

# 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**  
**FIRST 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.

**April 13, 2025**

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Please visit our website for more about Parish Life:  
[www.holytrinityparish.org](http://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:

Apr. 12/13 Knights of Columbus Ham Drive  
Apr. 15 Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM; no meal served  
Apr. 17 Holy Thursday Mass 6:30 PM  
Apr. 17 Great Vigil 8:15 PM – Midnight, Social Center  
Apr. 18-26 Divine Mercy Novena 7:45 AM (except Easter Sunday)  
Apr. 18 Good Friday 1:00 PM - The 7 Last Words of Christ  
Apr. 18 Good Friday 2:00 PM - Reading of the Passion & Holy Communion  
Apr. 19 Easter Vigil 8:00 PM  
Apr. 20 Easter Sunday Mass: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM  
Apr. 27 Divine Mercy Sunday / Divine Mercy Holy Hour 3:00 PM  
Apr. 27 High School Youth Group Unbirthday Party 6:00 PM Youth Center  
May 3 Holy Trinity Community Servants Workday

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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.*

### Easter Floral Donations

The Liturgical Environment Ministry is seeking donations for our Easter flowers and floral arrangements. You may make a donation in memory of a loved one. A Mass for the memorial intentions will be offered on **Sunday, April 27** at 9:00 AM. Donation envelopes are in the pews and on the tables at the back of the nave. Your continuing generosity helps us create a beautiful worship environment for the most holy season of Easter.

### Good Friday Special Collection for the Holy Land

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide for Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Holy Land Christians, visit: [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday)

### How can I help and serve my neighbor?

St. James says in his Letter "...I will show you my faith by my works." (James 2:18) Holy Trinity Community Servants (HTCS) is a Parish ministry that provides assistance to 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. We assist senior citizens, single parents and those who are disabled. If you know of a potential "neighbor in need" or if you need some help at your home, please contact Kim Koos at the parish office. Our next workday is scheduled for Saturday, **May 3, 2025**. We invite you to come join us! We'll be outside the church after all Masses on April 26 & 27.

### Easter Sunday

Please join us in celebrating our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday, **April 20**, following the 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses on the Parish Plaza. We will have donuts, mimosas, and small Easter goodies for our youth guests. There will also be an area for family photos. We hope to see you then!

### New Baptismal Font

Our original Baptismal Font had succumbed to dry rot because a hole in the copper cladding was allowing water to seep into the wooden structure beneath the copper. A design model for a new Font was presented to our Pastor and the Liturgy Committee and accepted. The design included a seven-sided pedestal and apron to hold the basin. Seven is considered a perfect number and is mentioned numerous times in Holy Scripture.

To continue the use of hammered copper within the furniture of the Eucharistic Chapel, Baptistry and Nave, a coppersmith from Missoula, Montana was commissioned to build the Font's top and basin. The wood used to construct the Font's pedestal and apron is African Mahogany. Carved into six sides of the apron are symbols of the Holy Spirit, including: the dove, wind, oil, fire, the hand, and water. On the seventh side is inscribed, "I have called you by name, you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1). The Font was designed, built and donated by a parishioner. It will be blessed by Fr. Vic on the Easter Vigil.

Monthly Marriage Challenge

**April: Prayer Challenge**

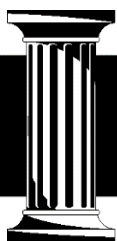
Challenge:

Pray together as a couple every day, whether it's a quick prayer in the morning or a dedicated time before bed.

Strengthen your marriage one Prayer at a time!



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Holy Trinity Marriage Ministry



## 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."*

### Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour

Join us for Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour, Sunday, **April 27**, 3:00-4:00 PM, where we will have:

- Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist
  - Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
  - Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image
  - Blessing with relics of St Faustina and St John Paul II
- Jesus said to St. Faustina:

*"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."* (Diary 699)

### Divine Mercy Novena

Join the Divine Mercy Prayer Group to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the nine days leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday:

**April 18-26** (except Easter Sunday)

7:45 AM in the narthex at the Divine Mercy image

Jesus said to St. Faustina:

*"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of my mercy that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and especially at the hour of death."* (Diary 1209)

### The Veiling of Crosses & Images

**What is the reason for the veiling of crosses and images?**

The veiling of crosses and images is a sort of "fasting" from sacred depictions which represent the paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in an adoration of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory, culminates on the Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win for us eternal life.

**When may crosses and images be veiled?**

Crosses and images may be veiled on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Crosses are unveiled following the Good Friday Liturgy, while images are unveiled before the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, Apr. 14

8:15 AM ~Alfredo Tendencia, deceased, by Anavic Javier-Lau

#### Tuesday, Apr. 15

8:15 AM ~

#### Wednesday, Apr. 16

8:15 AM ~Anna Simon, special intention, by Rita Simon

#### Thursday, Apr. 17

6:30 PM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

#### Friday, Apr. 18

1:00 PM ~Good Friday

#### Saturday, Apr. 19

8:00 PM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

#### Sunday, Apr. 20

7:30 AM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00 AM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

11:00 AM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

1:00 PM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

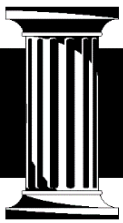
For DAILY READINGS

Please visit us @ [holytrinityparish.org](http://holytrinityparish.org) or  
[www.usccb.org/bible/readings/041325.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/041325.cfm)

### The Legion of Mary

Join us! The Legion of Mary is a world-wide apostolic organization in which Catholic men and women sanctify themselves through prayer and spiritual work in union with Our Blessed Mother. If you are interested in learning more, please visit our weekly meetings or reach out to Eleanor Pingitore by phone or text to 530-417-7142. Meetings are currently held on Mondays 9:30-10:30 AM in the parish conference room; enter through the parish office. You can also visit: <https://www.legionofmary.ie/about> to learn more about this beautiful apostolate.





# 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 Apr. 20 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

In next Sunday's Gospel, John 20:1-9, the empty tomb is a source of confusion and anxiety for Mary Magdalene, Peter and his beloved disciple. Mary and the beloved disciple do not even enter at first. Only Peter does, and what he finds there perplexes him utterly. As Peter reflects, he finds reason for hope. Anyone moving Jesus' body would have left it bound; it would have been much easier to transport fully wrapped. The discarded burial cloths signify that the one once bound by them was now free.

### Reflection for families:

- What evidence have you found that Christ is alive and at work?

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### Foretold

*Foretold* consists of eight short videos released each Sunday of Lent through Easter! Our world is full of noise. Often, that noise is loud and negative. When was the last time you heard something good on the news? Because of the constant intake of "bad news," many people no longer believe in the Providence of God nor trust that he has a plan for us. Maybe this is you. Perhaps you think God doesn't have a plan for you and your family. But Jesus is the Lord of History, yours included.

Join Dr. Sean Innerst in *Foretold*, a new series from the Augustine Institute that weaves together the Old and New Testament stories, highlighting their connecting threads of prophecy and fulfillment. What was promised in the biblical story came to pass through Jesus, his apostles, and the Church. Ultimately, this biblical history is your history. Just as the prophecies of the Old Testament were fulfilled, you can trust that Jesus will care for you and your story. Encounter this profound mystery and reality for yourself in *Foretold*.

## Holy Trinity School Ministry



Our school students in grades TK-4 celebrated Read Across America Week by reading and doing activities with Dr. Seuss books. Mrs. Remick, our school principal, was the special guest reader this week.

Holy Trinity Catholic School is now accepting applications for new students for the 2025-2026 school year. The school enrolls students in grades TK-8. We offer an excellent Catholic and academic education. Please call the school office at 530-677-3591 for a private tour and/or more information about registration.

## Confirmation Groups Update

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[kjones@holyltrinityparish.org](mailto:kjones@holyltrinityparish.org)

### St. Teresa of Avila Group:

- Please turn in your Certificate Form, Sponsor Form, and Service Log to the Faith Formation Office. All Confirmation forms are due on **May 2, 2025**.

### St. Ursula Group:

- All Year 1 Confirmation candidates must complete a Saint Letter and Saint Project. Partners in Faith candidates must turn these in to the Faith Formation Office by **April 13, 2025**.
- For more information or to register for Confirmation, please contact Kim Jones: [kjones@holyltrinityparish.org](mailto:kjones@holyltrinityparish.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.*

### The Last Week of Lent- Is Almsgiving just for Lent?



#### ***Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion***

[IS.50:4-7; PS 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; PHIL 2:6-11; LK 22:14-23:56](#)

This is Palm Sunday, the beginning of the week leading to Triduum and Easter. Today's Gospel tells the story of the Passion and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' disciples and acquaintances. Of Simon we read, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is that Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know from tradition that Simon's family was among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life.

In contrast, we read of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, some followed Him for three years, they witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefited personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion, but they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

And then we have Peter. His closest and most ardent follower – "Lord, I am prepared to die with you!" But, indeed, before the cock crowed, Peter had denied Jesus three times. Fortunately, unlike Judas Iscariot, Peter recognized his failure and sought the Risen Christ's forgiveness.

Where do you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him as Simon, the Cyrenian, did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, dealing with them rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

And it is when we are like Peter and recognize our failures and seek Jesus' love and mercy; when we acknowledge our sins and ask for his forgiveness that we repair the broken relationship that He wants with each of us. This is also when we live His commandment to "Love one another, just as I have loved you" – by helping those in need.

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#### **Deacon Jim's something to think about:**

This is the last week of Lent. That doesn't mean that we should drop all the good things we have been doing or trying to do during Lent. Maintaining the good habits of prayer and the other two elements of Lent (fasting and almsgiving) should continue throughout the year. In previous weeks I've written about prayer and fasting, but not in much detail about almsgiving. So, I'm turning to Pope Francis for his description of almsgiving.


The Pope said that almsgiving is not just about the money; it is a gesture of love which directs us toward those we meet and a gesture of sincere attention to those who come to us for help. Almsgiving, "... must carry with it all the richness of mercy," the Pope said, and then concluded, "Just as mercy has a million paths, a million processes, so too is almsgiving expressed in many ways to alleviate the disadvantages of all those in need." We are given opportunities to be an "almsgiver" every day of the year. It isn't just a Lenten practice. This year allow your almsgiving practices to guide your actions as a Christian steward throughout the year.

### **Transformed by Grace Women's Event "Thank You"**

Thank you to the hundreds of women who joined us for our fourth annual Transformed by Grace Women's Event on March 29. We had a wonderful day embracing vulnerability, weeding out the lies in our lives, thanking God for the gifts He's given us, and growing connections with other women.

But the day would not have been possible without the dozens of volunteers who shared their time and talents. Together, this amazing group of servants hosted a beautiful retreat for our guests who joined us from near and far. Thank you!





IT'S TIME FOR THE  
ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL  
YOUTH GROUP

# Unbirthday Party!



JOIN US FOR PIZZA & CAKE AS WE  
CELEBRATE OUR HIGH SCHOOLERS'  
BIRTHDAYS & WISH OUR GRADUATING  
SENIORS WELL!

APRIL  
SUNDAY | **27** | 6 -7:30 PM

YOUTH CENTER

First-timers & friends welcome!

*A special invite to current 8th  
graders/incoming freshmen to come &  
see what HS youth group is all about!*







# **Knights of Columbus**

## **Annual Ham Drive**

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**April 12 - 13**





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