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<b>DAILY</b>	
Mon-Fri	7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday	8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday	6:30 pm (Spanish)
Saturday	8:00am
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<b>WEEKEND</b>	
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MARCH 22, 2026 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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# STEWARDSHIP

## TOP TIGHT

### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jesus called to his friend from the dead, "Lazarus, come out!" It is the same call our Lord makes to us unceasingly: "Come out!" Jesus calls us from our tomb of doubt and unbelief, from the darkness of our fear and anxieties; from the depths of our weaknesses and lack of hope. Christian stewards pray for an open heart so that they may hear the voice of the Lord, heed the continuous call to come away from their former way of living and reprioritize their lives in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we believe Christ has the power to transform our lives? Do we take time to listen for his call?

### STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

#### John Kutsch, Eric Yates & Erin Conner

Blessed Trinity school would like to thank John, Eric & Erin for using so much of their time and talent helping to coach our JV Girls basketball team!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

### New Parishioners:

Dominic, Diane & Julia Esposito  
 Christian, Dawn & Grace DeLuca  
 Luis, Luz, Janiel & Luis Mercado  
 Miguel & Yolanda Arana-Rojas  
 Franklin, Paola & Gabriel Novoa  
 Veronica, Mateo & Lucas Aristizabal

### Baptisms:

Christina Jeanne Stewart  
 Eren Mateo Baldera

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that during this week we intensely focus our minds and hearts on the steps of our Savior as He laid down His very life for us. But let us also examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.

One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him..." "In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." While we do not know this man's name, we do know he agreed to this request — he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb."

Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talent, and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.



### Our Catholic Appeal

So far we have received donations or pledges in the amount of \$275,687.00

So far 511 families have participated.

We are doing well. Thanks to all who have made a big effort. Some have really made a huge effort. There is still plenty of time to respond. We need to hear from you.

Thanks, Fr. Pat

### Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are prayed here at Blessed Trinity three times a week—twice in church—Tuesdays at 2:15pm and Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

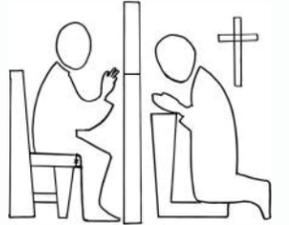
The Stations of the Cross are prayed outside every Friday at 6:30pm.

The weather is nice. Have you thought about praying the stations on your own or with your family outside? Choose your own time. You might want to use a pamphlet with mediations on each station. You can even sit down on the bench beside each station for your mediation. Take your time. It will really help you in your life's journey as you strive to walk with Jesus.



### Communal Penance

We will have 15 or more priests coming for confessions on Monday, March 30th at 6:30pm.



We have a short service. We pray the Act of Contrition together. Then we expose the Blessed Sacrament on the altar for the duration of the confessions.

To help you while you are in line for confession, you can follow on the screen points for your examination of conscience. All you need is a sincere heart. Jesus does the rest. He forgives you. Amen

### Uganda Mission Team Members

Will be having a Lily Sale on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** and **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

After all the masses

The cost will be \$15.00 for a 6" pot with 5 to 7 blooms

Please Support our ministry as the members Prepare to help the communities in Nalweyo, Uganda

Thank you!





**Sunday, March 22nd**— No Life Night: enjoy Spring Break!

**Sunday, March 29th**— Students will have their final Living Stations rehearsal before the Wednesday performance. We will also spend the evening together meditating on Holy Week and Christ’s Passion.

### Uganda Update

The 2026 mission team would like to thank all the sponsors (new and continuing) for their generosity in supporting the children whose families cannot afford their education. There are 75 students who did not get sponsored in 2025 and approximately 150 new students (in 2026) who are still hoping to get sponsored.

If you are able to make a donation of any amount; these funds will be added together to sponsor a child. Please make checks payable to Blessed Trinity (memo line—Uganda sponsorship).

The children and their families are very grateful for your help in educating them out of poverty. Thank you for your support.

### Support Catholic Relief Services

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services collection and for revealing Christ’s love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world.

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### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14—27:66



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### Stewardship Saint for March

#### Saint Katharine Drexel

Katharine Drexel, the second American-born canonized saint, was born into great wealth in Philadelphia in 1858. Her mother died soon after Katharine’s birth, and she was raised by her father and stepmother, both known for their philanthropy, especially their generosity to the poor.

As a young heiress, Katharine traveled extensively across the U.S. and became aware of the difficult circumstances faced by Native Americans and African Americans. After her father and stepmother died, Katharine determined to use her inherited wealth to help these groups.

Traveling in Europe in 1887, she asked Pope Leo XIII for help in sending missionaries to the many institutions she funded, including a school in South Dakota. The pope challenged the heiress to undertake the mission herself.

After much discernment, Katharine decided to devote not just her fortune (worth more than \$200 million today), but her life to the poor. In 1889, at age thirty, she entered the Sisters of Mercy.

But Drexel continued to feel a special call to serve African and Native Americans. In 1891 she started her own religious congregation, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People (S.B.S.). The order’s first American Indian school was launched in Santa Fe, New Mexico, three years later.

Mother Katharine eventually created eleven more schools on Indian reservations, nearly a hundred for African Americans in rural areas and the inner cities of the South, and in 1915, established a teachers college that would eventually grow to become the first and only Catholic university for African Americans, Xavier University in New Orleans. In 1922 in Beaumont, Texas, the Ku Klux Klan threatened to tar and feather the local pastor and bomb his church if he did not close down one of Mother Drexel’s schools. The sisters prayed for God’s intercession to resolve the threat. Within days a tornado destroyed the Klan’s headquarters. Two Klansmen died, and the Klan never bothered the sisters again.

In 1935, a severe heart attack forced Mother Katharine into prayerful retirement at her motherhouse in Philadelphia. Nevertheless, she continued to fight for, and fund, civil rights causes.

She died in 1955, and was beatified by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1988 and canonized in 2000. Her feast day is March 3.

March 21 / 22:

No Flowers—Lent

March 28 / 29:

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Tuesday, March 24	7:10am 5:30pm	Marilyn Curran † Tom Hinds †
Wed, March 25	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Joleen Gonzalez † Ken & MaryEllen Mumm † Louis Dolan †
Thursday, March 26	7:10am 5:30pm	Adeline Deffmann † Joleen Gonzalez †
Friday, March 27	7:10am 5:30pm	O'Brien & Rothfusz Families L/D Ssemudo Family L/D
Saturday, March 28	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Ken & MaryEllen Mumm † Luke & Julie Reckamp † Kathy Heid †
Sunday, March 29	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Bill Marren † Bill Marren † Tom Hinds † Spanish Community JD & Darleth Raftis †

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

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Electronic Offering Total:	392	\$ 33,342.77
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 2,790.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 200.00
Non Sunday:	91	\$ 14,149.00
<b>Grand Total for Week:</b>		<b>\$ 70,246.94</b>
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 85,791.00
<b>Difference</b>		<b>(\$15,544.06)</b>

Year to date collection: \$ 2,845,996.85  
Year to date budget: \$ 3,174,267.00  
Year to date deficit: **(\$328,270.15)**  
World Mission Sunday: \$2,441.00

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### CMT Lenten Fish Fry !

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Please join us in the Parish Hall every Friday during Lent from 3:45—7:30pm.



### Marriage Preparation

Preparing for the sacrament of marriage? Saturday, April 25 is the date for the next Blessed Trinity Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation program. The program runs from 8:00am to 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](http://www.blessedtrinity.org) under sacraments.

Please note: the next Pre-Cana program will be Saturday, October 3.



Dear Blessed Trinity Family,

We, Jonah Westgate and Rebecca LeFils, are students at Trinity Catholic High School. This summer we are so excited for and blessed to have the opportunity to travel to our sister parish in Nalweyo, Uganda as part of the Blessed Trinity mission team. We have prayed over this decision and can't wait to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ in Uganda. For Jonah, this will be his second time serving in Uganda after being deeply impacted by the faith, joy, and generosity of the people he encountered last year. For Rebecca, she felt the pull to join the mission trip at the beginning of the school year and this will be her first mission trip. She is excited to serve, learn, and grow in her relationship with Christ through witnessing God's universal Church. This trip is not a vacation spent as tourists, but is to learn and be witnesses to how God works in every place in every single moment. During our time in Uganda, we will pray alongside our brothers and sisters and assist with outreach projects. We will have the opportunity to visit village churches and schools and experience the beauty of the universal Church in a powerful way. This journey will help form us spiritually in ways the classroom can't. This mission will strengthen our compassion, gratitude, and understanding of what it means to serve others. Travel expenses are significant and we cannot make this trip without the support of our parish family. We humbly ask for your prayers and, if you feel called, your financial assistance to help make this mission possible. We will be speaking and collecting at all the Masses **next weekend, March 28/29**. Thank you for supporting the mission of Blessed Trinity and helping bring Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in Uganda! God bless!!

Join us on Holy Saturday at 12:00pm for a beautiful and moving rosary procession in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows.



Let's walk together as one faith-filled community, reflecting on Mary's love, sorrow, and unwavering trust in God. It will be a multilingual gathering welcoming all—families, children, and parishioners of every background—to pray united in heart and voice.

Let us get together in prayer, hope, and unity as we prepare for the joy of Easter. All are invited—bring your family and your rosary!

### Adopt A Parking Lot Island Ministry Needs Your Help!

Adopt a Parking Lot Island Ministry has recently had many garden areas become available because one of our dedicated stewards, Clarence and Elaine Quast, who have been with our ministry for almost 20 years, are no longer able to care for their many adopted garden areas in front of the church. Their gardens always look beautiful and I'm hoping I can find a few parishioners to help keep these gardens flourishing!

Please contact Dee Mazzurco for more information, 352.266.5008 [deemazzurco@gmail.com](mailto:deemazzurco@gmail.com)

### Monday Bible Study News

We know that you have been waiting and wondering for the latest updates for Monday Bible study. Here they are. The subjects and dates through Easter. The topics are all from Dr Brant Pitre, no requirement to sign up, and you can download free outlines at [brantpitre.com/excerpts](http://brantpitre.com/excerpts). Come and join us anytime - Mondays at 6:30 K of C Hall.

3/23—The Jewish Roots of Holy Week, part 2  
3/30—No class, Communal Penance  
4/6—The Road to Emmaus

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