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CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MARCH 03, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Thursday & Friday: 9am–5pm

(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00pm)

Saturday: 1pm–3:45pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am

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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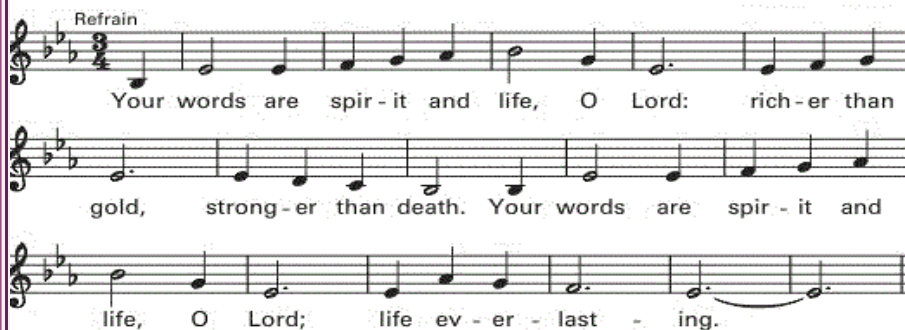
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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.



YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE (PSALM 19)



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From the Desk of Fr. Doug
Keeping the Faith Initiative

Before the Diocese of Cleveland was founded in 1847, there were no parish elementary schools in the region until Bishop Louis Amadeus Rappe, first bishop of Cleveland, established 16 parishes and parish schools and a cathedral school for the Catholic population that was growing rapidly through immigration. Three Plenary Councils of Baltimore (1852-1884) combatted the strong anti-Catholic sentiment of the day by urging the establishment of Catholic schools by parishes, decreeing that: “Pastors and parents should not rest” until every parish “has schools adequate to meet the needs of its children.”

By the dawn of the 20th century, most of the region’s Catholic elementary schools were parish-based, a tuition-free or low-cost alternative to public schools that was funded by parishes and staffed largely by consecrated religious and clergy, along with a small number of lay people.

Catholic schools were created to educate young people in the faith, forming disciples for the good of the Church. They grew along with the Catholic population, earning a well-deserved reputation for discipline of study, spirituality and formation in the faith, reaching a peak of over 64,000 students in the early 1970s. Over the years, the shifts in direction, including greater collaboration, transparency, communication and support, should proceed for generations to come.

In the decades that followed, schools were challenged by shifting demographic patterns, an increasingly competitive educational landscape, declines in the number of practicing Catholics and rising costs of providing quality schooling. The number of students decreased threefold to 37,852 prior to the Keeping the Faith process.

As the communities who founded parishes in urban cities moved and built new parishes in

expanding suburbs, other communities — often of other recently arrived people — replaced them. Even where few families were Catholic, schools continued to serve, especially immigrants and the poor. In the words of Cardinal James Aloysius Hickey, the Church serves “... not because they are Catholic, but because we are Catholic. If we don’t care for the sick, educate the young and care for the homeless, then we cannot call ourselves the Church of Jesus Christ.”

These decades also saw opportunity, including the dawn of state-funded school choice scholarships — sometimes called vouchers — that began in the 1990s and have grown considerably. Furthermore, through the prolonged decline, some schools and parishes innovated, including the creation of several collaborative institutions, inter-parish schools, school networks and independent schools sponsored by parishes and one completely independent elementary school.

This plan is a diocesan initiative, created at the direction of Bishop Malesic. Its process was led by a steering committee representing critical areas from the field and the diocese.

The Keeping the Faith strategic plan is the result of nearly two years of collaboration, listening, prioritizing and strategizing. It affirms the overarching purpose and value of Catholic education, and envisions an evolution in how elementary schools deliver on this purpose to ultimately strengthen what the schools provide. This document introduces the context, vision and strategic goals of the plan, organized around six interwoven areas of focus. The specific goals enumerated in the plan are expected to take five years to accomplish, but work has already begun to make them a reality. Our parish has been grouped with St. Thomas More, St. Barbara, St. Leo and Mary, Queen of Peace.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS



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E-MAIL PRAYER LINE REQUESTS TO:

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Please pray for:

Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Az-zarello, Charlene Boyer, Mary Brennan, Jeanne Brent, Adele Burke, Callie Carley, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, McKayla Coyne, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darmstadt, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Scott Eidam, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Marianna Fleming, Will Gibson, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Maria Guy, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Linda Heaton, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocesvar, John Itayem, Eileen Kelly, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Jim Jefferis, Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Tony Kernan, Diane Kortan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Ken Lesko & Family, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Mar-ra SND, Jerry Masek, George McKee, Margaret McMahon, Molly McQuillan & family, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Tony Miller, Charles Miller, Michael Mitchell, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Genevieve Noar, Dave Norris, Tom O'Boyle, Terri Pastura, Lisa Prokopius, Jose Rivera, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Liz Rosa, Ron Ruble, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Betty Schmidt, Vic Scigliano, Brandy Shuttera, Larry Sowders, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Marilyn Spangler, Janet Tang, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Noreen Williams, Jesse Wilson, Monica Woodman, Jay Yesenko, Eileen Young, Jeala Youssef, Jacqueline Zambarano

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Bountiful Basement 2/25	\$ 120.00

Lenten Fish Fries every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Dinner served 5:30pm to 7:30pm in Fogarty Hall. Seafood items include salmon, sole, shrimp, clam chowder, and crab cakes. Other options include mac & cheese, pierogi, and hand-cut French fries. Come and enjoy an evening out!



Mobile Pantry/Produce Give Away

MAR 6TH, 2024, 5:30--6:30 p.m. Contact Katie to help at 3:45 pm to set up. Disciples also needed 4:45pm—

6:30pm. No one is allowed on property before 4:30 pm.

COMMUNITY MEAL SUNDAY, March 10th, @ Noon—1 p.m., in Fogarty Hall. All are welcome. Come enjoy a free meal and wonderful hospitality!



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
- * Francisco Cacho (Police), son of Medel Cacho and Stepson to Marianne Cacho.
- * Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie Schultz and nephew of Margie Pavone
- * James Andrews (Navy), nephew of Bob and Kathy Grega
- * A.J Butler (Army) Grandson of Nancy Butler

Advertiser of the Week:

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For the month of March the Bountiful Basement could use canned meat like Chicken, Beef, Pork, No Tuna. Thank You!!



This Week at Blessed Trinity

Saturday, Mar 2

9:30am-11:00am Ragamuffin Faith Sharing (R Liv Rm)
12:00pm-7:00pm Workshop on Climate Change (JC Lg)

Sunday, Mar 3

9:00am-10:45 am CGS Level 1 (Atrium)
9:00am-10:45am PSR 1-3 Grade (A)
9:00am-10:45am PSR 4-6 Grade (RB)
9:30am—10:00am RCIA (R Lib)
10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open the Word (R Liv Rm)
11:00am-12:00pm CLW (Church Atrium)
12:00pm-1:15pm CL Session (Atrium)

Monday, Mar 4

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)
7:00pm-8:30pm St. Vincent De Paul Society Mtg.
(R Liv Rm)

Tuesday, Mar 5

8:00 am - 8:30 am Novena - Rosary (Church)
9:00 am – 11:00 am IDCC (Joseph Center)
9:30 am - 12:00 pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (RB)

Wednesday, Mar 6

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm IDCC (Joseph Center)
5:00pm-6:30pm Mobile Food Pantry (BB)
5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
7:00pm-8:00pm ` Tai Chi (FH)

Thursday, Mar 7

11:00am-12:00 pm AA Meeting (RB)
6:30pm-8:00pm Faith Sharing Prayer Grp. (R Lib)

Friday, Mar 8

2:00pm-5:00pm Fish Fry Set Up (FH&K)
5:30pm-7:30pm Fish Fry (FH&K)

Saturday, Mar 9

Have a Blessed Weekend!!!!

Sunday, Mar 10

9:00am-10:45 am CGS Level 1 (Atrium)
9:00am-10:45am PSR 1-3 Grade (A)
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12:00pm-1:30pm CL Session (Atrium)
12:00pm-1:00pm Community Meal (FH & K)
12:00pm-1:00pm Taize Practice (Church)

Holy Cross Cemetery – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, March 16th, 2024, at 1p.m. Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to Holy Cross Cemetery – 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park, Oh. 216-641-7575 ext. 3 or email bstrauchon@clecem.org

WORSHIP

Saturday, Mar 2

4:00pm Ann Hvizdos (Family)

Sunday, Mar 3

Third Sunday Of Lent

Ex 17: 3-7 Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8 Jn 4: 5-42

9:00am

Blessed Trinity

11:00am

Amalia & Alberto Pirozzoli (Rosa & Family)

Monday, Mar 4

All SOULS

11:00am

@ Westpark Healthcare Center
4387 W 150th Street

Tuesday, Mar 5

All Souls

Wednesday, Mar 6

8:30am

All Souls

Friday, Mar 8

8:30 am

All Souls

Saturday, Mar 9

4:00pm

Janet & Jim Hagedorn (Friends)

Sunday, Mar 10 Fourth Sunday Of Lent

1Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38 (31)

9:00am

Blessed Trinity

11:00am

Jerry Nusbaum (Family)

The International Order of Alhambra is a fraternal organization of Catholic men and women founded in 1904 dedicated to assisting persons that are intellectually disabled or handicapped, particularly children. Within our Cleveland Diocese is the Cleveland chapter known as the Carmona Caravan, organized in 1948. In 2023 they celebrated their 75th year anniversary of quietly serving the Cleveland diocese, its children with special needs, & the agencies that serve them. They meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month on the near east side of Cleveland. Anyone interested in joining in the service to children with special needs are invited to come to a meeting. Please see our calendar for upcoming events. To contact the Carmona Caravan and for more information on the founding, history, mission of Alhambra visit carmonacaravan.org. Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries has worked closely with the Carmona Caravan and is grateful for their many years of support.

Our Lady of the Elms

Open House Sunday, March 24 | 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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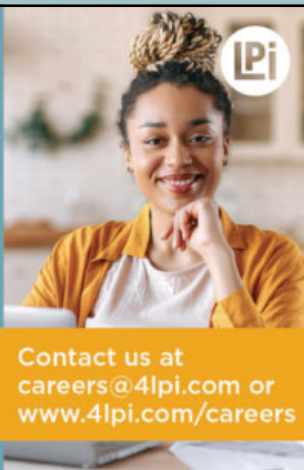
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