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MARCH 6, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

At Westpark Healthcare Campus
4387 W. 150th St.

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.



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Psalm 91: Be with Me

Refrain



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From the Desk of Fr. Doug

Why Now?

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus admits that there are evil men in the world. By their fruits you will know who is good and who is bad.

This past week, Vladimir Putin revealed himself again as the sociopathic, pathological liar, murderer and war criminal that he has always been. He has no regard for international law. He respects no country's borders. He attacks the media. He disseminates lies in his own country. When there is an opposition leader, he locks them up. He threatens nuclear war. Talk of him being unhinged is redundant since that is what sociopathy is.

The problem is that he has been doing this for over twenty years. In 2008 he invaded and took over Georgia. (It is alleged that Marjorie Taylor Greene said, "Too bad he didn't capture the radical left socialist city of Atlanta while he was here.") In 2014 he invaded and took over Crimea. There is one reason he has gotten away with it - money. International banks, US banks, NATO allies did not want to risk the loss of money, the cost of gas and the risk of war. And so, they let the evil one run free. Now we see what happens when good people sit by and do nothing. Or can we call them good at this point.

By the way, there is an important history here. Between 1932 and 1933, Stalin starved somewhere between four and seven million Ukrainians to death.

Jimmy Carter had a foreign policy based on linkage. He combined foreign policy with a nation's record on human rights. He punished nations who abused their citizens. That cost capitalists money and big business didn't like that. He was booted out of office after one term.

What countries, banks, states, companies and wealthy citizens are doing now to squeeze

Putin and his corrupt oligarchs could have and should have been done years ago, not for good politics but for the sake of the Gospel. Citizens in Georgia and Crimea lost their freedom. The Russian population has suffered the greatest gap between rich and poor in the modern world.

There are other brutal dictators in the world. They may not be as sociopathic as Putin but they are as evil. Ethnic cleansing and murders occur in China. Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Congo, Syria. Only toward North Korea has there been an international isolation. The Gospel must be applied evenly wherever God's children suffer. Otherwise, it is not the Gospel. It is expediency for profit.

Putin will feel the heat for this invasion and so will we. We have seen what the Ukrainian people are willing to sacrifice. How about you? I'm ready to pay \$5 a gallon for gas if it will help Ukraine. You and I have not been asked for much. What are you willing to risk for the sake of the Gospel?

Those who think religion has nothing to do with politics don't know a thing about religion. Here is a glaring example of what happens when a ruler abuses, starves and arrests the children of God for no reason. Jesus would not sit by idly and neither should we. If we are going to follow Him, we have to take up our cross daily. Maybe that means forgiving those who hurt us. Maybe it means paying \$5 a gallon for gas.

This didn't have to happen. He lies, he cheats, he attacks those who speak the truth only to satisfy his hunger for self-love. But this is what happens when a sociopath, a pathological liar, a man who has lost touch with reality is allowed to run free without repercussions. Like an infection or a cancer, this kind of man must be eradicated early on before he spreads and grows and becomes deadly. Let us be wary of what any autocrat could do.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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E-MAIL PRAYER LINE REQUESTS TO:

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Please pray for:

Aurelio Abarca, Maureen Ashdown, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Azzarello, Vincent Bontempo, Charlene Boyer, Mary Brennan, Sarah Brower, Adele Burke, Ann Busch, Callie Carley, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, McKayla Coyne, Cathrine Damm, John Darmstadt, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Scott Eidam, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Alice Friedel, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocevar, Helena Hoogstraten, John Itayem, Nicola & Mara Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Ann Jones, Annette Kalister, Joanne Kauchuk, Betty Kensick, Tony Kernan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Marra, SND, Rosemarie Martin, Kathy McAvinue, George McKee, Peggy McMahon, Molly McQuillan & family, Sandra McRae, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Tony Miller, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Jennifer Naelitz, Dave Norris, Tom O'Boyle, Noreen Ortiz, Tony Pierson, Lisa Prokopius, Catherine Rajnicek, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Ron Ruble, Bob Ruddy, Mary Salamon, Mary Ellen Salo, Marilyn Samonte, Jerry Secunde, Jeffrey Secunde, Carolyn Sesplankis, Brandy Shuttera, Debbie Shavorinsky, Terri Siegwarth, Joanna Somerville, Larry Sowders, Leonard Sprenger, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Pete & Teri Thayer, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Dennis Tyburski, Celine Whelpley, John & Noreen Williams, Jay Yesenko, Eileen Young.

Thank you for your generous support!

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| Sunday, February 20 | \$ 5,143.21 |
| Special Gifts | \$ 3,547.95 |
| Scrip, profit from gift card sales | \$ 265.45 |
| Sunday, February 27 | \$ 2,944.25 |
| Special Gifts | \$ 1,848.00 |
| Scrip, profit from gift card sales | \$ 134.66 |

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE - Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat for all who have reached their 14th year. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence. Fasting is for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting requires having only one full meal for the day. Two smaller meals may be taken, but together they should not equal one full meal.

A Prayer Request We are asking for the involvement of the parish community during this Lenten Season to pray for those who are entering their final weeks of preparation for sacraments of initiation. One adult will celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Six youth will celebrate their First Communion on May 1st. Please pray daily for their growth in faith. Prayer cards are available at the front and back doors to take with you as a reminder of your prayer commitment. Let us do our part to support these members of our parish family.

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 & Marianne Cacho
- * Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie Schultz and nephew of Margie Pavone.

Caring Corner



Six new Stephen Ministers are being commissioned at the 11:00 Mass this weekend. Next step is to be assigned care receivers from our community. Please keep Cas Robertson, Margaret Boros, Pat Thacker, Sr. Mary Jane Vovk, Thad Patton and Eileen Hamblen in your prayers as they undertake this ministry.

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This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, March 6

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| 9:00am—10:30am | CGS (Joseph Center) |
| 9:00am—10:45am | PSR Grs. 1-3 (Atrium) |
| 10:00am-10:45am | PSR Grs. 4+ (Rectory Basement) |
| 12:00pm—1:15pm | Children of Light (Atrium/Church) |
| 12:00pm—4:00pm | Stephen Minister Training (Jos. Ctr.) |

Monday, March 7

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| 9:30am—10:30am | Legion of Mary (Church) |
| 7:00pm—8:30pm | St. Vincent DePaul Mtg. (Rec. Lib.) |

Tuesday, March 8

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| 8:00am-8:30am | Novena—Rosary (Church) |
| 9:30am—12:00pm | Bountiful Basement |
| 10:30am—12:00pm | AA Meeting (Rectory Basement) |
| 7:00pm—8:30pm | LGBTQ Faith Sharing (Rectory Living Room) |

Wednesday, March 9

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| 5:00pm—6:45pm | Bountiful Basement |
| 7:00pm—8:00pm | Tai Chi Easy (Joseph Center) |

Thursday, March 10

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| 11:00am—12:00pm | AA Meeting (Rectory Basement) |
| 2:00pm—4:00pm | Steph. Min. Grp. Mtg. (Rec. Lib.) |
| 7:00pm—8:30pm | Bible Study (Rec. Liv. Rm.) |

Friday, March 11

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| 1:00pm—3:00pm | Steph. Min. Leaders Grp. (ZOOM) |
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Update Membership Information. Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. **Have you changed your phone number: cell or land line? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Is your email current? Have any of your children moved out on their own and need to be taken off the list? Do you want your record published?** If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 216-671-5890. *Thank you for your help!*

The Haiti Committee will be selling **Just Haiti coffee** after all the Masses next weekend (**March 12/13**). Bags of Whole Bean or Ground are \$12 each and Boxes of "J" Cups are \$10 each. Thank you for your support!

Thanks to all who donated winter clothing for our clothesline. Hats, gloves, mittens, socks, slippers and scarves----we had it all! Your generosity and kind hearts helped to keep our neighbors warm!

The Peace and Justice Committee



WORSHIP

Saturday, March 5

4:00pm All Souls

Sunday, March 6 (Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am All Souls

Monday, March 7

11:00am All Souls

**At Westpark Healthcare Campus
4387 W. 150th St.**

Tuesday, March 8

8:00am Novena—Rosary

8:30am Bill Schlather (Mary Kreager)

Wednesday, March 9

8:30am All Souls

Friday, March 11

8:30am All Souls

9:00am Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12

4:00pm All Souls

Sunday, March 13 (Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36)

9:00am Ronnie Juris (Rudy & Vivian Juris)

11:00am Blessed Trinity

Bountiful Basement could use **Soap (bars and liquid), Shampoo and Conditioner, and Deodorant** for the month of **March**. And we can always use toilet paper! Thank you!

Lenten Taize Prayer Come to a meditative service of chants, scriptures and silence as we begin Lent. Our Taize Prayer is **Sunday evening, March 6 at 7 pm at Lakewood Baptist Church**, 14321 Detroit. Our service is led by members of our parish choir. For details, contact Mike Reiling at 216-312-8648.

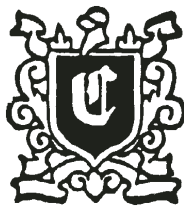
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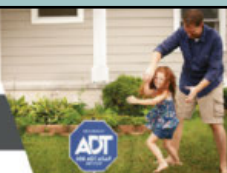
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