go to daycare without a sufficient number of diapers, causing mothers to miss work and school.



**Seems unimaginable, but is the reality for too many babies and parents.**

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**DIAPER  
DEPOT**

started four years ago to help alleviate this problem. We supply diapers to food pantries and other health organizations around the Miami Valley, including Feeding Friends Food Pantry, Fairborn FISH Food Pantry, Elizabeth's New Life Center, Women's Center of Dayton, Springfield City Schools, and so many more.  
**In March 2025, we distributed our 1 millionth diaper!**

**You are invited to help us "Build a Better Future from the Bottom Up!"**

- **The easiest way to help is by simply donating money so that we can purchase our diapers in bulk.** Use the Dayton Diaper Depot envelope to mail your gift, or drop it in the collection basket.
- Bring diapers to the collection barrels at church - *open packages are accepted.*
- Donate online at [www.daytondiaperdepot.org](http://www.daytondiaperdepot.org) or scan the QR code

*We also invite volunteers to help "wrap" diapers for distribution.  
Checkout our website for more information.*

**Thank you for supporting Dayton Diaper Depot  
and babies in need.**



Dayton Diaper Depot is a volunteer-powered, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health, comfort and economic conditions of babies in low-income families in our community.

## 40 Days for Life Pray to End Abortion

**2025 Prayer Vigil  
Sept. 24-Nov. 2**

**LEARN MORE**

**GET INVOLVED**

**SIGN UP TO PRAY**

**PRAYER HOURS**

**8am - 5pm Mon through Friday\*\***

**LOCATION:** on the sidewalk at 1401

E. Stroop Rd, Kettering

**SIGN UP TO PRAY:**

[https://www.40daysforlife.com/  
en/dayton](https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/dayton)

or with: Jenny Belokonny  
Jkony1@gmail.com or  
937-380-2229.

Visit our web page below for open hours to pray, general campaign information and scripture verses for each day for adults and for students at [https://www.40daysforlife.com/  
en/dayton](https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/dayton)

or scan this QRCode



**\*\*Vigil Hours:** While our goal is to fill these hours and days during the 2025 Fall Campaign, you are free to pray any time and any day that works.



*MARRIAGE UNCORKED presents*

# IT'S STILL GOOD

*feat.* KEVIN HEIDER

**Marriage Uncorked** invites you and your spouse (or fiancé) to remember that *It's Still Good*, an evening of songs and stories **with Kevin Heider** on **Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30-9:00 PM** in the school building at Emmanuel Catholic Church (149 Franklin Street in downtown Dayton).

Born and raised here in Dayton, Kevin is a singer-songwriter, performer, and recording artist who writes hymns, drinking songs, and everything in between. At Marriage Uncorked he'll lead us through an evening of reflection using his original music ([kevinheider.com](http://kevinheider.com)). *Please join us and bring a snack!*

Babysitting is available for \$4/child (\$15/family max). Please **RSVP** to [marriageuncorked@gmail.com](mailto:marriageuncorked@gmail.com). This is open to any parish, so *please feel free to invite friends!*

SATURDAY  
**10/11**  
@ 6:30 PM





# HOLY TRINITY'S OLD FASHIONED HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**Saturday  
November 1, 2025  
9 am-3 pm**

**CRAFTS • FLEA MARKET • BAKED GOODS • PAPER CRAFTS**

## Be a Holy Roller! We Need You! October 8 & 9

*This year there are two opportunities to assist with cabbage roll production*

On October 8, we will be doing food prep and on October 9, you can help us make about 800 cabbage rolls. The fun begins each day in Trinity Center kitchen at 4:00 pm. Join in as your schedule permits. Men, women and teens are welcome to help get the job done in record time. No experience is necessary. There will be "on the job" training!

Purchase your tickets for the Grand Raffle! Get them at the Holy Trinity parish office. First prize is \$1000 in gift cards, second prize is a 43 in Samsung Smart T.V., and the third prize is \$100 in cash! Various other prizes will also be included in the raffle. Don't miss out! Spread the word to others to SAVE the DATE of the bazaar. We would love to see you, your friends, family and neighbors. All proceeds allow us to provide services to those in need in our community.

## Senior Program and Lunch

*@St. Paul, Wednesday, October 8 • Noon-2:00 pm*

"52 Masses" Daniel Markham, author of the book, 52 Masses will share some of his experiences with us. Daniel spent 14 months in 2021 and 2022 attending Mass in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The idea behind the book was to explore the Universal Church and how we live our faith every day. Please make reservations by Monday, October 6 by calling 937-836-7535.

## Volunteer Cleaning Crew

*@St. Joseph, Wednesday, October 8 • 9:00 am*

The volunteer cleaning crew will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, October 8, at 9:00am. Please consider joining the crew; additional help is appreciated!

## Holy Trinity Fall Work Party

*Saturday, October 11 • 9:00 am*

Come lend a hand! Holy Trinity's annual fall work party is Saturday, October 11th beginning at 9:00 am. We'll clean out the flower beds, trim the bushes & other plants and clean the grounds. Bring an extra rake if you have one! If you have any questions contact Dave Shoemaker at dshoe-macher@gmail.com or 937-477-6905.

## Come Brunch with Us!

*@St. Joseph, Sunday, October 12*

Come Brunch with Us! will be held on Sunday, October 12, in the Parish Life Center after the 10:30am Mass. If you are inspired by the Holy Spirit to bring a dish to share, items can be dropped off before Mass, starting at 10:00am. All are welcome!







### Accepting Donations for Cookie Walk & Grandma's Attic

You can support St. Paul's upcoming Holiday Bazaar in two special ways. Grandma's Attic is now accepting gently used Christmas items until October 30. Items can be dropped off at St. Paul during office hours, or after Mass. In addition, our Merry & Bright Cookie Walk is in need of baking supply donations to help keep this sweet tradition going.

### Cookie Walk Items Needed

Items needed include flour, regular and brown sugar, eggs, baking soda, vanilla, creamy peanut butter, parchment paper, condensed milk, butter, chocolate and white baking chips, and plenty of icing and sprinkles. Please bring donations to St. Paul's Parish Office by October 27. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make the Holiday Bazaar a success!

### Notes from Emmanuel's Choir Loft

Under the pen name of Jan Struther, Joyce Torrens-Graham (1901-1953) wrote the text for today's offertory hymn, "Lord of All Hopefulness." Each verse of this "all day hymn" praises one characteristic of God and then asks for a blessing for morning, noon, evening, or night. The beloved, lilting Irish tune Slane graces this poem. Fun fact about the author: she is best known for her novel depicting English family life before WWII, *Mrs. Miniver*, which was wildly popular and later made into a movie. (Source: [hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org))

### St. Joseph Pipe Organ

*The new pipe organ is ready to be installed!*

Koch & Company will start to build the new organ onsite around mid-October and hope to have it finalized in early

December. You will see lots of activity in the church as the build takes place as well as a need for volunteers to help with

### Knights of Columbus

### Council 500 Citizenship Essay Contest

*For Grades 8-12, due October 10*

The Knights of Columbus Council 500 will be holding the Citizenship Essay Contest this year. This competition is open to all students in grades 8-12. To compete please answer the following prompt: In an essay of 500-750 words, out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why? More information as well as a place to complete the entry form and upload your essay can be found here:

<https://community.kofc500.org/home/citizenship-essay> .



## Give Online!

Scan the QR code to make  
your Sunday donation.

Visit: <https://stgasparfamily.org/donations/>



### **Emmanuel, September 21, 2025**

Sunday Collection ..... \$4,763

St. Vincent De Paul ..... \$476

### **Holy Trinity, September 21, 2025**

Sunday Collection ..... \$

### **Precious Blood, September 21, 2025**

Sunday Collection ..... \$4,560

St. Vincent De Paul ..... \$175

### **Saint Paul, September 21, 2025**

Sunday Collection ..... \$3,216

St. Vincent De Paul ..... \$95

### **Saint Joseph, September 21, 2025**

Sunday Collection ..... \$5,735

Outreach ..... \$138

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### **Saint Rita, September 21, 2025**

Sunday Collection ..... \$3,065

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## Special Collection: Respect Life Fund

### ***This weekend in our Family of Parishes***

There will be a second collection at Mass for the Archdiocesan Respect Life Fund. The Respect Life Fund helps support local Crisis Pregnancy Centers, educational resources, advocacy groups, and other local organizations whose work supports a Culture of Life right here in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

## Other News

### Men's Eucharistic Procession

**Saturday, October 18**

Good morning. The 11th rendition of the annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession is fast approaching – Saturday, Oct. 18, beginning with 8:00 a.m. Mass with Archbishop Casey at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. After Mass, the men will process with the Eucharist through downtown Cincinnati, concluding with Benediction at Old St. Mary's Church around 11:00 am.

### Now Hiring

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#### ***St. Gaspar Family of Parishes***

##### **Communications Director**

St. Gaspar Family of Parishes is looking for a full-time Communications Director to help share the good news of our parishes and school! This role will lead the way in keeping parishioners, school families, and the wider community connected through the bulletin, newsletters, websites, social media, and more. We're seeking a practicing Catholic with experience in communications, marketing, and social media who enjoys being creative, organized, and collaborative. If you're passionate about telling the story of our faith community and helping others stay engaged, we'd love to hear from you! For more information and to apply contact Julie Behrens at [jbehrens@preciousbloodchurch.org](mailto:jbehrens@preciousbloodchurch.org).

### NAIM

***@Friendship Hall, St. Francis Parish, October 13***

STILL HAVEN'T CHECKED OUT THE NAIM ACTIVITIES!?!? Why not join them on October 13, at NOON to celebrate OKTOBERFEST with the catered dinner @ NOON in Friendship Hall at St. Francis parish, 6245 Wilmington Pike is the site of the dinner and regular meeting followed by cards. To make a reservation for the Oktoberfest dinner @ \$15.00 per serving, or learn more about this social & religious organization, contact Sunny Hickey @ 937-433-1437.



# 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.

## Facility Rentals

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## Bulletin

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### Send Bulletin Articles to:

Joan Macpherson

jmacpherson@preciousbloodchurch.org

## Priests and Deacons

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

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**Deacon Joe Subler**

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

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

## Family Leadership Team

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

### Director of Evangelization

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### Director of Stewardship

**Sue Seibert (SP)**

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## Administrative Staff

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**Erica Rudemiller – (SP)**

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### Coordinator of Religious Education

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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 9/29/25

Jodi Adams  
Barb Aivalotis  
Audrey  
Natalie Bailey  
Alice Baldwin & Family  
Andy Belt  
**Don Birdsall**  
Bill & Jayme Budde  
Rick Carlile  
**Adrienne Fiely**  
**Juliette Fiely**  
Kay Gallihar  
Fr. Jim "Santiago" Gaynor  
Jeffrey Glackin  
Michael Glackin

Bill Gleason  
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Jean Henry  
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Magan & Family  
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Minneapolis Church Shooting

Victims & Families  
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Mary Rose  
Archbishop Dennis Schnurr  
Debbie Shively  
Gene & Kathy Smith  
Karen Thomas  
**Mary Vance**  
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Ann & Jack Wolf

Rest In Peace: Please keep the family of St. Paul parishioner, Marty DeMange in your prayers. 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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