

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



DECEMBER 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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.



GOD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US

Psalm 126

Marty Haugen

God has done great things for us,
filled us with laugh - ter and mu - sic;
God has done great things for us, filled us with
laugh - ter and mu - sic.



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God Bless You

Every once in a while someone will ask me to bless something. It might be a statue or a medal. Sometimes people ask me to bless their car. Sometimes they want me to bless a bottle of water and make it holy water. (I'm not sure what kind of water it was before it gets blessed.) One time, someone asked me to bless their bible. I'm pretty sure the Word of God need not be blessed. This leads us to the questions, "What is a blessing and who can bless things?" Let's start with the second question first.

In our parish study of the book, *Living the Mass*, we were reminded that we all share in Christ's life. In the rite of baptism we hear, "As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live always as a member of his body sharing everlasting life."

One of the ways lay people share in the priesthood of Christ is the ability to bless. This is news to so many. Yet, when you think about it, lay people bless things all the time. In grace before meals, lay people ask God to bless "us and these thy gifts which we are about to receive". When someone sneezes we say God bless you. We don't go running to find a priest to bless the person who sneezed. We do it ourselves. Parents bless their children as they tuck them into bed.

In 1984, *A Book of Blessings* was published by the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship. It included many texts for blessing that are to be used by both clergy and laity and suggests that the local church adapt and expand these rites. The USCCB says "We have accepted this invitation to provide a book of blessing and prayers for all Catholics in the United States to us" from the Foreward to the *A Book of Blessings*. Here's a sample found in the index of the Blessings for Advent and Christmas:

- Blessing of an Advent wreath
- Blessing of a Christmas tree
- Blessing of a Christmas crèche or manger scene
- Blessing for the New Year
- Blessing for the Home and Household on the feast of the Epiphany.

What is a blessing? It is not superstition. It is not magical words that somehow transform something from being unholy to holy. The catechism of the Catholic Church describes a blessing this way: "Blessing expresses the basic movement of Christian prayer: it is an encounter between God and humans. In blessing, God's gift and human's acceptance of it are united in dialogue with each other. The prayer of blessing is a human's response to God's gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing."#2626. Notice how a blessing really has nothing directly related to the object being blessed. It is a prayer of thanksgiving and praise to God, the source of all good.

Is this important stuff? It might seem significant, but it is not. Believing that only a priest can bless things is another vestige of clericalism. That belief grants power and control to a priest instead of where it belongs, in the laity's hands. It is a short jump to giving a priest power and control not only over blessings but over people, including children. Clericalism is the main cause of clergy sexual abuse. The effort to eradicate clericalism from our Catholic culture must and should be done away with. It is time for the laity to reclaim what is rightfully theirs, a reality that even the magisterial church teaches.

"A Closer Walk With Thee" - CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter.

Subscribe to Catholic Cemeteries Association's monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk with Thee". This helpful grief resource is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe, go to the sign-up form or contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.



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Calendar Raffle tickets for the January raffle will be sold after the Masses & at the Rectory during the month of December for \$10. They make great stocking stuffers.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, December 1	\$ 3,313.00
Zelle's Home	\$ 656.00
Bountiful Basement, 2 weeks	\$ 475.00
Special Gifts	\$ 2,283.00
Gift Card Profit	\$ 163.62

Advent Taize Prayer: Join members of the Parish this Sunday at 7:00 at Lakewood Baptist Church at 14321 Detroit Avenue . Bring family and friends for an hour of contemporary chants, silence, and scripture readings.

Please plan to purchase one of our many Gift Cards. They're great for doing your shopping, and make wonderful gifts for the holidays and the proceeds benefit Blessed Trinity Parish.

Please pray for:

Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Azarello, Jim Beesley, Kathy Betz, 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, 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

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

Reminder to our fellow parishioners our next Conversation about Living the Mass will be as follows:

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



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

9:00am-10:45am	CGS Level 1 Atrium
9:00am-10:45am	PSR Grade 1-3 (A)
9:30am-10:45am	Confirmation Prep (R Lib & R LivRm)
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)

MONDAY, DEC. 9

9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary (CH)
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TUESDAY, DEC. 10

8:00am-8:30am	Novena—Rosary (CH)
9:00am-11:00am	IDCC (JC Lg)
9:30am-12:00pm	Bountiful Basement
10:30am-12:00pm	A A Meeting (RB)
6:30pm-8:00pm	Centering Prayer Group (JC Lg)
7:00pm-8:30pm	LGBTQ Faith Sharing Grp. Mtg. (R Liv Rm)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

10:30am-12:00pm	AA Meeting (RB)
6:30pm-7:30pm	Bell Choir Practice (CH)
7:00pm-8:00pm	Fish Fry Organizational mtg. (JC Lg)

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

1:00pm-3:00pm	Stephen Leaders (Off site)
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SATURDAY, DEC. 14

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

9:00am-10:45am	PSR Grade 1-3 (A)
10:00am-11:00am	Breaking Open the Word ®
10:00am-1:00pm	Coffee & Donuts (FH)
10:00am-10:45am	PSR Grade 4-8 (R B)
11:00am-11:45pm	CLW (CH)
12:00pm-4:00pm	Stephen Ministry Training (JC Lg)

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*May the Peace of Our Lord be with
Ken Pratt of husband of Carol.
May God grant comfort to his
family and friends.*

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, DEC. 8 Second Sunday Of Advent

Bar 5:1-9: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk: 3:1-6(6)

9:00 am Blessed Trinity

11:00 am Nicola & Alberto Pirozzoli
(Rosa & Family)**MONDAY, DEC. 9 Immaculate Conception**11:00 am Blessed Trinity
@ Westpark Health Center**TUESDAY, DEC. 10**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

8:30am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

9:30am Blessed Trinity

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

8:30am Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

4:00pm Robert Spevok (George Spevok)

SUNDAY, DEC. 15 Third Sunday Of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18(9)

9:00 am Sr. Marie Veres

11:00 am Sharon & John Vertal

Can you give a ride? Sometimes people will call the office requesting a ride to an appointment. We would like to add to our list of people available to offer rides. If you would like your name on a contact list, contact the Office. You would receive a call when we are trying to find a ride for someone. You would be able to check your schedule and decide to offer the ride or not. (Blessed Trinity has no liability in this activity.)

Prayer Partners Needed for Children of Light The Children of Light is a group of five, 2nd grade youth, who are preparing for First Eucharist. An important component of the Children of Light program is the parish connection. If you would be willing to "adopt" a Children of Light family with prayer during their sacramental preparation period please contact Katie.

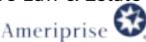
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