

PARISH LIFE

A Weekly Publication for Parishioners & Friends of Holy Trinity Parish



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASS	7:30 AM 9:00 AM * 11:00 AM 5:00 PM
MONDAY – FRIDAY MASS	8:15 AM
SATURDAY MASS	8:15 AM
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE	
SATURDAY 3:30- 4:45 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT	
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
EVERY THURSDAY 9:00 AM–5:00 PM	
*LIVESTREAM	

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OUR PURPOSE:

To proclaim the Gospel so that all will be one in Christ for the glory of God.

OUR VISION:

Holy Trinity Parish is a Catholic community forming missionary disciples who live as stewards committed to hospitality, prayer, formation and service.

August 31, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please visit our website for more about Parish Life:

www.holytrinityparish.org

Church hours: Sun. 7:30 AM-6:00 PM; Sat. 8:00 AM-6:00 PM; Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Parish Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:45 AM-4:00 PM

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 1	Parish Office closed – Labor Day
Sept. 4	Extended Adoration until 7:00 PM
Sept. 6/7	2 nd Collection – Priests' Retirement
Sept. 7	Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes 9 & 11 AM Masses
Sept. 7 or 16	Year 2 Confirmation Session – St. Ursula Grp.
Sept. 11	New Hybrid Study (The Creed) begins 6:30 PM
Sept. 20	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Reception after 8:15 AM Mass
Sept. 23 or 28	"Letters to the Bishop" Confirmation Session St. Teresa of Avila Grp.
Sept. 27	Knights of Columbus Family Pasta Night 6:00 PM
Oct. 11	Morning of Reflection 9 AM-Noon - St. Teresa of Avila Grp.
Oct. 12	Confirmation Mass 1:30 PM
Oct. 18	Holy Trinity Community Servants Workday
Nov. 2	Fall Festival

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HOSPITALITY

Acting as Christ the Shepherd, a parish committed to stewardship is a true community of faith that welcomes, honors, and involves every person in the life and work of the Church, acknowledging the blessing of our richly different backgrounds and experiences.

Holy Trinity Children's Choir

Greetings! I am pleased to announce that Holy Trinity Parish is starting up the Children's choir for the 2025-2026 academic year. All children are most welcome to join! The requirements are simple:

1. The child must want to be part of a group that has fun together while learning how to use their voices to praise God in communal worship.
2. They must be in grades two through eight and be a good reader (words, not notes-that will come later).
3. They should be able to attend rehearsals on Mondays after school. We won't start until 3:15 PM enabling children not already on the campus time to get here - let me know if you will be later than that. The children will be supervised until the start of rehearsal. We'll have a snack (bring one) and relax for a bit. The rehearsals are fifty minutes long.

The choir will sing at Sunday Mass about once per month and at special functions such as First Communion, Confirmation, Christmas, etc. They will also sing at the school Masses each Friday at 8:15 AM. A few years back I wrote a song for the children's choir of St. Joseph Parish in Auburn that illustrates the meaning of singing in choirs. Here is some of it:

*"I am a choir singer
Sing with my friends to God
Everything that we sing
We dedicate to You, O Lord of all
All of us sing to You Lord
We know You hear our cry
You put a song into our hearts
And then we sing it back to You."*

I am extremely happy that I was called to a parish that has so much music but most especially, a children's choir. I look forward to meeting you all.

Yours in Christ,
Rob Sabino
Director of Music Ministries

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume Sunday, **September 7** during the 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses.

Labor Day Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that through the intercession of St. Isadore, we may follow his example of patience and humility and so walk faithfully in his footsteps. Please watch over us and protect us as we work and serve others and give us the strength and courage to face the challenges of life with grace and determination, and find joy and meaning in the work that we do, so that we may present to you an abundant harvest of merit and good works. Amen.

(Prayer for St. Isadore, the patron of workers and laborers. MaryknollSociety.org)

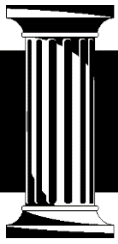
Holy Trinity Community Servants (HTCS) needs workers

The HTCS is a Holy Trinity ministry that has been providing services to parishioners and others in the community since 2014 with a Spring and Fall workday each year. HTCS provides assistance to our parishioners and our neighbors in the community who need help with yard work, minor repairs in the yard, gutter cleaning, and to help them make their property fire safe. This includes senior citizens, single parents and those who are disabled.

The ministry is based on Jesus' commandment to love and serve God and our neighbor. As we read in the Letter of James, *"But someone may well say, 'You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works'".* (James 2:18)

This year HTCS is also working with the Parish Fall Festival Committee to do a parish campus clean-up to get ready for the Festival. We are combining the Parish Clean-up with our normal Fall HTCS workday on **Saturday, October 18**, from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. We need workers and Team Leaders, no experience necessary! You may volunteer to work on the campus, or on one of our home projects by scanning the QR code below.





PRAYER

Acting as Christ the Priest, a parish committed to stewardship strives to nourish each person through prayer, strengthening our relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and focusing on the Eucharist, the "source and summit of the Christian Life."

Extended Adoration

Please join us for Extended Adoration on the first Thursday of every month. The next one is **Thursday, September 4**. Adoration is extended until 7:00 PM.



Music Ministry

Greetings all! We need to ensure that we present quality meaningful worship at each Mass here at Holy Trinity. A major part of that is achieved by having sincere, faithful leaders in the music, sound and live stream ministries. We need instrumentalists, singers, sound ministers and live stream operators. You need not have an extensive background in those areas to be effective. We will train you. Also, all of these positions are faith building, fun and rewarding. Please consider helping Holy Trinity spread the Word through the arts. Please contact Rob Sabino at robsabino88@gmail.com to begin.

Divine Mercy Ministry

On the 3rd Saturday of each month, our ministry will host a chaplet and reception. Join us after morning Mass, **September 20**. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for your intentions after the 8:15 AM Mass followed by a reception in the View room with homemade bakery items, coffee and fellowship. Pick up free information on the Divine Mercy devotion and speak to our members on how they have benefited from our weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 3:00 PM in the View room.

Divine Mercy Moment

*Mercy Moment - The Words of Jesus to St. Faustina
On Praying the Chaplet:*



"Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Even if there was a sinner were most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy." (Diary 687)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug. 30

5:00 PM ~Johnny & Barbara Elia, deceased, by Carol Medina

Sunday, Aug. 31

7:30 AM ~

9:00 AM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

11:00 AM ~Dante Policarpio, deceased, by Carmelita Santos

~Rosie Blomsterberg, deceased, by Blomsterberg & McCutcheon families

~Violet Nowlen, deceased, by Nancy Sobczak

~Paul Higdon, deceased, by Ellen Miller

5:00 PM ~Joan Stacks Holland, deceased, by Josie Rothleder

~Jose Jaramillo Lazo, deceased, by Josie Rothleder

Monday, Sept. 1

8:15 AM ~Sharon Meier, deceased, by Mr. & Mrs. O'Looney

~Leonard & Betty Brand, deceased, by Joan Houston

Tuesday, Sept. 2

8:15 AM ~Raymond Flores, deceased, by Judy Grondin

~James Hensel, deceased, by Kristina Bandy

~Laura Myers, deceased, by Kristina Bandy

~Robert Montagno, deceased, by Marina Turturro

Wednesday, Sept. 3

8:15 AM ~

Thursday, Sept. 4

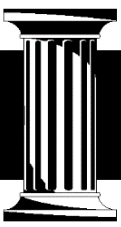
8:15 AM ~

Friday, Sept. 5

8:15 AM ~Dennis Jenkins, deceased, by Vicky Jawin

Saturday, Sept. 6

8:15 AM ~Juliet Ladia, deceased, by Carmelita Santos



FORMATION

Acting as Christ the Teacher, a parish committed to stewardship emphasizes, through evangelization and catechesis, the development of households of faith, where our Catholic story as the Body of Christ is lived and shared with one another.

Questions for Faith Sharing Sept. 7 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In next Sunday's Gospel, Luke 14:25-33, Jesus asks his potential followers to exercise their judgment by weighing the cost of what it means to follow him as disciples. They must carry their crosses: a symbol of willingness to bear persecution and even death. They must also be ready to renounce their possessions and let them go. It's not an easy way, but it's a good and beautiful one for those who can count the cost.

Reflection for families:

- What do we need to give up in our lives in order to have a closer relationship with God?

Formed.org



This summer, take the opportunity to learn about the saints celebrated by the Catholic Church during the summer season through our video content on Formed. From saints like Saint Benedict and Saint Ignatius of Loyola, there is a saint for everyone to discover. When you sign up, you'll receive:

- A video from Formed each week featuring that week's spotlighted saint.
- Children's content about the saints for every week of summer.
- Suggestions on how to help your children celebrate and learn about the lives of the saints each week.

This summer, by exploring the lives of the saints from the past, we will understand that God generously gives us the grace to become saints today.
www.formed.org/summer-with-the-saints.

St. Vincent Ferrer Group:

New Confirmation group forming! Please contact Kim Jones to register at:
kjones@holytrinityparish.org

New Hybrid Study

The Creed with Bishop Barron begins Thursday, **September 11** (6:30 - 8:00 PM) in the Media Center or via Zoom. Explore the Nicene Creed, our ancient statement of faith that has guided Christian thought for 1,700 years and is still accepted by Christians around the world today. With philosophical and theological skill and clarity, Bp. Barron will walk us through and break open the Creed line by line. This study is hosted by Neophyte Care. Please contact Cynthia in the Faith Formation office for more information or to receive the Zoom link: cmulcaire@holytrinityparish.org / 530-677-3234, ext. 233.

Confirmation Groups Update

St. Teresa of Avila Group:

- Please turn in outstanding Confirmation forms ASAP.
- Your next Combined Session, "Letters to the Bishop," is scheduled for either Tuesday, **September 23** (5:30-7:00 PM) **OR** Sunday, **September 28** (12:30-2:00 PM) in the Media Center. Candidates must attend with a parent or sponsor.
- Confirmation Weekend! Please plan to attend the mandatory Morning of Reflection with your sponsor on Saturday, **October 11**, 9:00 AM-12 Noon in the Social Center (includes the rehearsal for Confirmation). The Confirmation Mass begins at 1:30 PM on Sunday, **October 12**. Candidates and sponsors should check in at the View Room at 1:00 PM.

St. Ursula Group:

- All candidates must complete a Zoom Discernment Interview with our Confirmation Team prior to beginning Year 2 of Confirmation preparation. Parents are welcome to attend the interview. A link to schedule will be emailed.
- Your first Year 2 Combined Session, "Burn," is scheduled for either Sunday, **September 7** (10:15-11:45 AM) **OR** Tuesday, **September 16** (5:30-7:00 PM) in the Social Center. Candidates should attend with a parent or sponsor.
- If you have not yet turned in your Saint Letter AND Saint Project, please do so as soon as possible. confirmation@holytrinityparish.org.



SERVICE

Putting into action our commission as Christ the Shepherd, Priest, and Teacher, a parish committed to stewardship serves the many needs of its own parish family, as well as the needs of the larger community and the world.

Am I My Brother or My Sister's Keeper?



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

[SIR 3: 17-18, 20,28-29; PS 68: 4-7, 10-11; HEB 12:18-19, 22-24A; LK 14:1, 7-14](#)

Today's readings remind us of one of the chief virtues that characterize the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of belittling oneself. However, that's not what humility is at all. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Whose) we truly are.

On one hand, we are children of God who loved us into existence and who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. We are also God's children who are completely dependent on Him for our existence and for every breath we take.

Our Lord speaks of true humility in our Gospel passage from Luke, telling the parable of the guests invited to a wedding banquet and instructing us not to seek a place of honor at the banquet table, lest a more distinguished guest arrives and we are asked to move to a lower place.

Jesus has much more in mind here than an etiquette lesson. He is reminding us that all glory belongs to God. The visual image He offers in having to slink down to a lower seat at the table points out how silly we are when we forget to give God the credit for our blessings and talents. On the other hand, when we live in humility — recognizing that all we have is a gift from God and we use those gifts to serve Him and others — then God “exalts” us by filling us with even more of Himself and His grace.

Jesus goes on to encourage us to serve and share our blessings with people facing circumstances that would make it impossible for them to offer us any worldly advantage or prestige — “the poor, the crippled, the lame.” Our attitude and how we serve and share should be centered on true humility — recognizing that we are all “little” ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father's heavenly banquet.

Some thoughts from Deacon Jim:

One of a Deacon's ministries is to marshal the parish's resources to meet the needs of the poor and to serve those in need. Since I was ordained 17 years ago, this has been one of my driving passions. As we think about today's Gospel, we can hear Jesus' words addressing our responsibility as Christians to work to meet the social justice issues of our time, whether they are in California, the US, or internationally. State and national boundaries mean nothing to God.

All people are equal in his eyes, so we are called to use the gifts that God has blessed us with to help those less fortunate — the homeless, the children starving in Haiti, or the children who struggle just to live in Kenya's terrible economy. They are all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

At the banquet of life, as Christians we are called to give priority to those in need not just because it is the right thing to do, but because they can't do anything for us in return. We don't have to travel to these places, but we can support them by donations and prayers. At Holy Trinity, that can be Father Tom Hagen's *Hands Together* Mission in Cite Soleil, Haiti, Haiti 180, and the Kurosaki Kenyan Orphans Fund. Yes, as a follower of Christ, I am my brother and my sister's keeper!

Mother Teresa Maternity Home Fall Luncheon

Mark your calendar! **October 4** is the Mother Teresa Maternity Home Fall Luncheon. This year we will have open seating tickets, which means you can purchase a single ticket for the luncheon OR you may want to host and decorate a table of 8. For more information, please contact Colette Polaski at 530-957-4021. Please register before September 6, 2025.

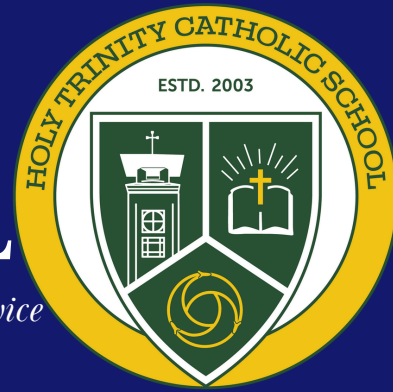
2nd Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend, **September 6/7**, we will have a 2nd Collection benefitting the Priests' Retirement Fund. This is our opportunity to take care of those who, within our own diocese, have spent their lives caring for us spiritually, and to thank them for their long and loving service.



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