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AUGUST 14, 2022

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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

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

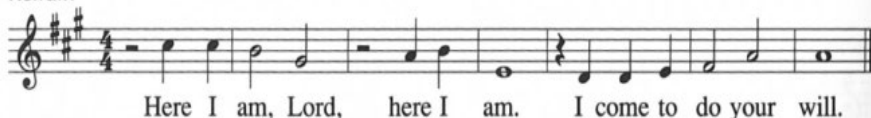
Blessed Trinity Parish is an open and welcoming Catholic community, centered in the Eucharist and celebrating God's gift of Diversity. We bring God's love to one another and support one another in responding to the challenge of living the Gospel. We strive to deepen participation and encourage all parishioners 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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35 Psalm 40: Here I Am

Refrain



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From the Desk of Fr. Doug

Why the Alex Jones Verdict Matters and What it Means for the Catholic Church

Truth has been under attack for several years. It started long before Kellyanne Conway's famous "alternative facts" comment, but she took the mangling of truth to a new level. Up until Alex Jones verdict, however, few who dealt in lies, conspiracy theories and alternative facts did not suffer any consequences. Now they will.

Anyone with half a brain knew that the Sandy Hook murders were not a staged event as Jones claimed, but actually occurred. What we learned this week is how many people have half a brain and how lucrative Jones conspiracy theories were. Now the chickens are coming home to roost. As Jesus promised, "The truth will set you free". Yes, it took over ten years and maybe that's the point. Those who seek justice will live in the presence of God and get their just rewards.

Next on the list of liars is Fox News. Dominion Voting Systems Corporation is suing Fox News, claiming in their multi-billion dollar lawsuit that Fox News knowingly lied about the election not being rigged in spite of evidence that they had to the contrary. Fox continued to say that the machines switched votes without any evidence. That's because there wasn't any. After a cease and desist order, Dominion was able to sue to the max and they did.

Other people of the lie will also be called to account: John Eastman, Rudy Giuliani, Marjorie Taylor Greene, Matt Gaetz and the liar in chief. There is no place for them to hide and the justice system has all the time in the world. Which brings us to the Catholic Church and the lessons to be learned. Here is the context.

Two weeks ago, a fellow classmate in the seminary who was never ordained contacted each one of us classmates. He informed us that he had been sexually molested by one of the priest faculty. That priest was eventually removed from the priesthood. My classmate said his purpose in writing was twofold: first, as part of his ongoing therapy and secondly, to offer support and an invitation to talk should this have happened to anyone else in our class. He is still dealing with this after 50 years!

Lesson one: As in the Alex Jones defamation suit, church officials must know that it takes time to heal a wrong, whether that be sexual or financial or emotional. They should do whatever possible to remove any statutes of limitations, legal or moral, to enable people to find the truth.

Lesson two: People will be relentless in pursuing truth and justice, especially when it comes to children. Influencers like Alex Jones will eventually be brought to justice. So will church leaders from the pope on down.

Lesson three: Declaring bankruptcy to avoid financial loss, like Jones and some dioceses have done is a bad look. It reeks of injustice and makes saving money the main issue rather than the truth.

Lesson four: There will always be Catholics from the dicasteries to the chanceries that will defend corrupt systems no matter what the consequences. Those systems will be exposed for what they are and will fall apart.

Lesson five: Those who try to hide the truth from the rest of us should be ashamed. Their actions will be brought to light. Liars will get caught.

Lesson six: We are all affected by these events. We have to put up with the crazies that believe people like Alex Jones, Fox News and EWTN. The battle never ends.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Sunday, August 7 **\$ 5,052.75**

Special Gifts **\$ 1,325.00**

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There is plenty of parking on our property. Lately people have been making their own parking places along the entrance from Puritas Ave and in front of the church. Those are not parking places. A clear line of movement is necessary for emergency vehicles and fire engines. Unless you are parked in a spot between two yellow lines you are illegally parked. Please do not park in a place that looks like it would be okay to park there. It's not okay.

Blessed Trinity Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., beginning in September. We will be reading and reflecting upon the parables found in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. If interested in joining, contact Carla Fritsch at: cefritsch66@gmail.com. All are welcome!

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Please pray for:

Nancy Abarca, Thomas Ausnehrmer, Doris Eikens Azazello, Lenore Begin, 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, Diane Dorenkott, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Scott Eidam, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocevar, Helena Hoogstraten, Gail Iseli, Carole Iseli, John Itayem, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Vicki & Rudy Juris, Annette Kalister, Joanne Kauchuk, Tony Kernan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Marra, SND, Rosemarie Martin, Patrick McAvinue, George McKee, Molly McQuillan & family, Sandra McRae, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Tony Miller, Charles Miller, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Dave Norris, Tom O'Boyle, Noreen Ortiz, Tony Pierson, Lisa Prokopius, Catherine Rajnicek, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Ron Ruble, Bob Ruddy, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Jerry Secunde, Jeffrey Secunde, Brandy Shuttera, Debbie Shavorinsky, Terri Siegwath, Joanna Somerville, Larry Sowders, Bernie Sprenger, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Janet Tang, Pete & Teri Thayer, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Celine Whelpley, Noreen Williams, Jay Yesenko, Eileen Young, Jacqueline Zambarano.

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.



*May the Peace of Our Lord be with
Mary Ellen Salo
And*

*Sigmund Sesplankis, Husband of
Carolyn Sesplankis*

*May God grant comfort to their families and
friends*

The Haiti Committee will be selling Just Haiti coffee after all the Masses this weekend (August 13-14). Bags of Whole Bean or Ground are \$12 each and Boxes of "J" Cups are \$10 each. Thank you for your support!





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, August 14

- 12:00pm—3:00pm Stephen Ministers Training
(Joseph Center)
- 12:30pm—1:30pm Community Meal (Fogarty Hall)

Monday, August 15

- 9:30am—10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)
- 4:00pm—6:00pm Stephen Ministers Grp. Mtg.
(Rectory Library)
- 7:00pm—8:30pm Peace & Justice Mtg. (Jos. Center)
- 7:00pm—8:30pm St. Vincent DePaul Society Mtg.
(Rectory Living Room)

Tuesday, August 16

- 8:00am-8:30am Novena—Rosary (Church)
- 9:30am—12:00pm Bountiful Basement
- 10:30am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Wednesday, August 17

- 3:00pm—3:45pm Witness for Ukraine/End Racism
(front sidewalk)
- 5:00pm—6:45pm Bountiful Basement
- 7:00pm—8:00pm Tai Chi Easy (outside by gardens)

Thursday, August 18

- 11:00am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
- 2:00pm—4:00pm Stephen Ministry Group Mtg.
(Rectory Library)
- 6:30pm—8:30pm Women's Faith Sharing Group
(Joseph Center)

Saturday, August 20

- 5:00pm—5:45pm Witness for Ukraine/End Racism
(front sidewalk)

COMMUNITY MEAL TODAY 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in Fogarty Hall. All are welcome. Come enjoy a free meal and wonderful hospitality!



We are desperate for bags for the Bountiful Basement. Last week we had to use new bags from Marc's and Giant Eagle which we do not like to do. The best bags are Drug Mart, Heinen's, Dave's, Target, Boston Market, Olive Garden. No produce bags or newspaper bags please. Also, if people decide to drop in to help, could they please bring bags if they have them? Thank you!

Wednesday Evening Tai Chi Stops and Starts:

Wednesday evening Tai Chi will end with the session on **August 24**. It will resume again indoors only on Wednesday, **October 5th**.



WORSHIP

Saturday, August 13

4:00pm Homer, Elizabeth & Patrick Roach
(Jeff Roach)

Sunday, August 14

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Andrew & Loretta Needham and
Sr. Laura Kuhns, CSJ
(Ginger Needham)

Monday, August 15

11:00am All Souls

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

Tuesday, August 16

8:00am Novena—Rosary

8:30am Bill & Vernie Zales
(Ron & Kathy Mickler)

Wednesday, August 17

8:30am All Souls

Friday, August 19

8:30am LaVerne Fuller (Bill & Family)

Saturday, August 20

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, August 21 (Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30)

9:00am All Souls

11:00am Sharon Vertal (Nancy Koch)

Our next Taize Prayer is Sunday, August 21st at 7 pm at Centering Space, 14812 Lake Ave. in Lakewood. We will gather outdoors (indoors if the weather is bad). Bring a chair. Taize Prayer is a meditative evening prayer of simple chants, silence and scripture readings. It is led by members of our parish. Join us!

Job Opening: Administrative Support in the office at **Holy Cross Cemetery**, 14609 Brookpark Rd. Full time position with Medical and Pension. Please call Colleen Stecker for more info: 216-641-7575, x #3.

St. Edward High School Open Houses for 8th Grade Families: Sunday, 10/2 from 11am-1pm or Mondays, 10/17, 24 and 11/7 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. **Pre-registration is required at sehs.net/openhouse.** Also, **St. Edward High School Admission Tests** for 8th Grade Boys: Saturdays, 10/8, 22 and 11/5 at 9am; Wednesday, 11/2 at 5:30pm. **Pre-registration is required at sehs.net/admissiontest.** For residents of Cleveland: St. Edward accepts the Cleveland Scholarship Program voucher. For questions, contact the St. Edward High School Office of Admission at 216-521-2204 or admission@sehs.net

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