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FEBRUARY 23, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.



59 Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Refrain

The Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful, the
Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.

Text: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8; para. by Marty Haugen, ©1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. ©1969, ICEL Music: Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.



A Season of Emptiness

In my opinion, one of the most challenging things to do in our walk with God and participation in the gospel of Christ, motivated by the Holy Spirit, is to give ourselves over to the practice of kenosis. Kenosis is a Greek term that means “emptying.” In the context of Jesus Christ, it means that Jesus chose to empty himself. Jesus did not empty himself of his divine nature or his deity as God, but Jesus emptied himself and made himself nothing. Jesus gave up not only himself, but his privilege. He did this to serve God and man wholeheartedly. Another definition of the Greek term kenosis is called self-renunciation. Self-renunciation is the act of giving up one’s own desires and ambitions for the sake of others. Basically, self-renunciation brings about the spirit of selflessness. Jesus put the needs of others before his own. Personal gratification was not his goal in his ministry, but the salvation of others through selflessness. It was no longer about him or what he wanted to do. Self-renunciation led to Jesus being used by God to bring salvation to the world. In this, Jesus understood that through the act of kenosis, it was no longer his will, but God’s will (Luke 22:42). Jesus inevitably took on the role of a servant.

In the spirit of kenosis, Jesus completely submitted himself to the will of God. Everything that Jesus did was for the glory of God and not himself. Genuine kenosis has a way of eliminating the spirit of vanity. Eliminating the spirit of vanity, Jesus in turn took on the spirit of humility by becoming man. Jesus decided that he would experience what humanity was like, go through trials and tribulations, experience the life of those who were under the spirit of oppression.

He decided to take part in humanity by laying down his life and being put to death for the love and sake of others, even when he knew they would he wouldn’t love him back. Remaining in the form of God, Jesus defeated death and repaired what was once irreparable—our relationship with God.

Our current political, social, and economic climate calls for us to take on a season of emptiness. Today, we are called to be like Jesus and empty ourselves. We are called to lose our lives to gain life. We are called to mirror and partake in the divine submission of Our Lord and Savior to God and to others. We are called, much like Jesus, to pray with our hearts and our feet.

When Jesus came on the scene at the beginning of his ministry, he entered at the perfect time. It was the perfect time for him to empty himself and serve as a model for humanity. He came on the scene when people were being oppressed, when people who deserved autonomy had it ripped away from them, when people were suffering and praying to God to alleviate their burdens. Jesus had become the answer to the prayers of a suffering people all because he gave his entire self, his will, his ambition, and all in exchange for the life that God had predestined for him.

In closing, we must practice emptying ourselves, daily. We all have the grace of God resting upon us to empower us to do the most challenging thing there is to do in the life of a Christian. It is most difficult to empty ourselves because human will and self-gratification are forceful and does not go away easily and without a fight. This is why we must rely on the Spirit of God to empower us everyday to empty ourselves for the sake of others and our salvation.



February 2025 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats, Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134

Feb. Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, February 17, 9:30am - 11:00am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Free Will Offering (walk-ins welcome, registration not required).

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Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Az-zarello, 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, Jenny Flynn, Will Gibson, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Maria Guy, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Linda Heaton, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hevar, 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, 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, Steven Povlis, 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, Sean Szill, Janet Tang, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Tom Vasko, Noreen Williams, Jesse Wilson, Monica Woodman, Maggie Wooley, Jay Yessenko, Eileen Young, Jeala Youssef, Jacqueline Zamborano

Ecumenical Resistance & Protest for the Oppressed

Interest Meeting: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 @7pm in Fogarty Hall

The actions of the current administration have led to policies that undermine justice, equality, and compassion for all citizens. We are particularly concerned about issues such as social inequality, disenfranchisement, immigration, and the erosion of civil liberties. Our faith compels us to stand against these injustices and advocate for a more just and caring society. Together, let us protest and stir the consciousness of America. Contact Briyant for more information.



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



**We Welcome Into Our Blessed Trinity Family:
Linda A. Neumann**





This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

9:00am-10:45am	CGS Level 1 (A)
9:00am-10:45am	PSR Grade 1-3 (A)
10:00am-11:00am	Breaking Open The Word (R LivRm)
10:00am-10:45am	PSR Grades 4-8 (R B)
11:00am-11:45am	CLW (CH)
12:00pm-1:15pm	Children of Light (A)
12:15pm-2:00pm	Taize Music Practice (CH)

MONDAY, FEB. 24

9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary (CH)
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TUESDAY, FEB. 25

8:00am-8:30am	Novena - Rosary (CH)
9:00am-11:00am	IDCC (JC Lg)
9:30am-12:00pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
10:30am-12:00pm	AA Meeting (RB)
6:30pm-8:00pm	Centering Prayer Group (JC Lg)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

4:00pm-6:00pm	IDCC (JC Lg)
5:00pm-6:45pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
6:00pm-7:00pm	AA Meeting (R B)
7:00pm-8:00pm	Choir
7:00pm-8:30pm	LGBTQ Faith Sharing Mtg (R Liv Rm)

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

11:00am-12:00pm	AA Meeting (R B)
6:30pm-7:30pm	Bell Choir Practice (CH)
7:00pm-8:30pm	Bible Study (R Liv Rm)

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

1:00pm-3:00pm	Stephen Leaders (Zoom/Offsite)
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SATURDAY, FEB. MAR 1

Breaking Open the Word

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10am in the rectory to pray with and to explore the Sunday scriptures. Together we reflect on how the readings at Mass are God's Word to us. No need to register. If you would like more information please email Lfibbi@gmail.com

Theology on the Rocks West. Adults 40 & over.

Join us Monday, Mar 10, 7-8:30pm

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<i>Sunday, Feb 16</i>	\$ 3,731.00
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<i>Help the Needy</i>	\$ 121.00
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SATURDAY, FEB. 22

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, FEB. 23 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38 (81)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Kenneth Nodge (Family)

MONDAY, FEB. 24

No Mass

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

No Mass

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

No Mass

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

No Mass

SATURDAY, MAR. 1

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

END-OF-LIFE: A Catholic Perspective & Practical Considerations. Talking about death and dying can be difficult and uncomfortable. As you face decisions about treatment and care at the end-of-life, two speakers will provide helpful guidance so you can plan with purpose and peace of mind.

Sunday, February 23, 5:00-6:00pm

St. Ladislav Church, 2345 Bassett Road, Westlake

Fr. Joseph M. Koopman Jamie Stewart, BA, MA, CT
Professor of Moral Theology Spiritual Care Coordinator
St. Mary Seminary Hospice of the Western Res.

Gentle Woman Fellowship an inter-parish women's group meets on first Fridays at St. Clarence Parish, 301060 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted 44070.

First Friday, Mar 7, 2025 Schedule of Activities:

8:30 Attend Holy Mass in the Chapel

9:00 Pray the Holy Rosary in the Chapel

9:30 Grab a snack and coffee followed by a Presentation in Classroom 8

Join for as many activities as you would like. The presentation will begin about 10:00. RSVP to Mary at (440) 235-6258 if you will attend the gathering at 9:30 in Classroom 8 or if you have questions.

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