

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 1:15-1:45 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 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us

Refrain

Let your mer - cy be on us, O God,
as we place our trust in you.

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AI and Laudato Si

Many are touting the miracles and benefits of A.I. and they are many. Advancements in science, medicine and astronomy will benefit a great deal. More data centers mean more jobs too. But there is more to the story.

Massive infrastructures are appearing all over the country. Ohio has the 5th most data centers in the country. Already there are 200 here and 4,000 in the US alone. Three thousand more are being built as we speak. This is just one country. Here are some facts.

One data center uses 5 million gallons of water per day. This is needed for cooling as the computers generate so much heat they have to be cooled constantly.

Generating a single AI image (similar to AI photo, style, or cartoon generators on Facebook) consumes between 2 and 50 liters of water for server cooling, which is equivalent to a full day's drinking water for one person.

Eight memes use the same amount of energy as charging your phone.

As AI grows so does the stress on the electrical grid leading to rising costs for consumers. This is the simple economics of supply and demand. Your electricity bill is going to go up.

The life span of 15 coal plants scheduled to be closed have gotten a reprieve to power these data centers, some of which are as large as 6 to 8 football fields. This is slowing the country's transition to renewable energy. Add to that the end of the EPA and deregulation and the result is our planet is on the road to self-destruction.

These 15 coal plants emit more than 65 million metric tons of greenhouse gases a year, accelerating the climate crisis. As the EPA was signaling this action in the fall, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops sharply criticized the move in uncharacteristically blunt language in a letter to the agency: "the EPA completely ignores the unambiguous plain language and congressional intent of the Clean Air Act, science evidence, and adverse health impacts of climate change."

Pollution and greenhouse gases present an undeniable threat to our home. We were already on a precarious trajectory to prevent more extreme weather and loss of life from pollution. We need more action, not less, to address these important issues and their unacceptable impact on the vulnerable.

Two of the biggest builders of data centers are Microsoft and Amazon. Microsoft says their new megastructures will be carbon neutral by 2030, Amazon by 2035. Of course by then it will be too late.

Both companies have plans to build nuclear reactors to provide the energy needed but there is no oversight for such projects.

Large diesel generators used to operate the data centers use diesel fuel. They are extremely loud. Air pollution caused by diesel fuel is rampant.

Gov. DeWine says these data centers bring jobs, but at what cost?

Local and state governments often sign non-disclosure agreements about what is being built, what guarantees are being made and what effects these megastructures will have on the local economy abound. One can only conclude that there is much information to hide.

What does the church say about this? Quoting Pope Francis' description of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Holy Father Pope Leo reminded people that ecological concern, justice for the poor, social commitment, and inner peace are inseparable. Pope Leo XIV urged leaders to heed the cries of "the Earth and the poor, families, indigenous peoples, involuntary migrants and believers throughout the world."

The U.S. bishops are inviting Catholics to undergo an ecological conversion this Lent, a process of prayer and action that they said includes pressing government officials to protect the environment and address climate change.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued the reflection Feb. 17, a day before Ash Wednesday and the start of the 40-day Lenten season.

The Trump administration has called irrefutable science of climate change a hoax.



Our Lenten lecture series begins this Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00pm in church. Dr. Alan Kolp will be presenting our Lenten series. Dr. Kolp has spoken here before and has always been well received. The theme of his talks will be "**Lent: Can't Fast-track to Easter**" Traditionally, Lent is seen as a period of preparation, of learning. We would prefer just to get on with the new life of Easter. However, there are some things to learn and re-learn. Then, we will be prepared for Easter.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Please pray for our sick:

Jim Beesley, Kathy Betz, Mary Ann Bowers, Charlene Boyer, Adele Burke, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darmstadt, Al Delattre, Diane Dorenkott, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Scott Eidam, Erma Eifel, Terry Evans, Jenny Flynn, Will Gibson, June Grace, Michael Graham, Louise J. Hall, Thomas Heim, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocevar, Gail Iseli, Eileen Kelly, Nicola Jandric, Annette Janetzke, Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Ralph & Judy Kobus, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Liz Mahon, Eileen Mangan, Jerry Masek, Claudette Matero, 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, Richard Stein, Jacqueline Zambarano, Kathy Vasko, 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

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2025

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Food for the Spirit and the Body

Joining us for Lenten Fish Fry? How about coming a half hour early or staying a half hour later? We are offering a short prayer service at 5 pm and 7:30 pm in the Church where we can pray for the issues of our time, our personal needs and one another's intentions. Hope to see you there!



Lenten Program on God and Science

On Saturday, March 14 from 9 AM - Noon, at the Joseph Center, Mike Reiling is offering a program Living Fully, about how honoring science can expand our understanding and experience of God. It's a game-changer! Information flyer is available on the back table in church. Free-Will offering.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, Feb 22	\$ 3,161.21
Haiti Missions	\$ 200.00
Bountiful Basement	\$ 1,390.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 150.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 1,787.00
Latin America	\$ 25.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 15.00
Black & Native American	\$ 35.00



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY FEB. 28

SUNDAY, MAR. 1

9:00am-10:45am CGS Level 1 (A)
 9:00am-10:45am PSR 1-3 (A)
 10:00am-10:45am PSR 4-8 (RB)
 10:00am-10:45am Breaking Open the Word (R Lib)
 11:00am-11:15am CLW (CH)

MONDAY, MAR. 2

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)
 5:00pm-6:30pm OCIA (R Lib)
 7:00pm-8:30pm St. Vincent De Paul Society (R Lib)

TUESDAY, MAR. 3

8:00am-8:30am Novena (CH)
 9:00am-11:00am IDCC (JC Lg)
 9:30am-12:00pm Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)
 10:30am-12:00pm A.A. Meeting (RB)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 4

4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC (JC Lg)
 5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)
 5:30pm-6:30pm Mobile Pantry (Back Lot)
 6:30pm-7:30pm Tai Chi (FH)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Choir (CH)

THURSDAY, MAR. 5

11:00am-12:30pm A.A. Meeting (RB)
 5:30pm-7:30pm Nonviolent Direct Action & Moral Formation Training Course (CH/Zoom)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)
 7:15pm-8:45pm Stephen Ministries Peer Group (JC Lg)

FRIDAY, MAR. 6

1:00pm-3:00pm Stephen Leaders (Zoom)
 5:30pm-7:30pm Fish Fry (FH)
 5:00pm-5:30pm Lent Prayer (CH)
 7:30pm-8:00pm Lent Prayer (CH)

SATURDAY, MAR. 7

9:30am-11:00am Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Grp (R Liv Rm)

SUNDAY, MAR. 8

9:00am-10:45am CGS Level 1 (A)
 9:00am-10:45am PSR 1-3 (A)
 10:00am-10:45am PSR 4-8 (RB)
 10:00am-10:45am Breaking Open the Word (R Lib)
 11:00am-11:15am CLW (CH)
 12:00pm-1:00pm Community Meal (FH)

God and Science

Find a richer, "bigger" understanding of God in our scientific age. Come to the Joseph Center on Saturday, March 21 from 9- noon to relate to God as you have never done before. This program is based on the thought of scientist, priest and mystic Teilhard de Chardin S.J and is led by parish member Mike Reiling. The flyer and registration information is on the back table in church. This is a game-changer!

WORSHIP

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, MAR. 1 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9 (25)
 9:00am Cathy Wachtel (Kay Scott)
 11:00am All Souls

MONDAY, MAR. 2

11:00am All Souls at West Park Health Center
 4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio

TUESDAY, MAR. 3

8:30am Joseph Greene (Mary Kreager)

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 4

8:30am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, MAR. 5

No Mass

FRIDAY, MAR. 6

8:30am Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, MAR. 7

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, MAR. 8 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42
 9:00am Carol Shockley-Kadlubak (Kay Scott)
 11:00am Blessed Trinity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

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