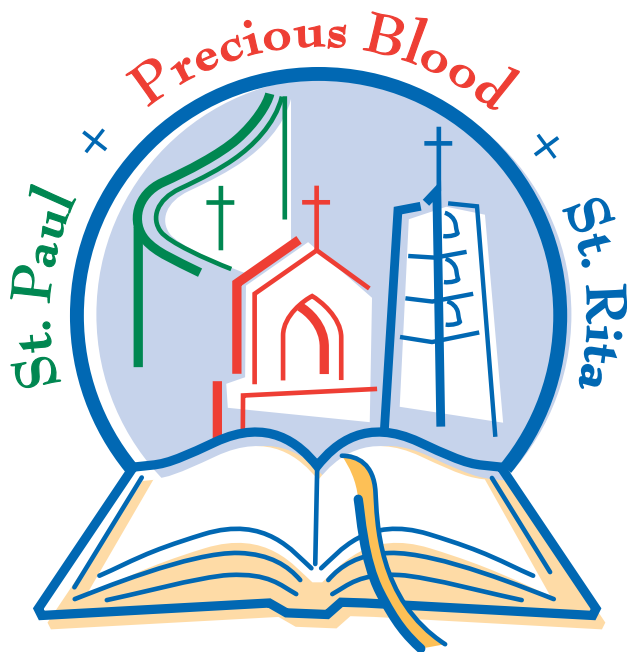


# Catholic Communities of Northwest Dayton

*2022 Guide Book & Directory*



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Dear Parishioners,

We are happy to present this Ministry Guide Book and Directory for 2022. It is designed to help you realize the diversity of our Region and the varied ministries that serve the parishes and the local community. Our hope is that you recommit yourself to your ministry and consider the possibility of further involvement in the life of your parish.

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If any of your information is incorrect, please contact your Parish Office with the updated information.

With kind regards and every best wish, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Tim Knepper, C.PPS.  
Parochial Vicar

## Regional Clergy

**Parochial Vicar:** Fr. Timothy L. Knepper, C.P.P.S.

**Deacons:** Dale DeBrosse  
Jim Olinger  
Mike Prier  
Andy Rammel  
Brian Seibert  
Joe Subler

## Mass Schedule

DAY	TIME	WHERE
Saturday	4:30 pm	January-April: Precious Blood Church May-August: St. Paul Church September-December: St. Rita Church

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available each Saturday afternoon from 3:30-4:15 pm at the corresponding church.*

DAY	TIME	WHERE
Sunday	7:30 am	St. Paul
	8:30 am	Precious Blood
	9:30 am	St. Rita
	10:30 am	St. Paul
	11:30 am	Precious Blood
Monday	8:30 am	Precious Blood
Tuesday	8:30 am	St. Rita
Wednesday	8:30 am	St. Paul
	6:30 pm	St. Rita
Thursday	8:30 am	St. Paul
Friday	8:30 am	Precious Blood

## Opportunities To Serve Ministry of Administration

Each parish has a **Parish Pastoral Council**.

The overall goals of Parish Pastoral Council are:

- To serve as a vehicle of dialogue and communication among members of the Parish Family;
- To encourage communication among all members of the parish and resolve conflicts in the practical working out of programs of various committees, associations, and commissions;
- To provide advice and counsel to the Pastor.

## Parish Fund Raisers

**Fish Fry Committee:** This committee coordinates the annual St. Paul Parish Fish Fry, which is held every year. Responsibilities of our ministry include: calling on volunteers to work the Fish Fry, soliciting for donations for our gift baskets, and, of course, preparing food and spirits for the night of the event. Contact: St. Paul Parish Council President at the Parish Office 937-836-7535.

**Reverse Raffle Committee:** This committee coordinates the annual St. Rita Parish Reverse Raffle, which is held every year in February. Responsibilities of our ministry include: calling on volunteers to work the Reverse Raffle, soliciting for donations for our gift baskets and Silent Auction, and, of course, preparing food and spirits for the night of the event. Contact: St. Rita Parish representative John Shay 937-274-8031.

**Holiday Bazaar Committee:** This committee organizes and coordinates with local crafters and gifters for this annual event for holiday shopping purposes, many of whom are our own parishioners. They are also involved with the sale of live Christmas wreaths, handmade crafts, Christmas cards, the Second Hand Holiday Booth, and the Cookie Walk. With the help of the Knights of Columbus and the St. Vincent de Paul groups, meals are served throughout the day. Contact: St. Paul Parish Office 937-836-7535.

## Ministry Of Worship

**Altar Servers** assist the priest during the liturgies. Their roles include carrying the processional cross and sometimes incense and candles. They hold the proper liturgical book for the presider and perform other functions that enable the celebration to flow in a reverential manner. This ministry is open to all youth and adults, 5th grade or older. Training is required and provided. If you are interested please contact: Rebecca Diller 937-836-0855 at St. Paul, Matt Ruttle 937-278-5815 at St. Rita, and the Liturgy Office 937-276-5954 at Precious Blood.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to fellow Catholics at Mass. They assist with set up of Communion vessels prior to Mass, assist Mass celebrant with the distribution of Holy Communion, and properly clean and store the vessels after Mass. This ministry is open to those who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Training is provided. If you are interested please contact: Pete Pierron 937-771-4411 at St. Paul, Matt Ruttle 937-278-5815 at St. Rita, and the Liturgy Office 937-276-5954 at Precious Blood.

**The Lectors** proclaim the Scripture at all Masses, Sundays and weekdays, and special liturgies, such as Vespers. The ministry of the Lector is of utmost importance to the life of the Church, for the Lector proclaims God's living Word. A training session is provided after which Lectors are scheduled on a rotating basis. Contact: Jerri Bishop 937-884-5717 at St. Paul, Matt Ruttle 937-278-5815 at St. Rita, and the Liturgy Office 937-276-5954 at Precious Blood.

**Mass Coordinators** make sure all Liturgical Minister are signed in five minutes before Mass begins and finds replacement in the congregation for ministers not accounted for. Contact: Narisa Lao 937-836-7535 at St. Paul, Matt Ruttle 937-278-5815 at St. Rita, and Bob Birkhead and Don Stewart 937-276-5954 at Precious Blood.

**The Ministers of Hospitality/Ushers/Greeters** are there to greet those attending Mass, to distribute the Worship Aids, and to answer questions. They are also there to help with members of the congregation who require special assistance. During Mass they take up the offering. At the end of Mass they distribute bulletins and wish the departing friends "a good day." Contact: Richard Fulwiler 937-836-0654 at St. Paul, Matt Ruttle (Greeters) 937-278-5815/ Joe Bachmann (Ushers) 937-701-8939 at St. Rita, and the Liturgy Office 937-276-5954 at Precious Blood.

**In Music Ministry** there are many ways parishioners of all ages can become involved, primarily through the singing assembly. Below is a description of how one can participate. If interested in any one of them please contact the Office of Liturgy and Music 937-276-5954 at Precious Blood.

**Adult Choir:** This choir leads the sung prayer of the community regularly for Sunday and major holydays throughout the year.

**Instrumentalists:** Parishioners who play musical instruments are invited to consider sharing their talent with the community. Instrumentalists are always welcome, especially during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

**Cantoring:** The role of the Cantor is to support and lead the singing assembly and to proclaim Psalms. To this end Cantors must be competent not only as singers but as leaders of prayer. Persons interested in becoming a parish Cantor need not be members of any choir. Cantors provide leadership in singing Sunday and Holy Day Masses as well as parish celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours.

**Handbells:** Hand bell ringers contribute to our worship at Precious Blood by periodically playing during Mass.

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## Ministry of Formation & Education

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

**Catholic Life:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This is a process designed to educate and welcome individuals into the Catholic Faith. The basic process applies to adults and older children. There is an adapted version for younger children known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC). For more information about the program, contact Curtis Kneblak at 937-276-5954 ext. 2111 at Precious Blood.

### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION:

Sunday morning, during the traditional school year, we offer weekly religion classes at St. Paul Parish for those children who attend public schools.

#### Children's Faith Formation:

Pre-K through 8th Grade

Sundays 9:00 am-10:15 am at St. Paul Parish, (SP)

- Registration is required. See below.

Contact **Erica Rudemiller** at 937-836-7535 ext. 2008 for further information.

#### Sacramental Preparation:

Parents/guardians must provide their child's Baptismal record upon registering for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist. Children must also have at least one year of a religious education class prior to registering for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist.

- First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Registration
- Confirmation Registration

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy is offered at Precious Blood Church and St. Paul Parish. All children age 5 through Grade 5 are invited to be dismissed following the Opening Prayer in church. A trained catechist will lead the children with the Sunday readings from the Children's Lectionary, which is then followed by discussion. The children return to church during the Offertory.



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## **Outreach Ministry**

### **Catholics Come Home**

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### **Homebound Ministry**

Volunteers bring Holy Communion to homebound parishioners and also to area nursing home patients on a weekly basis and on a schedule which is mutually advantageous to all. Service to the homebound at their residence is usually because of chronic medical or other circumstances that keep them from coming to church. This ministry's mission is to provide union with Christ, spiritual comfort, and ongoing contact with the parish. Contact: Parish Office 937-836-7535 at St. Paul, Matt Ruttle 937-278-5815 at St. Rita and Deacon Mike Prier 937-276-5954 at Precious Blood.

### **Bereavement/Funeral Committee**

The Bereavement Ministry will serve families who have lost a loved one to death through the Catholic Communities of Northwest Dayton. The members of the ministry are trained to provide comfort and support to the grieving families by giving them our time, hearing their thoughts, and sharing their tears. The Funeral Committee sees that all is in order and ready for a Funeral Mass/service. They prepare the altar and church for a Funeral Mass, serve as altar servers, and toll the bells. Other duties include preparing the pall for the casket, handing out the liturgy aids, being Eucharistic ministers, and ushering. Contact: Parish Office 937-836-7535 at St. Paul, Joyce Bachmann 937-416-9927 at St. Rita, and Debbie De Brosse 276-5954 at Precious Blood.

### **Brunner Literacy Center**

This is a shared ministry, spearheaded by the Sisters of the Precious Blood and supported by volunteers from the 3 regional parishes, which was established in order to increase literacy in the surrounding area. The Center offers free, one-on-one tutoring to adults who desire to earn a GED, improve basic reading and/or math skills, or learn basic computer skills. Call the Brunner Literacy Center at 937-567-9600.

### **Cookie Connection**

This group is made up of volunteers who bake for various parish functions, including Confirmation, Easter Vigil, the St. Paul Parish Fish Fry, and the St. Paul Christmas Bazaar. Contact: Peg Cacek 937-836-3462 at St. Paul and Janet McDermott 937-278-5815 at St. Rita.



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### **God's Garden**

God's Garden is a volunteer-run garden that provides needy families with fresh locally-grown produce that they otherwise may not be able to obtain. The garden is a product of the efforts of parishioners from all three parishes and is located on the St. Paul Parish grounds. Contact: Valerie Hagemeyer 937-836-7535.

### **Helping Hands Ministry**

This group of parishioners volunteers to help in the kitchen or prepare food in their homes for funeral luncheons or both. Contact: Mary Lou McDaniels 937- 836-5645 at St. Paul, Matt Ruttle or Mary Krueger 937-278-5815 at St. Rita, and Parish Office 937-276-5954 at Precious Blood.

### **Knights of Columbus**

The K of C, a fraternal benefit society, assists with special parish social events and raises funds that support special needs of the parish. Contact: St. Paul Grand Knight Eric Weidner 937-833-6378. Contact: Marian Manor Grand Knight Don Sprigman 937-432-8557.

### **Northmont Community Table**

The purpose of the Community Table is to provide a community gathering place where people experiencing emotional and financial stress can secure temporary food and shelter; learn in classes and in small groups, and/or develop relationships that support healthy and sustainable lives in the larger communities. Projects include Backpacks for Kids, Back-to-School Store, and Christmas Store. Contact: Pat Lewis 937-540-9565.

### **Prayer Chain**

Convinced of the power of prayer, the Prayer Chain is a group that passes on the need for extra prayers for anyone requesting them. The group passes on the information either by telephone or email in a "chain form" to notify members to add these requests to the member's personal prayers. Contact: Sue Seibert 937-836-7535 at St. Paul, Matt Ruttle 937-278-5815 at St. Rita, and Fran West 937-276-2239 at Precious Blood.

### **Senior Communities of Northwest Dayton**

Bi-weekly Wednesday programs at St. Paul Parish in Pilliod Hall will be provided to support and enhance the lives of our aging population in the Northwest Dayton Catholic Communities. Lunch and a program will be provided that will focus on health, wellness, education, and socialization for adults age 55 and above.

Pre-registration is required. For additional information, please contact Beth Langenkamp, Coordinator, Senior Communities of Northwest Dayton at 937-623-9047.

### **St. Bonaventure Indian Mission & School**

Precious Blood Parish sends clothes, shoes, coats, household items, blankets, toys, and children's books to St. Bonaventure Indian Mission in New Mexico several times throughout the year. The tribe lives in one of the poorest counties in the country, and they are most appreciative of our efforts. Donations can be left in the usher's room throughout the year. If interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Ruth and Don Simon at 937-770-1395.

### **Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one lay caring ministry that takes place in our parishes. Stephen Ministry lay caregivers are non-professional parishioners who are equipped to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are struggling from divorce, job loss, grief, illness, or some other life crisis. Stephen Ministry Leaders assign a care giver who can best serve the parishioner who is in need. Contact: Barb Franz 937-776-7375.

### **St. Vincent DePaul**

Our three parishes have one Conference dedicated to serving the impoverished within their geographical parish boundaries. A combined Conference works for greater efficiency to manage and run a food pantry, to arrange volunteers to provide meals to a homeless shelter, to organize and deliver food and Christmas gift baskets, and to offer financial assistance to those needing help. If you are interested please contact: Conference President Pat Lewis 937-540-9565.

### **Widows' Club**

This regional group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm in the St. Paul Annex. Social get-togethers are enjoyed several times a year. Contact: Jane Marx 937-832-9753.

### **Widowers' Support Group**

This regional group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm in Rosary Hall at St. Paul. Contact: Sam Miller 937-898-9853.