

Blessed Trinity

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JULY 27, 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:45 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 80/85/Luke 1: Lord, Make Us Turn to You

Refrain

Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and
we shall be saved.

Text: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-20; Psalm 85:9-14; Luke 1:46-55; Marty Haugen
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To Be Like a Child

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd turned out to be one of the most powerful and influential experiences of my spiritual life. My Level I training in Memphis took two weeks and 90 hours of training to prepare me to be a catechist. I had a very interesting group of people who were going through the training as well. The only other male besides me was a priest, and all the other women were pregnant. In addition to learning the ins and outs of Level I, I also had the opportunity to learn from these women about their own spirituality and how it ties into their role as women and mothers. I was very fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful group of women.

Growing up Baptist, we did not have CGS; we had Sunday School. I was amazed at the things in Level I that helped the youth to not only hear the Word of God, but to see what was taking place through clay pieces that represented the disciples, Jesus, Mary, and others. The focus in CGS Level I was on The Mystery of the Incarnation, The Mystery of the Kingdom of God, the Names of Jesus, Parables, and much more.

I found the reenactments of the annunciation, the mustard seed, the pearl, and the Last Supper to be closest to my heart. I believe that I enjoyed the reenactments because it reminded me of my faith and what I believed in. For me, Sunday School introduced me to what I believed in, but being a part of Blessed Trinity has helped me to see why I believe in the things I do. CGS Level I expanded my relationship with God and deepened my spirituality.

When Jesus stated that the kingdom of God belonged to children, before CGS, I understood the scripture to be interpreted as children having a special place in the heart of God, thus, children are automatically granted access to the kingdom. Now although some aspects of my interpretation were true, I was missing the bigger picture. I was missing the fact that all believers had to be like a child.

Before CGS got off the ground, there was some debate about children in Level I (ages 3-6) being too young to have some kind of experience with God, let alone an authentic and nurturing relationship. People who were arguing for Level I were able to defend themselves and give logic for their beliefs. They said that children (ages 3-6) were perfectly capable of establishing and cultivating their relationship with God. In addition to such, the children had already developed a relationship with God through the womb. Children were also prone to be less distracted or bogged down by life's difficulties, thus leaving room for them to be open and receptive to God through the atrium.

Children in the age ranges of 3-6 have the capacity to enjoy God as Creator and friend. They have the ability to enjoy the fullness of God like Abraham. In this, they have innate ability for love. As CGS legend and catechist Sofia Cavaletti states, "Young children (ages 3-6) really fall in love with God. It comes from the depth of their soul." She also states that these children are free from two possible dangers that may disrupt their relationship with God: moralism and intellectualism. Cavaletti stated that children before the age of six were able to experience God wholly with no distractions. They can completely surrender to God by experiencing God in the atrium. "The child's deepest need is for relationship."

During the training, I had the opportunity to be like a child. I had the need to be in a relationship with God and cultivate my spirituality. Before going to CGS Level I training, I realized that I hadn't had the opportunity to just pause and experience God without being distracted. I had to force my mind to shut down and completely focus on my relationship with God. As I began to see what it was really like to be a child, I felt a sense of regret that I was distracted from cultivating my relationship with God. I knew that deep in my heart, it was what I wanted, but there were so many distractions such as my health, personal struggles, and even my life. For the first time in a long time, I longed to be like a child and experience God with a clean slate, heart, and mind.

I see why being like a child grants one access to the Kingdom of God. Being in love with God, like a child, would allow me to continue my faith journey based on experience, giving my whole self to the Father who loves me without condition. A child encounters God as they are liberated from worry and distraction. I oftentimes wonder how my relationship with God would be if there was nothing or no one to distract me—or if I had the capacity to avoid those things. The young child is able to surrender to God—completely. This surrender would involve giving myself away to God and realizing that my life does not belong to me. Jesus said that for one to gain life, they must lose their life. Surrendering can be difficult when I have my own will, which is counterproductive to the will of God.

We can learn a lot from children. We can learn how to have a relationship with God and enjoy our life with him. The kingdom of God belongs to children because that is what God requires us to be.

*For the month of August, the **Bountiful Basement** could use canned, prepared meals.*



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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CCA Grief Support August 17th “In-Office” at 3:00pm and “Virtual” at 5:00pm:

The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office (3pm) at six Cemetery offices throughout the Diocese and Virtually (5pm) via Zoom. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month; 4th Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. The August 17th topics are **“Planning for Special Days/Memorials”** and **“Family Dynamics in Grief”**. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, July 20	\$ 4,313.33
Haiti Missions	\$ 95.00
Bountiful Basement	\$ 230.00
Help the Needy	\$ 55.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$ 50.00
Edible Forest	\$ 2,500.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 28.34
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 2,340.00
Missionary Co-op	\$ 2,439.00

Please pray for our sick:

Jim Beesley, Mary Ann Bowers, Charlene Boyer, Adele Burke, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darmstadt, Al Delattre, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Scott Eidam, Erma Eifel, Terry Evans, Jenny Flynn, Will Gibson, Michael Graham, Louise J. Hall, Thomas Heim, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocevar, Eileen Kelly, Nicola Jandric, Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Judy Kobus, Linda Kreon, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Liz Mahon, Eileen Mangan, Jerry Masek, Claudette Matero, Margaret McMahon, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Michael Mitchell, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Genevieve Noar, Dave Norris, Steven Povlis, Jose Rivera, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Liz Rosa, Ron Ruble, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Rob Salvaore, Betty Schmidt, Catherine Sesztak, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Tom Vasko, Noreen Williams, Jesse Wilson, Monica Woodman, Maggie Wooley, Mary Pat Wynne.

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

Please plan to purchase one of our many **Gift Cards**. They're great for doing your shopping. The proceeds benefit Blessed Trinity Parish. *Blessed Trinity can make special orders from shopwithscrip.com for those items you may not find in our gift box. Contact the Parish office to place your special order.

Taize Prayer Sunday, July 27, 7pm. The outdoor Taize Prayer is Sunday at 7pm at Centering Space. We will move inside at Centering Space if it is raining or too hot and humid. Join us under the trees for prayer.



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, JUL. 26

SUNDAY, JUL. 27

MONDAY, JUL. 28

9:00am-10:00am

Legion of Mary (CH)

7:00pm-8:30pm

Finance Council Meeting (JC Lg)

TUESDAY, JUL. 29

8:00am-8:30am

Novena - Rosary (CH)

9:00am-11:00am

IDCC (JC Lg)

9:00am-10:00am

Start with Jesus (CH)

9:30am-12:00pm

Bountiful Basement (BB)

10:30am-12:00pm

AA Meeting (RB)

6:30pm-7:30pm

Start with Jesus (CH)

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 30

3:00pm-3:45pm

Witness for Ukraine (outside)

4:00pm-6:00pm

IDCC (JC Lg)

5:00pm-6:45pm

Bountiful Basement (BB)

7:00pm-8:00pm

Tai Chi (outside/FH)

THURSDAY, JUL. 31

11:00am-12:30pm

AA Meeting (R B)

FRIDAY, AUG. 1

SATURDAY, AUG. 2

4:00pm-8:00pm

Edgehouse Family Baptism

Party (JC Lg)

SUNDAY, AUG. 3

JESUIT RETREAT CENTER

Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality: Mass & Ignatian Reflections in August. Tuesdays, 8:00 - 8:45am. August 5, 12, 19, 26. On Tuesdays, the Jesuit Retreat Center offers Mass in the Main Chapel followed by a brief reflection on Ignatian Spirituality. Free will offering (registration is not necessary).

August Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day. Tuesday, August 5, 8:30am - 3:30pm. We have carved out time in the JRC calendar for those who would like to come to JRC – to pray in our chapels, to sit in quiet reading in the library, to walk and meditate on the beautiful grounds. Cost: \$50

*May the Peace of Our Lord be with
Mary Linda Lee Lorince,
sister-in-law of Ernie Hall. May God
grant comfort to their family and
friends*



SATURDAY, JUL. 26

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, JUL. 27 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Gn 18:20-32 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13 (111)

9:00am Deceased of the Salem Family (Richard Salem)

11:00am Debi Walker (Susan Ward)

MONDAY, JUL. 28

11:00am at West Park Health Center
4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio
Angelo Pastura (Terri Pastura)

TUESDAY, JUL. 29

8:30am Blessed Trinity

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 30

8:30am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, JUL. 31

No Mass

FRIDAY, AUG. 1

8:30am Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, AUG. 2

4:00pm Margaret Cutshall (The Cutshall Family)

**SUNDAY, AUG. 3 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Eccl 11:2, 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21 (114)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Mary Ann Lauver (Katie Corbett)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Blessed Trinity Parish,

Please accept utmost gratitude from the congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady Kilimanjaro. We would like to convey our sincere gratitude for your “yes” to the Cleveland Diocese call by allowing us to come for mission talk on the weekend of July 12/13, 2025. We greatly appreciate each one of you for your prayers and financial support that will be directed towards our ministry to the children with special needs. Your sacrificial giving will make it possible to provide basic needs and education for these children. Thank you for your prayers and be assured of ours. We also pray that God may reward each one of you individually and as a faith family of Blessed Trinity Parish, for your generosity according to His own promises:

"And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward" (Mathew 10:42).

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