

# Blessed Trinity

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**FEBRUARY 5, 2023**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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 112**



The just one is a light in dark-ness to the up-right.





### If I Smoke Two Packs of Marlboro Reds a Day and Still Want to Get My Throat Blessed, Is That Too Hypocritical for God Even by God's Standards?

There is a custom in some Catholic Churches to bless throats on the feast of St. Blaise. St. Blaise, receiving some divine command, lived as a hermit in a cave. Wild animals would visit, and he healed any that were sick and wounded. One day, a group of hunters gathering wild beasts came in the amphitheater, discovered St. Blaise and seized him. As he was being taken to the governor Agricolaus, St. Blaise encountered a woman whose pig was being seized by a wolf. St. Blaise commanded the wolf to release the pig and it was freed unhurt.

While in prison, he miraculously cured a small boy who was choking to death on a fishbone lodged in his throat. Also, the woman whose pig had been saved brought St. Blaise candles so that his cell would have light and he could read the sacred Scriptures.

And so when throats were blessed, the priest would place two candles on a person's throat and pray, "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may the Lord heal you from diseases of the throat and from every other illness."

Many parishes stopped blessing throats. For one, the practice reeked of superstition and magic. "Oh if I just get my throat blessed, I can keep on smoking or gossiping" some thought. "God will protect me." Since the renewal of our faith since Vatican II the Church has made an effort to dispel magic, superstition and gimmicks from its practices. For example, my dad heard that if you got someone to convert to Catholicism, you'd automatically go to heaven. I told him, "Don't bank on it".

Some folks believe if you "make" the five

first Saturdays, sometimes six, you got out of purgatory and went to heaven the first Saturday after you died. Problem is, purgatory was never a place and certainly not a place you could get out of.

Or others believed that if you made the nine first Fridays, on the tenth you got a ticket punched and the tenth Friday was free or something like that. There were promises made if you made the first Fridays. Problem is that those promises apply to anyone who is trying to follow Christ, first Fridays or not.

These practices took on a life of their own. Of course in all four cases, the point was that if you lived a prayerful and exemplary life, following the Way of Jesus, you would be saved.

The second reason for not blessing throats is that we must believe what we are saying and praying. At the end of every Mass, we all receive the final blessing. That blessing is good for the whole body, not just the throat. To bless the throat after it was just blessed is redundant. You're better off quitting smoking and cooling it with the gluttony than getting a blessing.

So, while we invoke St. Blaise for his protection against any physical ailment of the throat, we should also ask his protection against any spiritual ailment — profanity, cursing, unkind remarks, detraction or gossip. St. James reminds us, "If a man who does not control his tongue imagines that he is devout, he is self-deceived; his worship is pointless" (1:26) and later, "We use [the tongue] to say, 'Praised be the Lord and Father'; then we use it to curse men, though they are made in the likeness of God. Blessing and curse come out of the same mouth. This ought not to be, my brothers!" (3:9-10). Therefore, may St. Blaise protect us from all evil, physical and spiritual, which may attack us.



# AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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## Please pray for:

Nancy Abarca, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Azzarello, Lisa Baus, Lenore Begin, Vincent Bontempo, Charlene Boyer, Mary Brennan, Adele Burke, Ann Busch, Callie Carley, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, McKayla Coyne, Teri Crowe, Cathrine Damm, John Darmstadt, Diane Dorenkott, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Scott Eidam, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Liz Greller, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hovevar, Helena Hoogstraten, Gail Iseli, Carole Iseli, John Itayem, Eileen Kelly, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, 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, Roy McNemey, Jr., George McKee, Molly McQuillan & family, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Tony Miller, Charles Miller, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Ginger Needham, Dave Norris, Tom O'Boyle, Noreen Ortiz, Tony Pierson, Lisa Prokopius, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Ron Ruble, Mary Salamon, Grace Samarin, Marilyn Samonte, Vic Scigliano, Jerry Secunde, Brandy Shuttera, Debbie Shavorinsky, Terri Siegwath, Joanna Somerville, Larry Sowders, Bernie Sprenger, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Janet Tang, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Celine Whelpley, Noreen Williams, Karin Wishner, Monica Woodman, Jay Yessenko, Eileen Young, Jeala Youssefi, Jacqueline Zambarano.

## Thank you for your generous support!

<b>Sunday, January 29</b>	<b>\$ 4,993.50</b>
<b>Special Gifts</b>	<b>\$ 2,058.00</b>
<b>Profit from gift card sales</b>	<b>\$ 146.10</b>



*May the Peace of Our Lord be with  
Patricia Kilbane.  
May God grant comfort to her family and  
friends.*

**Busy Buddy Bags** for families to borrow during Mass are back! They are found on the cart inside the front doors of the church. Busy Buddy bags contain books, crayons, paper, and wipe off cards to help 3-5 year olds stay busy and engaged in faith activities during Mass. After Mass, please wipe off the cards and return all the materials to the bag. Place the bag into the basket by the cart. Don't forget your child's art work! I am looking for some help after the 11 a.m. Mass to help clean up the bags and get them ready for the next use. It only takes a few minutes. Please leave a message for me, Jan Farmerie, at the rectory or email me at [farmeriej49@gmail.com](mailto:farmeriej49@gmail.com) if you would be willing to help.

*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.

## Advertiser of the Week:

Ken's Home Improvement

**Prayer Partners Needed** to "adopt" Children of Light or Confirmation prep families with prayer during their sacramental preparation period. Please contact Katie.

## Community Garden

Would you like a raised bed in the Community Garden this year? A few plots are available. Contact Fr. Doug.





## This Week at Blessed Trinity

### Sunday, Feb 5

9:00am—10:45am	Level 1 Atrium & PSR Grs 1-3 (Atrium)
10:00am—10:45am	PSR Grs 4-8 (Rectory Basement)
11:00am Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:00pm—1:15pm	Children of Light (Atrium)

### Monday, Feb 6

9:30am—10:30am	Legion of Mary (Church)
7:00pm—8:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul Society (Rectory Living Room)

### Tuesday, Feb 7

8:00am—8:30am	Novena—Rosary (Church)
9:00am—11:00am	IDCC (Joseph Cntr)
9:30am—12:00pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
10:30am—12:00pm	AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm—8:30pm	BT Prayer Group (Joseph Center)

### Wednesday, Feb 8

4:00pm—6:00pm	IDCC (Joseph Center)
5:00pm—6:45pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
7:00pm—8:30pm	Tai Chi Easy (Fogarty Hall)

### Thursday, Feb 9

11:00am—12:00pm	AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm—8:30pm	Bible Study (Rectory Living Room)

### Friday, Feb 10

1:00pm—3:00pm	Stephen Leaders Mtg. (Rectory Library)
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### Saturday, Feb 11

9:00am—11:00am	IDCC (Joseph Center)
1:30pm—3:00pm	Confirmation Prep (Joseph Center)

**COMMUNITY MEAL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, Noon—1 p.m.,** in Fogarty Hall. **Note earlier time!** All are welcome. Come enjoy a free meal and wonderful hospitality!



**Congratulations** to Brendan Friel, Gregory Friel and Christian Zevallos for being included on the St. Ignatius Honors list this semester!

### **Grief Support February 19th “In-Office” at 3:00 p.m. and “Virtual” at 5:00 p.m.:**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. February's topic is **“What's Normal in Grief?”** *For more information, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.*



## WORSHIP

### Saturday, Feb 4

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

### Sunday, Feb 5 (Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16)

9:00am Thomas L. Salem, Jr. (Family)

11:00am Ma-an Samonte (Family)

### Monday, Feb 6

11:00am All Souls

**At West Park Healthcare Campus  
4387 W. 150th St.**

### Tuesday, Feb 7

8:30am All Souls

### Wednesday, Feb 8

8:30am All Souls

### Friday, Feb 10

8:30am All Souls

### Saturday, Feb 11

4:00pm Eleanor Flick (Family)

### Sunday, Feb 12 (Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37)

9:00am Thomas and Joanne Salem (Family)

11:00am Blessed Trinity

### January/February Church Envelopes

Because of a production problem, some of you have not received envelopes. We apologize for the inconvenience, but simply put your name and envelope number (if you know it) on any envelope to submit your contribution. Thank you for your generosity.



**For the month of February the Bountiful Basement could use toothpaste, floss, toothbrushes and mouthwash. Thank you!**

### ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2022

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