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PARISH LIFE

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 ~ CHRIST THE KING

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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.

**SICK CALLS AND HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you or a family member are in a local hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Church Office at 629.8092 or Sister Juliet at x3211. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

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STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service* of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

LIVESTREAMING

Please be advised that the Mass is being filmed, broadcast, and/or videotaped, including audio recording. Your attendance at Mass constitutes your consent to these recordings, and to the use of the recordings by the church for public communications, social media, evangelization, and other business or religious purposes. God bless and thank you for attending Mass at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

Gift & Religious Articles Shop

Blessed Trinity's Religious Articles Shop offers a variety of religious articles and gifts. Good stewards are always needed to assist customers and ring up purchases.

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# STEWARDSHIP

## POTENTIAL

### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The exchange between Jesus and Pilate in today’s Gospel is, arguably, the most important exchange in all of literature. Pilate asks Jesus: “What have you done?” Jesus replies that he testifies to the truth. In the second reading we are reminded of the essence of that truth: Christ, ruler of all, loves us, liberates us from the bonds of sin, makes us into a new kingdom. As we approach the Advent season, this week would be a good time to reflect on the question: What have we done in our daily lives, in our actions, words, private prayer, and in our interaction with others, to testify that Jesus is Lord?

### STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

#### Carswell Ponder & Monday Night Bible Study Group

The religious education department would like to thank Carswell & all members of the Monday night bible study for their generous donation of 90 teen bibles. We are so lucky to have your support!

**Thank you for being faithful stewards!**

### New Parishioners:

Ryan, Stefany, Kayden, Weylin & Sheldon Atwood

Juan & Giselle Caban

Wilfredo & Jessibeth Diaz

Fabio & Gladys Rodriguez Moscote

Rich Przybyl

Dominic, Ahsaki & Anaya Ferdinand

### Baptisms:

Riley Jane Gulick

Giovanni Eleazar Cruz

Amy Urdaneta Fuenmayor

On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time for the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism and individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ’s existence and authority.

The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

This feast is needed more than ever for all people and for us especially, as Christian stewards. It reminds us of three vital truths.

First, even when it seems the world is spinning out of control, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving, merciful and just.

Second, if Christ is king of all, then He is also king of me, personally. I am not “lord” of my time, talents, and treasure. He is. I am a servant of the King and a steward of His gifts to me.

Third, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ’s kingship is characterized by humble service, by emptying Himself for the good of others,

The Scriptures tell us He went about doing good and He says of Himself, “I came not to be served but to serve.” How can I live in any other way than as a humble servant like my King?



## WORSHIP

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### Stewardship Thanks

Many thanks to all of you who have, so far, responded with your 2025 stewardship pledges of time, talent, and treasure.

You can hand in your stewardship pledges anytime but do your best to give it to us before the new year is upon us.

The stewardship materials are available in the vestibule and in the stewardship room.

Thanks to our stewardship committee and Sue Lanier for organizing and carrying out stewardship pledge weekend.

Thanks to all our witness speakers. Thanks to Jim Ross and all who helped him with our annual stewardship appreciation dinner.

When we put God first it makes for a much more fulfilling life. God has invited, you have responded. It is the right way to go.

### Communal Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, November 30, at the 4:00pm Mass there will be Communal Anointing of the sick and the elderly.

### Book For Advent

Our book for Advent this year is from Dynamic Catholic, 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory.

33 Days of Eucharistic Glory is the first-ever Eucharistic Consecration. Are you ready to see what God can do in 33 days?

On sale next weekend, November 30/ December 1 for \$2.00 each.

### Thanksgiving Mass

Before you spend the day enjoying friends and family, and turkey, join us for Mass to start your day!

Thursday, November 28th—  
English Mass at 9:30am and  
Spanish Mass at 11:00am



### Advent Wreath Sign-Up

Want a great way to involve your family in the liturgy? Sign up in the vestibule to light the newest candle on the Advent Wreath at the beginning of the Masses during Advent.



### Sister Parish Insert

This week you will find an insert on our Sister Parish in Nalweyo, Uganda.

This insert contains a lot of information—take it home, read it over and stay tuned for more details and a short video next weekend.



### Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

Monday, December 9: 7:10am,  
8:15am, 10:00am, 12:10pm,  
5:30pm, 7:00pm (Spanish)



## Qualified Charitable Donations

Support Blessed Trinity Catholic Church with your IRA

Year end is a good time to review important financial decisions, such as the charitable gifts you want to make to your parish. Giving careful thought to how you make your gifts can be beneficial to you and the charities you support. In addition to the personal satisfaction that comes from giving, you might also realize tax benefits.

### Make a meaningful gift

If you are age **70 1/2** or older, you can make **ALL YOUR** charitable gifts directly from individual retirement accounts (IRA's) using funds that might otherwise be taxed when withdrawn (up to a total of \$100,000 per individual per year; \$200,000 per married couple.)

Because most funds withdrawn from IRA's are income, your taxable income is increased. You may get into a higher tax bracket. Distributions made directly to a charity from the IRA will not be included in your taxable income, whether or not you itemize your charitable gifts and other deductible expenses.

If you are required to take minimum distributions from your IRA, the IRA gifts are particularly wise especially if you don't plan to itemize your deductions for income tax purposes.

### Some advantages to giving to your parish through your IRA:

- You do not owe taxes on the withdrawal, while the amounts given still count toward any required minimum distribution amount.
- Some taxpayers are subject to limits on the total dollar amount of charitable gifts they can deduct. These limitations do not apply to direct IRA transfer gifts called qualified charitable distribution (QCD).
- You won't increase your adjusted gross income and possibly subject your other income to a higher level of taxation.
- You may save on income-related adjustments to Medicare B and D premiums.

If you are interested in making an IRA gift to the Church this year, call your IRA custodian to arrange for a QCD.

**Make sure to have your IRA custodian write and send the contribution check directly to Blessed Trinity.**

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!



You are invited to join us on Saturday, December 14th for this annual event, held in the Parish Hall, at 9:00am.

Tickets are \$8.00 and are available for purchase at the Church Office, the BTS Friday Flyer (you can send in payment/order form to your teacher), or through your teacher at Angels in Arms.

The last day to buy tickets is Tuesday, December 10th. Tickets are not sold at the door. For questions or to get involved contact Lydia Ross, [lross@blessedtrinity.org](mailto:lross@blessedtrinity.org)

## Part-Time Help Needed

Elder Care is seeking a part time worker, M-F 8:00am-1:00pm to assist seniors with activities, personal care and clean up.

Contact Lori Berndt if interested at 352.671.2823.

## Life Teen Advent Retreat— December 7th, 8-5pm

Join Life Teen for our first ever Advent retreat where we will learn how to “grow young” in our faith, and how to approach Jesus Christ with lighthearted confidence and childlike faith.

The retreat is \$30 and covers the cost of a shirt, breakfast, and lunch.

All payments and registration forms need to be submitted by **this Sunday, November 24, 2024**. Contact Lydia Ross for form information, [lross@blessedtrinity.org](mailto:lross@blessedtrinity.org).

## National Family Caregivers Month



November is a time to show support and to honor our nation's vital caregivers during National Family Caregivers Month. Join us in acknowledging and honoring families who are often caregiving “around the clock.” That means around-the-clock dedication, organization, responsibility, scheduling, and hands-on care.

To honor them we will be showing the video, “Faces of Caregiving” this weekend, November 23/24 before all the Masses.

Scan to register by 12/14  
Price goes up after 12/10

Join us for three days of authentic community, prayer, and service! Grow in your faith, while serving the faces of our community.

Scan to watch a video recap of last year's PandA



**PRAYER & ACTION**  
**DECEMBER 29-31**  
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**Sunday, November 24th**—Life Teen students, friends, and family, you are invited to our next XLT adoration night. Come experience the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist as we adore Him in worship and praise. Life Teen dinner will be on the lawn outside church beforehand, and adoration will begin promptly at 6:45pm.

**Sunday, December 1st**— No life night due to Thanksgiving break. Come to the 5:00pm Mass with your families and celebrate God's gift of the Eucharist!

## PRAYER AND ACTION

“Prayer and Action” is coming to Ocala December 29-31. We will be sending teams of teens and adults out into the community to do service projects on December 30-31.

If you are elderly or low income (maybe just needy?) and have some yard work or other project that could use some help, please contact Marianne Geddings @ 352.875.7456.

## LOOKING FOR NEW DECORATIONS!

Please help us purchase new Christmas decorations for the church! Our current supply is old and in need of replacement!

Monetary donations can be given in the wrapped collection box in the vestibule.

Thank you!







Monday, Nov 25	7:10am	Semudo Family L/D
	5:30pm	Homer Rothfusz †
Tuesday, Nov 26	7:10am	Sr. Concepta Najjemba (L)
	5:30pm	DeNaro Family L/D
Wed, Nov 27	7:10am	Philip Fanelli †
	8:15am	Maria D'Ambrosio †
	5:30pm	John J. Kelly †
Thursday, Nov 28	9:30am	Hurley Family L/D
Friday, Nov 29	7:10am	Sisters of IHMR L/D
	5:30pm	Homer Rothfusz †
Saturday, Nov 30	8:00am	Melida Agudelo †
	4:00pm	Blanchette & Leavy Families L/D
	6:00pm	Rich Saytar †
Sunday, Dec 1	7:10am	John Nelson †
	8:45am	Carl Hickey †
	11:00am	Paul & Christopher Shively †
	1:00pm	Spanish Community
	5:00pm	Raymond Andrews †

Please pray for Linda Krzyz & Bob Valentine who have recently passed away.

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Perpetual Adoration

The following hours need to be filled:

Sundays: 3:00am - 4:00am

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Thursdays: 3:00am - 4:00am

Thursdays: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

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.

"The mercy of God, hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, the voice of the Lord who speaks to us from the throne of mercy: Come to Me, all of you"

- Diary of St. Faustina, 1485



ADS OF THE WEEK

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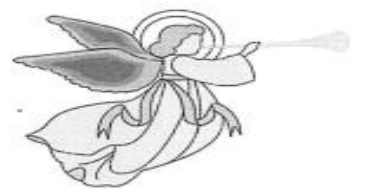
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Last year, we provided holiday assistance to over 360 families, including 580 children.

You can help by:

PROVIDING GIFTS FOR CHILDREN via our ANGEL TREE



We are partnering with Toys for Tots again this year to ensure we have enough gifts for all the families we serve. Please select a tag from one of the Christmas trees in the church vestibule.



Return an unwrapped toy, along with the tag, to the church vestibule after all Masses through Dec., 8. Children ages 1 to 12 will receive gifts.

PROVIDING FOOD



Pick up a grocery bag after Masses on November 23/24 or November 30/December 1 and return them December 7/8 with the items on the list attached to the bag.

AND/OR



Look for us outside of Mass on November 23, 24, 30 and December 1, 7, 8 donate \$20 for groceries.

THANK YOU for your help. May God bless you!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering	November 17, 2024		
Weekend Total:	443	\$ 26,831.24	Year to date collection: \$ 1,546,726.73
Electronic Offering Total:	400	\$ 33,439.53	
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 1,891.45	Year to date budget: \$ 1,598,679.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 95.00	Year to date deficit: (\$51,952.27)
Non Sunday:	54	\$ 5,736.00	
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 67,993.22	Catholic Charities: \$2,432.00
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 84,141.00	
Difference		(\$16,147.78)	

"Thank you for your donations."

Reminder: Do your best to put your envelope number on the "memo" line of your check.



### Toiletry & Greeting Card Collection for Women's Prisons

We are again collecting UNUSED greeting cards (especially Christmas) for the women in the local prisons.

We also are requesting the following items primarily for the indigent inmates: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and bar soap. No metal or glass containers. Standard sizes and basic brands, no Bath & Body Works or other high-end products.

There will be a box outside the stewardship room from now until December 2nd. Any questions contact Laurel Wilson, 352.426.2328 or laurelwilson40@aol.com. Thanks so much for your generosity...the women appreciate it!

### Catholic Giving Tuesday 2024

Catholic Giving Tuesday is almost here! As we thank God for His abundant blessings, we remember our call to not only enjoy the riches God entrusts us with, but also to be rich in good works. Your gift on December 3rd, Catholic Giving Tuesday, will allow us to share our blessings as a community and continue the spiritual mission of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church. You can make your gift by visiting our website at [www.blessedtrinity.org](http://www.blessedtrinity.org)



### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Jer 33:14-16

Thes 3:12—4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



### What Happens In A Charismatic Prayer Meeting?

It is...

...Where the Ordinary encounters the Extraordinary;

...Where 2 or 3 gather in that Holy Name and find themselves clothed in His Presence; ...

Where exhalant praise opens our hearts to receive His Love;

...Where a deep quiet unlocks the Still Voice of God;

...Where Sacred Scripture comes alive;

...Where Communal Faith unleashes the Fire & Healing of the Holy Spirit.

Please, come join us Thursday nights in the Adult Day Care, 7-8:30pm. For info: Richard@352-342-2982 or Katy@352-342-2983 or email [i2bxtn@gmail.com](mailto:i2bxtn@gmail.com).

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

**Nov 23 / 24:** In memory of Fr. Michael O'Keeffe

**Nov 30 / Dec 1:** No Flowers

Please call the Church Office at 629.8092 x3201 if you would like more information on placing flowers on the altar.



### Being Good Stewards of Our Food

In the story of the feeding of the 5,000, when the crowds had their fill, Jesus said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." How much of the food we consumed last week actually ended up in the garbage? If you cleaned out your refrigerator, how much old food, takeout containers, and spoiled and rotten food did you throw out? As Christian stewards, we are painfully aware that it's not just industry that wastes food. Estimates reveal that we consumers throw out the most food.

The United Nations maintains that 1.3 billion tons of food is wasted annually. It is not a new problem and our habits are getting worse. One-third of the food that is produced for human consumption is lost or wasted.

Studies reveal that those who suffer from hunger in the United States could be fed with all of the food that is wasted and thrown into the garbage. Pope Francis once said: "Once our grandparents were very careful not to throw away any leftover food. Consumerism has led us to become used to an excess and daily waste of food...Throwing away food is like stealing from the table of the poor and the hungry."

Food waste is also expensive. The United States Department of Agriculture concluded that Americans are throwing out \$165 billion worth of food each year. To fully understand just how much money that is, if you compare it to the U.S. Federal Budget, this is a relatively close comparison to what the federal government spent on education, homeland security, agriculture, commerce, and energy in one year.

Food waste is harmful to the environment as well. When food sits in landfills, it emits methane, which is 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas. As the impact of climate change continues to get more severe, reducing the amount of food that is wasted is one way to reduce our carbon footprint.

There are many simple ways to reduce the amount of food we throw away. Perhaps Thanksgiving could give us a new start. Let us use November 28 as the beginning of a new trend towards reducing food waste and drawing the attention of others to this problem as well.

**While our massive food waste habits are a problem, there are simple solutions.**

**Tips to reduce food waste include:**

- Serving smaller portions and buying less food are two easy ways to reduce food waste.
- Plan your meals for the week before you go shopping and buy only the things needed for those meals.
- Shop in your refrigerator first! Cook or eat what you already have at home before buying more.
- Include quantities on your shopping list noting how many meals you'll make with each item to avoid overbuying.
- Prepare perishable foods soon after shopping. It will be easier to whip up meals or snacks later in the week, saving time, effort, and money.
- Find out how to store fruits and vegetables so they stay fresh longer inside or outside your refrigerator.
- Produce past its prime may still be fine for cooking. Think soups, casseroles, stir fries, sauces, baked goods, pancakes or smoothies.
- If you have leftovers from any of your meals, plan an "eat the leftovers" night each week.
- At restaurants, order only what you can finish by asking about portion sizes and be aware of side dishes included with entrees. Take home the leftovers and keep them for or to make your next meal.



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**Catholic Giving Tuesday**  
Tuesday, December 3  
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**Breakfast With Santa**  
Saturday, December 14  
9:00am  
Blessed Trinity Parish Hall

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