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### MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY

#### WEEKEND

Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday	7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am 1:00pm Spanish, 5:00 pm Life Teen

#### DAILY

Mon-Fri	7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday	8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday	6:30 pm (Spanish)
Saturday	8:00am

<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday	2:45-3:30 pm 5:00-5:30pm
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### MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES

#### WEEKEND

Saturday	7:00 pm at Christ the King (Spanish)
Sunday	10:15 am at Christ the King 7:00pm at La Guadalupana (Spanish)

#### DAILY

Tuesday	7:00pm at La Guadalupana (Spanish)
Wednesday	4:00 pm at Christ the King 4:00 pm at Holy Days of Obligation



PARISH LIFE

DECEMBER 7, 2025 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MISSION STATEMENT: Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Stewardship Community recognizes Jesus is Lord. We believe that our Time, Talent and Treasure are gifts from God to be used for the spiritual, educational and social needs of our community, the Diocese and the world at large, especially the poor.

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STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!”

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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.

Nancy LaSelva

storyteller246@gmail.com

Tana Casey

tanacasey116@gmail.com

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME to stop by the Church Office to register Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm or online at [www.blessedtrinity.org](http://www.blessedtrinity.org), click on join us.

**BAPTISM:** We are pleased to help your family prepare for the special event of your child’s entrance into our faith community. To help parents and godparents prepare, a class (English) is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Community Center and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00am at Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

**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 SPOTLIGHT

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today’s Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: “Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!” The Church’s yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?

## STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

### Food Delivery Volunteers

The parish would like to thank all the people that signed up to deliver Thanksgiving meals to the homebound last week! Thank you for spending your time helping others!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

## New Parishioners:

Emilio, Nancy, Jayden, Jasmine & Jenesis Perez Zarate

## Baptisms:

Reid Joseph Jerald

Owen Antonio & Sophie Ivette Nevarez

Jarrett Riley Griggs

Juliette Alison Fernandez

Laura Sophia Moreno Suarez

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: “Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.” And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.

This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior’s arrival. John says, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an “examination of conscience” a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said “yes” to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we “straighten the paths” of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God’s grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.



## Immaculate Conception

### Mass Schedule

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



## Parish Communal Penance

Prepare now for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a normal part of our Advent journey to Christmas joy.



Our Advent Communal Penance, with 10-15 priests present for confessions will be on:  
Monday, December 22nd at 10am & 6:30pm

Other opportunities for confession are:  
Tuesday, December 23rd: 8:00am, 11:00am, 4:00pm

## Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. “Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community,” says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious.

Please consider giving next week.

## 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.



## March for Life -Washington DC

The March for Life in Washington D.C is on Friday January 23 2026.

The rally begins on the National Mall with the March starting around 1:00pm  
The Theme for this year's rally is "Life is a Gift".

## Let's Talk about Christmas

*What does Christmas mean to you? What are your favorite memories of Christmas? How are you celebrating Christmas this year?*

Dr Barry Meehan will give a presentation followed by a discussion on our celebration of Jesus' birth both in the Church and in our homes.

Wednesday, December 10 at 6.30 pm in the Community Center

Thursday, December 11 at 11.00 a.m. in The King of Kings building.





**Sunday, December 7th**—XLT! Blessed Trinity 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 for students will be on the lawn outside church beforehand (weather permitting), and adoration will begin promptly at 6:45pm.

**Sunday, December 14th**— Join Life Teen as we continue our annual tradition of a progressive dinner for the holiday season. We will begin at the King of Kings building promptly after the 5pm Mass, and then will continue to two to three homes on the BT bus for appetizers, dinner, and dessert. Students must RSVP and turn in a waiver by Sunday, December 7 to participate. Contact Lydia Ross for more information.

### Peace & Social Justice

How about giving a Christmas gift this year that would help small family farmers in Asia, Africa, South America, India, and Palestine? You would be helping these farmers by purchasing Fair Trade coffee, tea, cocoa, & olive oil **after Mass next weekend**. We have been selling these products for the past 20 years at Blessed Trinity and are in the top 5% of all sales of congregations and community groups. Fair Trade helps these farmers make a fair profit by **guaranteeing** fair compensation. It also supports the creation of producer cooperatives that bring social, cultural and economic benefits to entire communities. You are helping to set up training programs for women in Guatemala, an ecotourism project in Nicaragua and new classrooms in El Salvador. Fair Trade farmers use organic, environmentally sound non-chemical farming to help the environment. Matthew's gospel, chapter 25 verse 40, challenges us to help our brothers & sisters when he says "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Thank you for your purchases and have a very Blessed Merry Christmas.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 35:1-6a

Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11



### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for Advent

Heavenly Father,

You give us this blessed season of Advent as a gift of time to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

But all too often we turn this gift into a source of frenzy, stress and anxiety; a time where we're apt to prepare for a Christmas celebration looking perfect on the outside, but spiritually exhausting and without true meaning.

Restore in us that inherent quest for quiet expectation and hope.

Show us the way to a more peaceful, prayerful disposition that makes us more open to a conversion of heart.

And give us the courage to let go of things that are ultimately unimportant to the true meaning of Christmas.

Help us be good stewards of this Advent season, so that on the Feast of the Nativity, we will be ready with our own sacred space for the arrival of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we now pray.

Amen.

### Year-End Giving at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

As you plan your year-end charitable contributions, please consider the tax-advantaged ways to support Blessed Trinity.

- **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from your IRA**—If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may give directly from your IRA to the parish. This gift can satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution and is excluded from taxable income, even if you don't itemize.
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- **Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) Grants**—You may recommend a non-taxable grant from your donor-advised fund to Blessed Trinity. This can be a simple and effective way to maximize your charitable impact.
- **Employer Matching Gifts**—Many employers match charitable contributions. If applicable, these additional funds are also not taxable to you and increase your gift's impact.

Your generosity strengthens our parish mission and ministries. Thank you for supporting Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.



December 6 / 7:

December 13 / 14: No flowers—Advent

December 20 /21:

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	8:15am	Fr. Michael Sheedy †
	10:00am	Jim & Nancy Scanlon †
	12:10pm	Fr. Michael O’Keeffe †
	5:30pm	Shirley Durence (L)
Tuesday, Dec 9	7:10am	Homer Rothfusz †
	5:30pm	James Wright †
Wed, Dec 10	7:10am	Semudo Family L/D
	5:30pm	John Szost †
Thursday, Dec 11	7:10am	Carmen & Juan Rosa †
	5:30pm	Robert Durocher †
Friday, Dec 12	7:10am	Helen & Fred Wisneski †
	5:30pm	RJ Sumner †
Saturday, Dec 13	8:00am	Thomas A. Burns †
	4:00pm	Luke & Julie Reckamp †
	6:00pm	Christine Singh †
Sunday, Dec 14	7:10am	Loretta Krumm †
	8:45am	Ro Lipari †
	11:00am	Luis Alberto & Cecelia Tovar †
	1:00pm	Spanish Community
	5:00pm	Edward & Florence Baum †

Please pray for all those who have recently passed away.

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Sundays: Midnight - Mondays 1:00am

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Mondays: 2:00am - 3:00am

Also in need of substitutes, especially between Midnight and 5:00am

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.

“People ask me: ‘What will convert America and save the world?’ My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer.” - St. Mother Teresa



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Knights Of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the breakfast after the 7:10am and 8:45am Mass on the second Sunday of each month, the next one will be December 14.

The meal consists of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, three different juices and coffee. All you can eat for only \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10.



Blood Pressure Screening

Free Blood Pressure Screening in the parish nurse’s office in the parish hall from 8:00am—1:00pm, Sunday, December 7.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering

November 30, 2025

Weekend Total:	449	\$ 21,470.25
Electronic Offering Total:	392	\$ 31,838.28
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 3,033.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 0.00
Non Sunday:	39	\$ 8,031.00
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 64,372.53
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 85,791.00
Difference		(\$21,418.47)

Year to date collection: \$ 1,616,180.13

Year to date budget: \$ 1,887,402.00

Year to date deficit: (\$271,221.87)

Thanksgiving: \$3,794.00

“Thank you for your donations.”

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



### Be Part of the Live Nativity!

Hey teens and kids—we need YOU to help bring the Christmas story to life!

Join the Live Nativity at Blessed Trinity and be part of something truly special. Whether you want to act, sing, or help behind the scenes, there's a place for everyone!

Come share your talent, your faith, and your Christmas spirit as we celebrate the birth of Jesus together.

Rehearsals start soon—don't miss out! Sign up through the Religious Education office at [avanegas@blessedtrinity.org](mailto:avanegas@blessedtrinity.org) or by calling 352.629.8092 ex 3221

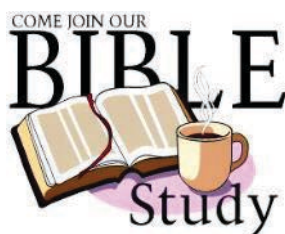
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### BIBLE STUDY

For all you Bible scholars out there, this is the schedule of topics for the rest of the year for the Monday night Bible Study group. The topics and presentations are all presented by Dr. Brant Pitre. Meeting times are Mondays at 6:30pm in the Knights of Columbus hall. If you are just curious, come anytime you like. No registration or commitment required.

Nov 24th - Dec 8th—Jewish Roots of Advent  
Dec 15th—Jewish Roots of Christmas  
Dec 22nd-29th—No meetings



### 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 Adult Day Care. 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

### Truck Needed for Maintenance Department



Our maintenance department is in need of a functional pickup truck to help with hauling, equipment transport, and daily upkeep of our facilities. If you have a vehicle to donate, please contact Katherine Baker at the church office, 352.629.8092.

We appreciate your generosity!

### God Is Needed

Many of you have read “God is Needed.” Some of you keep reading different chapters over and over. You may want to consider giving “God is Needed” as a Christmas gift to family members or friends.

Many of you have not yet purchased “God is Needed.” It would be a good choice on your part to get it. It will inspire different aspects of your spiritual life.

### Stewardship Saint for December

#### Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist and Protector of the Blessed Mother



At the foot of his cross, when Jesus looked down “and saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Women, behold your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold your mother.’ And from that hour, the disciple took Mary into his home” (John 19:26 -27). The disciple Jesus is referring to is Saint John, who would be the apostle who cared for Our Blessed Mother until she was assumed into heaven.

John was one of the twelve apostles and considered to be the author of the Fourth Gospel. The son of Zebedee, John was, like his brother James, one of the first disciples called by Jesus, who gave the two brothers the name “Sons of Thunder” for their zeal. They were very close to Jesus and were with him at his Transfiguration. John is identified as the Beloved Disciple who reclined next to Jesus at the Last Supper, ran with Saint Peter to the tomb of Jesus on Easter morning and who first recognized the Risen Lord at the Sea of Tiberias.

John played a leading role in the first Christian community in Jerusalem and is designated in the Acts of the Apostles as second to Peter in the upper room. He accompanied Peter to preach in the Temple, where they were both arrested and he traveled to Samaria to minister to the new Christian converts.

John is traditionally regarded as the author of four more New Testament texts besides the Gospel of John: the book of Revelation, and three letters.

In the eighteenth century, Pope Benedict XIV, a renowned scholar, accumulated evidence and traditions and wrote in his Treatise on the Holy Mysteries on Holy Friday that in order to ensure her safety from the persecutions being committed in Jerusalem at the time, John took Mary to live with him in the Christian community at Ephesus, located in Asis Minor: He wrote: “Saint John, leaving for Ephesus, took Mary with him and it was there that the Blessed Mother was assumed into heaven.”

Saint Jerome, the most famous biblical scholar in the history of the Church, reported that when his age, most likely in his 90s, made it impossible for John to preach, he would be carried to the assembly and was in the habit of saying, “My little children, love one another.” When asked why he always used the same words, he is said to have replied, “Because it is the word of the Lord, and if you keep it, that is enough.”

Saint John passed away in Ephesus sometime between the years 100 and 117.

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