

CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Blessed Trinity

## All Are Welcome



NOVEMBER 3, 2024

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Wednesday: 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p. m.

(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00 p.m.)

Saturday: 1:00–3:45 p.m.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: 11 a.m.

Monday: see worship calendar  
for time & location

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

### RECONCILIATION

Anytime by appointment only

### 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 16: Keep Me Safe, O God

Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope;  
you are my hope, O God.



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Do Not Fear the Past

My trip to Ghana two weeks ago was powerful and emotional. Formerly known as the Gold Coast, Ghana was ground zero to the slave trade.

In 1452, Pope Nicholas V charged Alfonso of Portugal with the “Christian” duty to enslave any non-Christian. The Pope’s act would be the first recorded international edict to literally grant a Christian nation the right to promote, enforce, and heavily profit from slave trading. Decades later, Pope Alexander VI beckoned Christian monarchs to conquer native populations in the name of the Catholic Church, upholding the tradition to enslave non-Christians in whatever lands they called home.

These days tourists get to see the once-luxurious suites where the European slave merchants stayed and sexually exploited female slaves. They also see the dungeons that once housed the slaves and the dingy, dimly lit corridors that lead to the “door of no return.” This door is in the outer walls of the castle, facing the sea, and was so named because once slaves walked through it they never returned.

At the “door of no return” the slaves were led into boats that transferred them onto big ships farther down the sea, for the long and horrendous journey to the Americas.

In the travel book 1,000 Places to See Before You Die, Patricia Schultz writes that by the 18th century, up to 30,000 slaves passed through the “door of no return” each year. Anouk Zijlma, a Malawian travel guide, says of her visit to Elmina Castle, “You can always feel the suffering in the air, it’s unsettling.”

Elmina Castle—designated a World Heritage Site by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) due to its significance—is one of many relics of slavery in Ghana and other African countries.

There is Cape Coast Castle, also in Ghana, visited in 2009 by former US President Barack Obama, his wife Michelle, and their daughters. President Obama said the site reminded him of man’s potential for “great evil.”

How does a country with such a sordid history deal with it? In my hotel room, there was the usual magazine that had restaurants, places to visits, events of the week etc. It also contained inspirational quotes from former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, an article for women titled ‘Why do I keep having miscarriages’ and the following poem, “Do Not Fear The Past”

Do not fear the past.  
It is ugly  
but it is ours.  
Do not hold on to lies  
That you were fed when you  
were young.  
Learn the history of your people  
Find the truth  
to free your soul from evil.  
Learn the Qur-an.  
Learn the bible.  
Find the meaning of life and  
religion.  
Do not fear the past.  
It is painful  
but it is real.  
Blood was spilt and people died  
but love and unity had survived.  
Learn the tongue of your  
ancestors.  
Reconnect with the roots of  
your blood  
Find the knowledge  
That was stolen  
Find the life that was robbed  
from us.  
Do not fear the past.  
Embrace it  
Let it teach you the wisdom of  
your race  
Take its lessons and live by them  
Own the identity that was  
erased.  
Do not fear the past,  
Do not hate it.  
Do not fear the past.  
Learn about it.  
Let it teach you.  
Let it nurture you.  
Let it remind you, of who you are.  
By Zuhura Seng’enge

Needless to say, they teach Critical Race Theory in Ghana.

On November 9th, from 10am - 12pm at 3430 Rocky River Drive, the CSJ Mother House. You are invited to bring any recyclable items including batteries, old electronic equipment, keys, cds, computers stuff, etc. Volunteers will be available to remove the items from your car, sort them, and deliver them to the appropriate recycling facilities for a new life.



# AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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## *Please pray for:*

Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Azarello, Jim Beesley, Charlene Boyer, Jeanne Brent, Adele Burke, Callie Carley, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darmstadt, Al Delattre, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Scott Eidam, Erma Eifel, Terry Evans, 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 Hocevar, Eileen Kelly, Denise Kamiola, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Tony Kernan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Ken Lesko & Family, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Liz Mahon, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Marra SND, Jerry Masek, Claudette Matero, Lucy McInerney, Tom McInerney, Tommy McInerney, Margaret McMahan, 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, Steven O' Malley, Wayne Petkosh, Lisa Prokopius, Jose Rivera, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Liz Rosa, Ron Ruble, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Rob Salvaore, Betty Schmidt, Vic Scigliano, Brandy Shuttera, Larry Sowders, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Marilyn Spangler, Sean Szill, Janet Tang, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Tom Vasko, Noreen Williams, Jesse Wilson, Monica Woodman, Maggie Wooley, Jay Yesenko, Eileen Young, Jeala Youssef, Jacqueline Zambarano



For the month of November the Bountiful Basement could use noodles, canned meals, canned vegetables (no green beans). Thank you!!!!

## *Thank you for your generous support!*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>\$ 3,214.00</b>
<b>Bountiful Basement</b>	<b>\$ 56.00</b>
<b>Gifts and Memorials</b>	<b>\$ 2,547.00</b>
<b>Gift Card Profit</b>	<b>\$ 186.77</b>
<b>Blanket Sunday</b>	<b>\$ 174.00</b>
<b>Mission Sunday</b>	<b>\$ 120.00</b>

**If anyone needs a ride to the polls or would like a ride to the drop box at the Board of Elections please call the rectory at 216-671-5890. Your request and information will be forwarded to Marge Sheridan and Carol Masek.**

We want to thank all of you who helped out in the joy of making the buckeyes for our upcoming Craft Fair. Thanks to Maryann Semancik, Pat Iseli, Mary Vickerman, Sue Stone, Dee Ialacci, Caitlin McAvinue, Lisa McAvinue, and Pat Thacker. Thanks again everyone!!

## *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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# This Week at Blessed Trinity

## SATURDAY, NOV. 2

9:30am-11:00pm Ragamuffin Faith Sharing grp. Mtg. (R liv)  
6:00pm-8:00pm Craft Fair set up (FH)

## SUNDAY, NOV. 3

7:00AM-9:00PM Craft Fair set up (FH)  
9:00am-3:00pm Blessed Trinity Craft Fair (FH)  
9:00am-10:45am CGS Level 1 Atrium  
9:00am-10:45am PSR Grade 1-3 (A)  
9:30am-10:45am Confirmation Prep (R Liv R & Lib)  
10:00am-10:45am PSR Grade 4-8 (R B)  
10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open the Word (R)  
11:00am-12:00pm CLW (CH)  
12:00pm-4:00pm Stephen Ministry Training (JC Lg)  
12:15pm-2:00pm Taize practice (CH)

## MONDAY, NOV. 4

9:30am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)  
7:00pm-8:00pm St. Vincent DePaul Mtg. (R Liv)

## TUESDAY, NOV.5

8:00am-8:30am Novena- Rosary (CH)  
9:00am-11:00am IDCC (JCLg)  
9:30am-12:00pm Bountiful Basement  
10:30-12:00pm A A Meeting (RB)

## WEDNESDAY, NOV.6

9:00am-10:00am Living the Mass discussion (CH)  
4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC (JC Lg)  
5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement  
5:30pm-6:30pm Mobile Pantry  
6:00pm-7:00pm Living the Mass discussion (CH)  
6:30pm-7:30pm Tai Chi (FH)  
7:00pm-8:00pm Choir Practice (CH)

## THURSDAY, NOV.7

10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (RB)  
6:30pm-7:30pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)  
6:30pm-8:30pm Faith Sharing Prayer Grp. Mtg (R Liv)

## FRIDAY, NOV.8

1:00pm-3:00pm Stephen Leaders (R Lib)

## SATURDAY, NOV.9

8:00am-1:00pm Bee Keepers (FH)

## SUNDAY, NOV.10

9:00am-10:45am CGS Level 1 Atrium  
9:00am-10:45am PSR Grade 1-3 (A)  
10:00am-10:45am PSR Grade 4-8 (R B)  
10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open the Word (R)  
11:00am-12:00pm CLW (CH)  
12:00pm-1:00pm Community Meal (FH)  
12:00pm-4:00pm Stephen Ministry Training (JC Lg)  
12:15pm-2:00pm Taize practice (CH)

**Christmas Adopt-a-Family Outreach** We are partnering with St. Bernadette Parish as we have done in the past and are asking for your help to connect with Blessed Trinity families with children or senior citizens who could use some holiday cheer this Christmas. If it's your household or another household in our parish that you are aware of, please talk to Katie by Nov. 15.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 2**

4:00pm Bernie Sprenger

**SUNDAY, NOV. 3 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time****Dt6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34**

9:00 am Blessed Trinity

11:00 am Blessed Trinity

**MONDAY, NOV. 4**11:00 am Alfonso Nazario (Bae Corte)  
@ Westpark Health Center**TUESDAY, NOV. 5**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**FRIDAY, NOV. 8**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**SATURDAY, NOV. 9**

4:00pm Tom &amp; Anna Hvizdos (Family)

4:00pm- Charlotte Ann McGraw Baptism

**SUNDAY, NOV. 10 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time****1Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 2:24-28 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44**

9:00 am Blessed Trinity

11:00 am Blessed Trinity

There are quite a few openings for Mass intentions throughout the week and even on weekends. The stipend for a Mass is \$10.

Are you interested in joining fellow parishioners in a group conversation about the parish book that we recently received, *Living the Mass*?

We will gather for six sessions with morning and evening times available. Please come for the dates that fit your schedule. We will be meeting in the church. Each session will be focused on two or three chapters.

Week 1: Nov. 6th, 9am &amp; 6pm - Intro &amp; chapters 1 &amp; 2

Week 2: Nov. 20th, 9am &amp; 6pm - chapters 3, 4 &amp; 5

Week 3: Dec. 4th, 9am &amp; 6pm - chapters 6, 7 &amp; 8

Week 4: Dec. 18th, 9am &amp; 6pm - chapters 9 &amp; 10

Week 5: Jan. 15th, 9am &amp; 6pm - chapters 11 &amp; 12


Week 6: Jan. 29th, 9am &amp; 6pm - chapters 13 &amp; 14

For more information, email: LFibbi@gmail.com


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