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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday–Wednesday: 9am—8pm
Thursday & Friday: 9am—5pm
(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00 pm)
Saturday: 1pm—3:45pm

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am
  Monday: 11:00am
  Tuesday: 8:30am
  Wednesday: 8:30am
  Thursday: No Mass
  Friday: 8:30am

RECONCILIATION
BY APPOINTMENT
ONLY AT THIS TIME

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
Blessed Trinity Parish is an open and welcoming Catholic community, centered in the Eucharist and celebrating God's gift of Diversity. We bring God's love to one another and support one another in responding to the challenge of living the Gospel. We strive to deepen participation and encourage all parishioners to take ownership for the everyday life of their church, especially Spiritual Growth, Community Life, the Building of a Just Society, and Service to All God's People.

Psalm 34: The Cry of the Poor

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Bless-ed be the Lord.

Prayers of Intercession Response:

Óyenos Señor (Listen to Your People)  Bob Hurd

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From Fr. Doug’s Desk…

What Was this Really About

Last Saturday after the Mass some of the good sisters of the Humility of Mary invited me to join them for dinner. I was sure they were going to take me to some reputable restaurant. “The tavern up the street next to Marc’s” was the reply. This explains why they changed their name from Holy Humility of Mary to just Humility of Mary.

Sr. Loretta struck up a conversation with a man headed to the men’s room. “You have nice legs” said Loretta. He was wearing shorts which made both of his prostheses quite visible.

After a few questions about ‘can you make them longer or shorter and so on’, he mentioned that he was Catholic but doesn’t go to church anymore. For one thing “All they do is ask for money”. For another, God hates him. “You know what Dennis spelled backwards spells?” That’s why God hates me. His mother died when he was ten. His brother died when he was twelve. He ended up losing both of his legs to disease, first one, then the other. Life is not fair.

Then Dennis said, “Everyone I get close to dies.” He was standing behind my chair when he said that and then he wrapped his arms around me. We all started laughing and the nuns said, “Well, Doug, it looks like you’re next!”

I thought I’d tackle the easier comment first, using the third person and trying to be unbiased. “We all go to the Catholic Church down the street”. I said anonymously. “They never talk about money there. You should try it. Not all Catholic churches are the same.”

And then Dennis says, “You’re the pastor there, right? That’s what they told me.”

“As a matter of fact I am”, I said and then I introduced the four sisters by name to Dennis. We chatted for about ten minutes. Dennis had attended St. Philip Neri where my parents were married and where Sr. Laurel’s mom played the organ. There were so many connections. Small world. He offered to buy us all a drink. We declined. He said he might stop by for church sometime but he lives in Westlake so I don’t expect to see him anytime soon. But you never know.

What was significant about this encounter, as I look back on it, is that Dennis knew what my profession was the whole time. This man was not just looking for a visible sign of the church to whom he could express his anger. He was a man searching for meaning. He was a journeyer looking for answers. To him a priest in a bar drinking a Guinness seemed more approachable than one in a clerical shirt. In fact Dennis would never have met me nor would I have met him, if I had stayed on our property. He wouldn’t have set foot at Blessed Trinity in the first place.

Deep down inside, Dennis was seeking answers from the proper source. He wanted to know God loved him. He wanted to know that all churches were not money grubbing cesspools. When he got the opportunity, he seized it.

How often do we look for answers in the wrong places? Facebook is not a reliable source. Neither are many other social media outlets. Some television stations may be worse because they say they are objective but they are not. If you want to learn about the vaccine, consult your doctor. If you want to learn about political candidates, consult the league of women voters. If you want to learn about God and the church, ask a priest. A nun will do in a pinch.
AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

Thank you for your generous support!

| Sunday, August 1 | $ 4,949.00 |
| Special Gifts    | $ 1,340.00 |
| SCRIP            | $ 170.58  |

Please pray for:
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Please pray for all who are serving in the military, especially the men and women connected to our parish:
* Brook Robinson (Navy), son of David & Michelle and grandson of Dolores Coleman
* Kyle A. Riley (Air Force), nephew of Robert Hollowell
* Greg Koch (Air Force), nephew of Nancy Koch
* James Ashenhurst (Navy), stepson of Stephen Flynn and son of Jenny Simons
* Yoshi Cacho (US Marine Corps), son of Medel & Mariann Cacho

May the Peace of Our Lord be with Arleen Schwab
And
Ann Shuttera
May God grant comfort to their families and friends

Disciple of the Week: This week we thank new parishioner Sunnie Poplar for jumping right in to serve our community. Sunnie has been weeding, putting bags together and harvesting our bountiful crops. She has raved about our parish to friends who are looking for a good place to worship and has brought many here to check us out. Thank you Sunnie for helping us grow.

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Disciples needed for Community Meals
Our Community Meal ministry will resume on Sept. 12. Meals are served every 2nd Sunday of the month in Fogarty Hall, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Can you offer any time on these Sundays between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.? Disciples do not need to be there the entire time. Come for only an hour. Leave to attend Mass if you need to. Come only to clean up. Commit to the entire event. Whatever way you can help, please offer your service. Disciples are needed to set up tables & chairs, prep ingredients, cook, serve, clean up, and take down tables & chairs. We need a few additional disciples who love to cook, can cook for a crowd, and are not afraid to lead a group. We are looking for many disciples to share this ministry so team members can have a break from the every month schedule. Help get our Community Meal teams in place and going strong. Contact Cas Robertson [ecrobertson@sbcglobal.net] or Katie Corbett if you can say “Yes!” to this ministry.
### This Week at Blessed Trinity

#### Monday, August 9
- 9:30am—10:30am: Legion of Mary (Church)

#### Tuesday, August 10
- 9:30am—12:00pm: Bountiful Basement
- 10:30am—12:00pm: AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
- 7:00pm—8:30pm: LGBTQ Faith Sharing Group (Rectory Living Room)

#### Wednesday, August 11
- 1:00pm—2:00pm: Haiti Committee Mtg. (Rec. Lib.)
- 3:00pm—3:45pm: Standing to End Racism (front yard)
- 5:00pm—6:45pm: Bountiful Basement
- 7:00pm—8:00pm: Tai Chi Easy (Outside)
- 8:00pm—9:00pm: AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

#### Thursday, August 12
- 11:00am—12:00pm: AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
- 2:00pm—4:00pm: Stephen Ministers Grp. (Rec. Lib.)
- 7:00pm—8:30pm: Women’s Faith Sharing Grp. (Joseph Center)

#### Friday, August 13
- 1:00pm—3:00pm: Steph. Min. Ldrs. Mtg. (Rec. Rm. 22)

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Every Wednesday from 3-3:45 we stand in solidarity with one another as one global family, the people of God, a visible sign that we must end racism before it ends us. Come and join us. Bring a friend.

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### Caring Corner

The Holy Spirit blessed your parish Stephen Ministry last Sunday with 15 attendees at the Information Session. For those who submit applications by August 9th, interviews will begin the week following. About 20 questions were answered following the brief presentation by the Stephen Leaders, which included a couple of videos. Thank you to the 5 alums who expressed their sentiments after their 2 years serving as Stephen Ministers for Blessed Trinity.

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On August 15 from 3-6pm, join the **Friends of Troop 176** at St Vincent de Paul Church (13400 Lorain Avenue, 44111) to help raise money for Troop 176’s Scout program! Dinner costs $7 per person and includes all you can eat pasta, bread, salad, and beverages. Join in on raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing.
WORSHIP

Saturday, August 7
4:00pm Donald Reiman
(Mary Ann & Jerry Bowers)

Sunday, August 8 (1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51)
9:00am Carl Rhodes (Ron & Kathy Mickler)
11:00am Blessed Trinity

Monday, August 9
11:00am Donald Reiman
(Mary Ann & Jerry Bowers)

Tuesday, August 10
8:00am Novena—Rosary to “Our Mother of Perpetual Help”.
8:30am All Souls

Wednesday, August 11
8:30am Henry Reitinger, Jr. (Family)

Friday, August 13
8:30am Michael McGivney (Richard Stein)

Saturday, August 14
4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, August 15 (Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56)
9:00am Marilyn Simmons
(Paul & Bonnie Suding)
11:00am Andrew & Loretta Needham & Sr. Laura Marie Kuhns, CSJ
(Ginger Needham)

CCA Grief Support August 15th “In-Office” at 3:00pm and “Virtual” at 5:00pm: The August 15th topics are “Planning for Special Days/Memorials” and “Family Dynamics in Grief”. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand. Meet in the main office building at Holy Cross, 14609 Brook Park Rd. Or, meet virtually at 5pm at http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup. Your RSVP for both In-Person and Virtual Grief Support is appreciated but not required to attend. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.


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