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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
Reconciliation	Saturday 2:45-3:30 pm 5:00-5:30pm

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

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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

Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be among the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

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STEWARDSHIP

POSTSCRIPT

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that we, too, bear witness to the risen Lord. The presence of Christ is within us, making us new, transforming us, turning us into stewards of the Good News. There is no more time for holding grudges, disliking others, seeking vengeance, maintaining old prejudices, tolerating bias. We are Christ's joy and instruments of his peace. Our world is reordered. Reflect on how we are called to let Christ's forgiveness, reconciliation and love permeate our lives. We are Easter people. Rejoice! He is risen! Alleluia!

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

**Angie Yates, Margarita Bernal,
Veruska Ledezma, Rosella Mottie**

Blessed Trinity school would like to thank Angie, Margarita, Veruska & Rosella for spending so much of their time organizing and planning the PTO mixers!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

Jose & Yuliana Perez Atencio
Samuel, Desire & Emanuel Navas
Joshua, Patricia & Adaleigh Robertson

Baptisms:

Harry Joseph Patrick Riley

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, "commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? We do so through how we live our ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be



Our Catholic Appeal

So far 562 families have responded to our parish request for financial support to Our Catholic Appeal. "Our Catholic Appeal" financially supports many Catholic ministries that parishes are not set up to handle— including but not limited to vocations to the priesthood; the Marriage Tribunal; Catholic Charities; support of frail, retired priests; the bishops office; catholic schools administration; etc. All our registered families, by their baptism, need to respond. Even if you do little or nothing this year, please respond anyway. It shows you are interested. OCA envelopes are available in the vestibule.

So far we have received \$ 320,172.00 in donations or pledges. Many thanks to all of you.

Fr. Pat

Easter Thanks

Thank you, Jesus, for making our lives full of meaning and full of hope. Your lived life is there for all of us to imitate. Your plan is that everyone of us would one day join you, the Father, the Holy Spirit and all the Saints in heaven forever. We are on our way to you.

It takes a multitude of people to run Blessed Trinity Parish.

Everyone of you involved in Blessed Trinity, regardless of how you are involved, plays a vital and very necessary role in the over all mission entrusted by God to our parish.

Please accept my simple word of thanks on behalf of the parish.

Please join our Divine Mercy Novena and Divine Mercy Sunday celebration

Easter Sunday, April 5th, 6:00pm at the Divine Mercy Shrine in the church chapel.

Monday-Friday April 6th-10th, 6:00pm at the Divine Mercy Shrine in the church chapel.

Saturday, April 11th, 3:00pm at the Divine Mercy Shrine in the church chapel.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 12th celebration: The Holy Hour of Mercy will be after the Spanish Mass from 2:30-3:30pm in the church.



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Start watching, listening, and growing in faith today!

LIFE TEEN

Sunday, April 5th— No Life Night—Happy Easter!

Sunday, April 12th— We know what the eucharist *is*, but why did God *make* the eucharist? This is the question we will explore during this Life Night as we learn more about the ways Christ meets us on earth in the sacraments, and why specifically he comes in the form of what appears to be bread and wine. We'll have dinner, games, a special talk, and small groups in the King of Kings building from 6-8pm.

Blessed Trinity Parish Council

The Blessed Trinity Parish Council is a group of nine to fifteen adult parishioners. Council members are elected or appointed for a 3-year term and may be appointed to one additional 3-year term.

One new council member is elected each year for a three year term. Vacancies are filled by appointment. If you would like to consider serving on the parish council, please send your name into one of the parish council officers below.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 14th, 2026.**

If you are interested in getting to know more about the parish council, please let us know:

Bill Kennedy, President –
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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:42-47

Pt 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31



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The following hours need to be filled:

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Tuesdays: 9:00pm - 10:00pm

Wednesdays 7:00am - 8:00am

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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.

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Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the breakfast after the 7:10 and 8:45 Masses on the second Sunday of each month, the next one will be April 12.

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.



April 4 / 5:

April 11 / 12:

April 18 / 19:

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Stewardship Saint for April

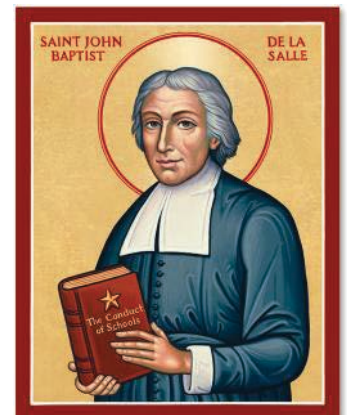
Saint John Baptist de La Salle

St. John Baptist de La Salle is the patron saint of schoolteachers. He was the founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and is renowned for his lifelong devotion to educating the poor. John Baptist was born to a wealthy family in Reims, France, in 1651. He was a scholar, studied for the priesthood and was ordained in 1678. He earned a doctorate in theology in 1681. Although he lived a comfortable life at the cathedral in Reims, he was drawn to education early on. At the urging of a layman to open a school for poor children in Reims, John Baptist opened two schools that became very popular, even though the prevailing view in France was that children of the poor should only be taught how to perform manual labor, not to be educated.

John Baptist continued to discern the will of God in his life. He sold all that he possessed and donated the proceeds for hunger relief. He and a small group of men formed themselves into a religious community by taking a vow of obedience and adopting the name Brothers of the Christian Schools. In 1686, he opened four more schools in Reims as well as a school to train teachers. He would later establish other schools in Paris and Saint-Denis.

Although his religious community was not yet approved by the church, in 1694 John Baptist and twelve of his community members took perpetual vows, committing themselves to providing free education to the poor for the rest of their lives. John Baptist's educational theories and practices became standard including classroom instruction instead of one-on-one instruction, teaching in the native language instead of in Latin and integrating faith formation into curriculum.

St. John Baptist de La Salle died on Good Friday, April 7, 1719. He was canonized in 1900 and his feast is celebrated on April 7.





Monday, April 6	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Peter Filocamo †
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Wed, April 8	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Allan B. Goodwin † Kathleen Young † Clarence Hanegan Jr †
Thursday, April 9	7:10am 5:30pm	Robert Hauck † Don Dowd †
Friday, April 10	7:10am 5:30pm	Ed Hamilton † Robert & Margaret Clark †
Saturday, April 11	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	O'Brien & Rothfus Families L/D Sharon Gazda † Roy David Gallo †
Sunday, April 12	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 5:00pm	Mary Nealy † Ana Stable † Thomas A. Burns † Jacob Gifford †

Please pray for Scott Kelley who has recently passed away.

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**A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
for April**

Loving Father,

We know the truth of the Easter proclamation.

Christ is risen and with him all creation!

Light replaces darkness, joy replaces sadness, life replaces death.

Through the power of your Spirit, there is no failure his love and mercy cannot reverse, no humiliation he cannot exchange with blessing, no anger he cannot dissolve, no routine he cannot transform.

All is embraced by the victory of your son's cross and resurrection.

Help us always be good stewards of Easter's light, see Resurrection as a daily event, and yearn for the love of Christ as intensely as he yearns for our love.

We pray this in Jesus' name.
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Our Catholic Appeal



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering

March 29, 2026

Weekend Total:	556	\$ 23,998.00
Electronic Offering Total:	396	\$ 34,249.78
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 4,031.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 139.00
Non Sunday:	52	\$ 6,840.00
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 69,257.78
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 85,791.00
Difference		(\$16,533.22)

Year to date collection: \$ 2,989,480.25

Year to date budget: \$ 3,345,849.00

Year to date deficit: **(\$ 356,368.75)**

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Easter—A joyful season for those who are the “Light of Christ”

For those who exercise good stewardship of their Catholic faith, this April is the happiest, most joyful of months for it ushers in the great Easter season—a season of profound hope and joy. During the Easter season, which extends 50 days, from the Easter Vigil Mass of Saturday evening, April 4 to the Vigil Mass of Pentecost Sunday, on Saturday evening, May 23, Christian stewards are exhorted to celebrate and be joyful, for our Savior is with us.



In his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (“The Joy of the Gospel”), Pope Francis revealed that the best way to live out the joy of Easter is to become a genuine family of faith, an “evangelizing Church that comes out of herself.” He urged Catholics around the world to contemplate the mind of Jesus Christ and what it means to be the “light of Christ.” From there, Francis believed a spirituality of missionary discipleship could be cultivated that would “help the church get out of herself” and reach out to those who live in darkness.

At the Easter Vigil, all the great symbols are there: darkness, light, fire, water. The Vigil begins in darkness; not a darkness to be ignored, but a darkness in which we realize where we would be without the light of Christ, a darkness that reveals much about our world, our own sinfulness, the darkness that sometimes envelopes our own lives and even shrouds our own hearts. But then, the great fire of the Vigil is lit, a fire which consumes the darkness, and the procession into the church reminds us of the light and strength provided by the community of the faithful and the saving light of Christ. Indeed, Saint Paul maintains that we are stewards of this great light.

We remember the waters of baptism during the Vigil as we renew our baptismal vows. The Vigil also brings into our community those newly baptized who proceed joyfully with us into April.

As Christ’s disciples who exercise stewardship of Jesus’ teachings, come into the glory of this April, join with those apostles whose hearts were on fire, and contemplate the words of the risen Lord: “Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father” (Matt. 5:16). For good stewards of their faith, this charge should be enough to bring hope and joy. Indeed, April is the most glorious of months. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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St. Peregrine Mass

Please join us in praying for a cure for cancer. The monthly devotional Mass to St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients, will be Thursday, April 9, at the 5:30pm Mass. Medals and holy cards are available before or after Mass.

Hello!

Our names are Mya and Sophia, and we are students from Trinity Catholic High School. We are very excited to share that we have the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Uganda this year! This will be our first time traveling to Uganda, and we feel very grateful and called to serve in this way.

During this trip, we will be helping support local communities, serving alongside the church, and growing in our faith. As we prepare for this journey, we are working to raise the funds needed to make the trip possible.

If you feel led to support us through prayer or a financial donation, we would be truly thankful. Your generosity will help us be able to go, serve, and make a meaningful impact. We will be at all the Masses on the weekend of April 11/12.

Thank you so much for encouraging and supporting us on this new and exciting step in our faith journey!

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 under sacraments.

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



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

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. Come and join us anytime - Mondays at 6:30 K of C Hall.

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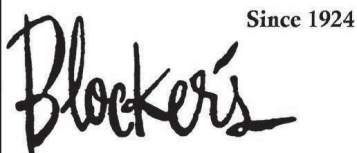
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