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Wednesday	8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday	6:30 pm (Spanish)
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## STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

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# STEWARDSHIP

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## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jesus' longest-recorded conversation with anyone is the one he has with the Samaritan woman at the well. She discovers she can be honest with Jesus and goes and tells others about him. She gives witness. She's not the most certain, thorough or even convincing witness. But her witness is enough. It is inviting, humble, non-judgmental and sincere. What is the quality of our witness? How do our words and actions give daily testimony on behalf of Christ? During this season of Lent, how might we do a better job at proclaiming the risen Lord in word and deed?

## STEWARD OF THE WEEK

### Chris Sanchez

Blessed Trinity School would like to thank Chris for using so much of his time and talent coaching our JV boys basketball team!

**Thank you for being a faithful steward!**

## New Parishioners:

Robert & Joanne Beyer

Joseph, Alyson, Madison & Waylon Reynolds

Bradford, Yarelis, Vivian, Phebe & Kolbe Leonard

Juan, Katherine, Gimi & Paula Gonzalez

Troy & Jodi Erickson

## Baptisms:

Lydia Kay Flynn

Reed Matthew Sommer

Today's readings for this Third Sunday of Lent center on the theme of thirst, reminding us that a stewardship way of life both satisfies our own longing for Christ and helps us respond to Christ's thirst for souls.

In our first reading from Exodus, the Israelites complain in their thirst for water, despite all God has done to free them from slavery. Yet when Moses cries out for help, God provides abundantly, bringing water from the rock to satisfy His people. The Lord's generosity did not end there. He continues to provide for us today, patiently meeting our needs again and again.

In today's Gospel, we hear the powerful encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, beginning with His simple request: "Give me a drink." He then tells her that He can offer living water — water that truly satisfies.

These words speak directly to us as well. Christ asks us to "give Him a drink" by sharing the gifts we have received with Him and with others for His sake. Yet it is Christ Himself who fills us, offering the living water of His grace.

God invites each of us to play a part in bringing others to Him through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, may we respond to that invitation with renewed commitment, offering our time, talent, and treasure so that many may come to know Christ. In doing so, we help to quench His thirst for souls.



## Our Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all of you who have responded to OCA already. We are doing well.

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## Don't be Shy or Silent

If you come to a funeral Mass and you seem to be one of the few Catholics at that funeral, try to respond much louder than you do at a weekend Mass where most all are Catholic. My experience is that Catholics tend to blend in and not respond to the parts of the Mass that require participation. From my experience, I tend to conclude there are few or no Catholics present because I hear nothing or just a quiet whimper when I say "The Lord be with you" or "The Our Father" etc. And yet when it comes to communion, well over 20 Catholics come to holy communion. Please don't blend in. Speak out. It will encourage others to follow your lead.

## Stations of the Cross

Join us every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00pm(church), Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm (church) and Friday evenings after the 5:30pm Mass (prayer garden, weather permitting) for Stations of the Cross during Lent.



## Catholic Funerals

Anyone can have a Catholic funeral Mass as long as someone in the family is Catholic and comes by to plan the Mass. It could be for your non-Catholic spouse or your non-Catholic parents etc.

If you are Catholic and you want someone in your family to arrange a funeral Mass for you, make sure you put it in writing. Give written instructions for your family to follow. Don't just presume they will. We have had some very active Catholics die without any Catholic service. And a few have had a service conducted by another church.

A Catholic funeral Mass should be top priority. It will be a good spiritual uplift for your family and friends, even if most are not Catholic. It will be your big opportunity to get them to Mass especially if they have stopped going to Mass.

Failing having a funeral Mass, you can arrange a Catholic funeral service in one of the funeral homes.

If you do not want a wake service in the funeral home the day before the funeral, you can arrange a viewing in our chapel (cry room) an hour or so before the funeral Mass.

Apart from paying the organist either through the funeral home or directly, Blessed Trinity has no fees for the church, the priest or a lunch after the Mass. Most all families give a donation depending on the family finances.

Cremation is acceptable. Most families plan the funeral service after the cremation takes place and bring the cremation urn to the Mass.

The priest or deacon is always available to conclude with a short service at the graveside.

# LIFE TEEN

**Sunday, March 8th**— How do I have healthy relationships with my friends, family, and while dating as a catholic in high school? This is the question we will be exploring this week at Life Night. Join us for dinner, games, and an engaging talk on relationships and how the church offers wisdom to us on how to manage them.

**Sunday, March 15th**— No Life Night: enjoy Spring Break!

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### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41



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### Uganda Mission Trip Fundraising

Mateo:

Hello, my name is Mateo Kessler, and I am a frequent attendee of the 11:00 Mass at Blessed Trinity. Last summer, thanks to the charitable Blessed Trinity community, I had the opportunity to go with Father Pat and my fellow missionaries to Nalweyo, Uganda, to witness and become a part of our Catholic community's impact in the region; I truly loved my experience there because of its lively community and the genuine joy shared through Christ that can be seen in every smile.

Side note: it was also Father Pat's Diamond Jubilee, which made every celebration and town visit even more spirited.

This year, God willing, I hope to build on the relationships I made in Uganda and, most importantly, continue writing letters back to the students. If you feel called to support me in returning to Uganda this year, I would be deeply grateful for your prayers and any charitable donation.

God bless you and God bless your families.

Aven:

Hello, my name is Aven, and I am a parishioner at Blessed Trinity. Over the past year, I watched many of my friends, fellow parishioners, and missionaries travel with Father Pat to Nalweyo, Uganda. Hearing their stories and seeing the joy and faith they encountered deeply inspired me and stirred in me a desire to serve as well.

This year, I am prayerfully hoping to take part in the mission for the first time. I feel called to grow in my faith in a new and deeper way, to encounter Christ through serving others, and to build new relationships within the global Catholic community.

As I prepare for this opportunity, I ask first for your prayers, that I may follow wherever God is leading me and serve with a generous heart. If you feel moved to support this mission in a practical way, any contribution toward the trip would be sincerely appreciated and will help make this calling a reality.

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March 7 / 8:

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- 3/9— The Last Supper and the Lost Tribes
- 3/16—The Jewish Roots of Holy Week, part 1
- 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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Wed, March 11	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Allan B. Goodwin † Jamine Charles † Rose Bilancio †
Thursday, March 12	7:10am 5:30pm	Ssemudo Family L/D Maria & Adolph D'Ambrosio †
Friday, March 13	7:10am 5:30pm	O'Brien—Rothfusz Families L/D Mary V. Kelly †
Saturday, March 14	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Charles Bianculli (L) Donnie Barnes † David Gallo †
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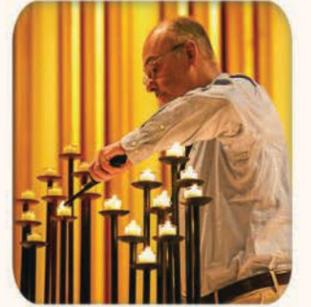


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Our Catholic Appeal



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering	March 1, 2026	
Weekend Total:	508	\$ 29,307.35
Electronic Offering Total:	411	\$ 35,957.33
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 2,914.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 193.00
Non Sunday:	60	\$ 10,350.00
<b>Grand Total for Week:</b>		<b>\$ 78,721.68</b>
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 85,791.00
<b>Difference</b>		<b>(\$7,069.32)</b>

Year to date collection: \$ 2,684,151.66

Year to date budget: \$ 3,002,685.00

Year to date deficit: **(\$318,533.34)**

"Thank you for your donations."

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

## Upcoming Confirmation

### Dates:

Reconciliation for Candidates, sponsors and family: Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00pm

Confirmation Rehearsal for candidates and sponsors: Friday, March 13, 2026 at 7:00pm

Confirmation: Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 10:00am

\*\*We ask that candidates arrive at 9:00am



## 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.



## Brother's Keeper Lenten Soup Dinners

Get those taste buds ready! Brother's Keeper Soup Kitchen will be serving its fabulous Wednesday night Lent Soup & Bread Dinner. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing on Wednesdays in Lent, come have the best tasting soup in town in the Parish Hall from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

**Volunteers Needed:** If you'd like to assist and serve the Lenten Soup Dinners, please contact Jason at 622-5544 or [jason@bkocala.org](mailto:jason@bkocala.org).

## GIFT SHOP NEWS

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Stop by select Wednesdays 3:30-5:20pm and Thursdays 5:30-6:15pm. Before Saturday evening Masses 3-3:50pm and 5-5:50pm, after/between Sunday morning Masses and before Life Teen Mass once a month.

## 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!*



## Blessed Trinity Council of Catholic Women

Invites all women of the parish to a Morning of Reflection

### "Walking with Jesus through Lent"

Presented by our spirituality commission

Blessed Trinity Community Center  
Saturday, March 14th

Beginning with the 8:00am Mass in church  
8:30am-9:00am light morning refreshments  
9:00am—11:00am spiritual journey

RSVP to: Marty Duesel by March 9th at  
[marty10455@gmail.com](mailto:marty10455@gmail.com) or 352.362.8657

There is no charge, but a freewill offering will be accepted

## CMT Lenten Fish Fry is back!

Come join us! It is a great opportunity for family and parish fellowship. We serve fried and baked fish, clams, shrimp, ziti and fish tacos with your choice of 2 sides. There is something for everyone at a great value of only \$11. If you are a "Frequent Fryer" and joining us almost every week, you can purchase a fryer card .... you pay for 6 meals and get the 7th FREE.

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



## Volunteers Needed!

Elder Care needs volunteers to help with arts & crafts, meals and games.

Anyone interested, please email Lori Berndt at [lberndt@blessedtrinity.org](mailto:lberndt@blessedtrinity.org)

Fingerprinting and safety awareness training required.

## Support Catholic Relief Services

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)



## CHARISMATIC RENEWAL ---What's In a Name?

**Charismatic:** a divinely conferred gift or power. **Renewal:** to make like new: restore to freshness, vigor, or perfection. The Charismatic Renewal is a gift from God to today's Church, to bring Restoration & Freshness. It is not a movement started by men. It is simply God's invitation to rediscover our true identity as: Children Of The Father; as Witnesses Of Christ; & Vessels Of The Holy Spirit... We are branches that bear the fruit of Blessed Trinity! By embracing the gift of His *Spirit*, we find our lives being lived out with *His Power & His Love*. Our natural talents produce *supernatural* results; our ordinary limits when yoked to the Holy Spirit yields *extra-ordinary* fruit! This isn't just for saints of history, this is for *all* of us ordinary, everyday Catholics committed to His Extraordinary Path! ...May we grow in faith together!

Blessed Trinity's Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Thur, 7-8:30pm, in the Elder Care center. Call Richard Swiderski, 352-342-2982, for info.



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