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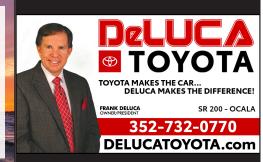
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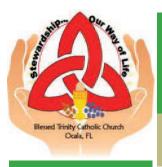
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#### WEEKEND

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Wednesday 8:15 am (follows school schedule)

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8:00am Saturday

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5:00-5:30pm

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#### WEEKEND

7:00 pm at Christ the King (Spanish) Saturday

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#### PARISH LIFE

#### AUGUST 25, 2024 ~ TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MARRIAGES: If you are planning to be married at Blessed Trinity, your preparation process should begin at least four (4) months prior to desired date. We look forward to helping you during your time of engagement and preparation for the vocation of Christian marriage. Call the Church Office for an appointment with one of our priests.

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#### STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

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#### **MINISTRY OF THE WEEK**

#### **EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry**

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# STEWARDSHIP

#### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel, we hear that a number of Jesus' followers left him because his message was too difficult for them to accept. In essence, they did not believe in him. He then asked the twelve if they wished to leave as well. Peter responds by making a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The twelve made a choice and stood by their choice, remaining loyal to their commitment to Jesus. A good question for our reflection might be this: Are we satisfied with the stewardship we exercise over our baptismal commitment? Are we just "along for the ride?" Are we keeping Christ in front of us as we make decisions about our daily activities, our relationships, our parish, issues in the workplace, issues such as peace and justice? What is the quality of our stewardship?

#### STEWARD OF THE WEEK

#### Daisy Van Pelt

Elder Care would like to thank Daisy for using her time to volunteer with us! She is a dedicated, amazing volunteer. The staff and seniors all love Daisy.

Thank you for being a faithful steward!

#### New Parishioners:

Kevin & Lori Hermida

Jonathan, Sandra, Liam & Katarina Babij

Andres & Laura Aragon Molina

Will, Jessica, Genevieve, Anelle, William II, Theodore, Benjamin, Matthew, Mary, Christian & Josephine Drew

lan, Beatriz, Zoe & Maxine Pfouts

Marianne Romano

#### Baptisms:

Maxine & Zoe Pfouts

Eliano Angel Brito

Our readings offer us examples of how we should be living, and they present us with an opportunity to make a radical change in our lives.

In our first reading, Joshua tells the leaders of the Israelites to decide as to who they shall serve in this life. As he presents them with this choice, he boldly states, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Who or what does your household serve? Whether you are a household of one or twelve, now is the time to decide, 'will we serve the Lord?'

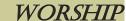
We are constantly bombarded with endless distractions around us. It can be very easy to serve other 'gods' in our lives. For instance, putting technology (phone, internet, TV), kids' extracurricular activities, our jobs, or our social lives before the Lord. We also might be putting these things above our loved ones, and if we are doing that, then we are putting them above our relationship with God.

With this in mind, we must strive each day to intentionally live as disciples of Christ. It starts with commitment —

incorporating personal daily prayer and increasing that prayer week by week, incorporating prayer into our marriages and families, frequenting the sacraments, and serving others. Through this time with the Lord and service to those around us, He will reveal to us where to go next.

Reflect on how you may not be putting God first in your life and decide to respond like the Israelites, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods... Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."





#### AUGUST 25, 2024 ~ TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **Guidelines For The Reception Of Communion**

#### For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the body and blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

#### For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe they are actually receiving Jesus and that the celebration of the eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law. Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these churches.

#### For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to holy communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

#### For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving holy communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another. You are all welcome to the altar for a blessing. All you have to do is cross your hands in front of your chest and you will receive a blessing.

#### **Leaving Early**

Except for an emergency, please do not leave before you receive the blessing to go forth.



Life Teen Parent Information Night Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30pm in the King of Kings building

Life Teen parents, you are invited to come formally meet our new youth ministry coordinator, Lydia Ross. At this meeting Lydia plans to discuss the calendar for the fall semester, changes being made at Life Teen, a new parent communicant plan, as well as plans for CoveCrest. After a brief meeting, parents are welcome to stay back for any questions or concerns they might have for Lydia. Students are welcome to attend with parents.



#### OFFICIAL TIME CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

**8:00pm** moving forward, parents can expect non-driving students to be available in the King of Kings lobby by 8:05pm.

Any remaining students are welcome to stay in King of Kings as late as 8:30pm. At that time everyone will be asked to leave, and supervision will not be available after 8:30pm.

#### **Orphan Sponsorship**

One of the Sister Parish sub-parishes, St. Francis Xavier, Bukiriro has 23 orphans being housed with other families. The cost to sponsor one of them is \$250.00 that includes their food for the year and their school tuition.

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## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22,27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



#### Charismatic???

The Charismatic Renewal gets its name from the "charisms" or "Gifts" of the Holy Spirit which are being poured anew upon our Church today. This outpouring of Grace is merely the unfolding of Pentecost into the lives of everyday Believers.

The "Fountains of Living Water" prayer group, is part of this Charismatic Renewal. Mother Mary is our role model. Her "yes" to the Holy Spirit, not only changed her life, but redefined humanity. We invoke her to lead us ever deeper into a life surrendered into the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Join us as we seek to avail our lives to God's plan for us, and to the charisms He is offering us to accomplish His work.

We meet every Thur., 7-8:30pm in the Elder Care center. Call Richard for info, 352-342-2982.

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

### **Marriage Preparation**

Preparing for the sacrament of marriage?

Saturday, October 12 is the date for the next Blessed Trinity Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation program. The program runs from 8:00am-5:00pm in the King of Kings building at Blessed Trinity and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$50 per couple.

Register on the Blessed Trinity website, www.blessedtrinity.org and click "Sacraments".



Aug 24/25: Happy Birthday Ann Olson

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Aug 31 / Sept 1:

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#### Ministry to the Sick general meeting

There will be a general meeting for all ministers to the sick held on Friday,

September 6th at 6:00pm at the Elder Care center with a guest speaker.

For details, call Sister Juliet at 352.629.8092 ex 3211.





Monday, Aug 26	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Ann Olson (L)
Tuesday, Aug 27	7:10am 5:30pm	Sally Proulx † Anne Roberta DeSare †
Wed, Aug 28	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	James Ervin Klein † LaVon Landis † Al Frederick †
Thursday, Aug 29	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Donna Palagano (L)
Friday, Aug 30	7:10am 5:30pm	Barb Mullen † Catherine Ann Dinoto †
Saturday, Aug 31	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Souls In Purgatory Rudy Blanchette † Hydeia Forbes †
Sunday, Sept 1	7:10am	Angelo & Anna Zappulla †
	8:45am 11:00am	Gerardo Baltodano † Dr. Arturo & Leticia Stable †
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Our stewardship way of life here at BT encourages each family to commit one hour a week to the adoration chapel; please prayerfully consider this ministry's needs and if you are unable to serve, please pray that God will send individuals to sustain this core ministry, here at Blessed Trinity.

#### The Lord looks forward to your visit!

Please see the list of hours, which is in the vestibule, on the counter near the staircase, that need one more adorer.

For your special hour of praise before the Blessed Sacrament call or email: Carol Blackstock 352-622-7348 or 352-425-8638, carolblackstock@gmail.com.

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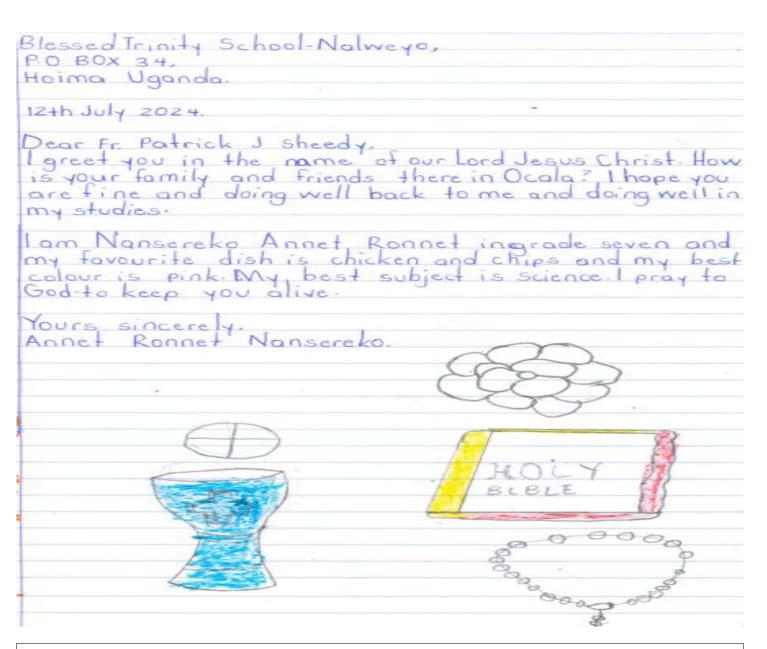
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	School Mass Offering:		\$ 0.00	Year to date deficit:	(\$59,526.94)	
	Non Sunday:	57	\$ 43,859.00			
<b>Grand Total for Week:</b>		\$ 112,080.22	Assumption \$3,461.00			
	Amount needed for Operating Expenses:\$ 97,634.00					
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#### "UNSTOPPABLE"

EDGE Middle School Youth 2024 Annual Retreat

Sept 28th-29th

(Register on 8/26 at 7am!)

We have a fun filled, event packed, overnight Middle School Retreat at the wonderful Lake in the Forest Black Bear Campground planned for our 6-8th graders. We will be providing transportation from the BT parking lot Saturday morning, Sept. 28th, and will return in time to *participate in the* 11am Mass on Sunday, Sept. 29th, as an EDGE group and with our families. Campers will be sleeping in cabins, and we have jam packed the 28 hours of the retreat with food, fun, singing, swimming, and seeing how God is working in our lives.

"This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining towards what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal of the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13b-14) "Unstoppable" inspires middle school youth to persist to our ultimate destination of heaven. We are not intended to make this journey alone, nor guess the path, because the Holy Spirit will lead us.

## General Registration Opens Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am

Space is extremely limited. To register: Email ocalaedge@gmail.com on Monday, August 26th starting at 7:00am. The cost is \$60.

Once we are full, we will form a waiting list, so be sure to email to request a spot.



#### **Adult Catholic Inquiry Class**

This year's inquiry class begins September 4th at 7:00pm in the church. No need to pre-register.

All adult Catholics looking for a full refresher course are welcome. All interested in looking into the Catholic faith are welcome. All those who have already decided to join the Catholic faith are welcome.

Babysitting (free) will be provided from the 2nd class on if the need is expressed the first night.

#### **Morning of Reflection**

Our annual Morning of Reflection for all board members, ministry heads, and school and parish staff is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st.

We will begin at 8:00am with Mass in the church, followed by a light breakfast in the King of Kings building.

After breakfast, Fr. Tony Anderson from Belize will be joining us to offer a reflection and to lead us in Adoration and Benediction.

We hope to see you all there for this very special morning!

#### **BLUE MASS**

Blessed Trinity Knights of Columbus have planned a Blue Mass for Sunday, September 8 at the 8:45 Mass. It's an opportunity for the BT community to show our gratitude to those serving us in the military and public safety field.

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# URGENT NEED FOR UGANDA COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO WILL NEED TO SUSPEND THEIR COLLEGE EDUCATION DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT

Over the years, Blessed Trinity has supported many Uganda college students from charity donations. Unfortunately, this source of support will not have the financial means to continue their support of these students, at least for the coming year. There are many students who are in their last year or last semester who will have to drop out of college unless they can find alternative funding. The semester has already begun in Uganda; however, if funding can be obtained, they will still be able to attend this year.

There are 29 college students and 11 seminarians who need assistance in order to continue their education. The average amount needed per student is \$600. (this is half the total amount; students are required to fund the other half). If you are able to assist, payment can be made by check to Blessed Trinity (university support) or on-line. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Juliet at (352) 629-8092.

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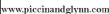
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