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ADVENT

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Mass, Prayer & Sacraments

MASS

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM
 Saturday (Anticipation) 4:15 PM
 Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon

ROSARY

Thursday 7:30 AM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Thursday after 8 AM Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Fridays of the month beginning after the 8:00 AM Mass with Reposition at Noon.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:30 - 4:00 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Anyone who is seriously ill due to sickness or old age may be anointed. Please call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM Please call the Parish Office if you wish to have you child baptized.

ADULT BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION If you are an adult interested in becoming Catholic, or are an adult baptized Catholic but not confirmed, please contact Deacon Mike.

MATRIMONY Please call the Parish Office at least six months prior to the marriage.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, December 13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
 No Liturgical Service

Tuesday, December 14 St. John of the Cross and
 Doctor of the Church
 8:00 AM Intentions of Carol Altschwager

Wednesday, December 15 Advent Weekday
 8:00 AM + Deceased members of the
 Art and Alma Vey family

Thursday, December 16 Advent Weekday
 8:00 AM + Peter Stoffel

Friday, December 17 Advent Weekday
 8:00 AM + Steven D. Jacoby

Saturday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Vigil
 4:15 PM + For the people of Holy Trinity

Sunday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM + Francis and Marie Falkner
 10:30 AM + Albin Vande Boom

Liturgical Schedules

Saturday, December 18 at 4:15 PM

Altar Server Ron Peters
 Lector Steve Ashley
 Ushers Harry Gramoll, Barb Schlosser
 and volunteer

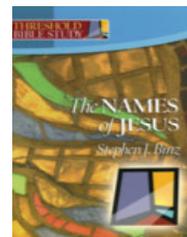
Sunday, December 19 at 8:00 AM

Altar Server Randy McCray
 Lector Nancy Wagner
 Ushers Tom Lawton and volunteers

Sunday, December 19 at 10:30 AM

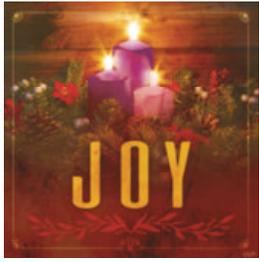
Altar Server Seth Sullivan
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 Ushers Chuck Karnitz, Don Bartels
 and volunteer

Join us for a Threshold Bible Study, Names of Jesus written by Stephen Binz and facilitated by Terri Schiller. Terri has led bible studies for over 20 years in area parishes.



The essential purpose of reading the scriptures is to know a person—Jesus Christ—more personally and intimately. Knowing the names of Jesus allows us to establish a closer and fuller relationship with him. Though no single name or title of Jesus can encompass the fullness of who he is, together they express his very nature and person. The more we know about his names, the more we will understand what he has done for us.

The scripture study will be held Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 PM January 11, 18, 24, Feb 1, 8, 15 **OR** Wednesday mornings 9:00-10:30AM January 12, 19, 25, February 2, 9, 16 at Holy Trinity Parish Office. To register call Katie, (262) 675-6256 or on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.



ADVENT

Let's make ready the way of the Lord

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

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Scripture Readings for the week of December 12

<i>Sunday</i>	Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
<i>Monday</i>	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
<i>Tuesday</i>	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
<i>Wednesday</i>	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
<i>Thursday</i>	Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
<i>Friday</i>	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
<i>Saturday</i>	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
<i>Next Sunday</i>	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

The Well That Never Dries Up

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. “Rejoice always,” he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you’re really feeling this vibe. But if you’ve got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. “Rejoice always? Always? When I’m tired? Cranky? When I’m sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I’ll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow’s morning commute.”

When we feel this way, we know it’s time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God’s strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It’s water you can keep coming back to. It’s water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to ‘rejoice always.’ To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It’s a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Church Decorating for Christmas

Monday, December 20 9:00 AM
Meet in Church
Helping hands are needed to set up
the trees and the Crib.
Thanks in advance for your help!

A very Merry Christmas from the Christen Women of Holy Trinity!

Do you have a family member who can no longer attend Mass? Please contact Carol Altschwager at 262-483-1129 if you would like to discuss a visit to your family member from a member of the Christen Women during the Advent Season.



Due to the upcoming holidays the bulletin needs to be to the publisher early. **All bulletin articles are due by 9AM on the dates below.** Please email your article to

holytrinitynewburgbulletin@gmail.com with “Bulletin article for (bulletin date)” in the subject line.

Bulletin Date
December 26
January 2, 2022

Articles Due
Tuesday, December 14
Monday, December 20

May We Pray for You?

If you, or someone you know, are in need of prayers our Prayer Team is always willing to pray for your requests.

You may contact our Prayer Team at (262) 692-2639. All prayer requests are confidential.



Christmas Flowers and Decorations Donations

Remembering a loved one during the holidays is a wonderful way to show your love for them. If you would like to make a donation in their honor/memory to help to purchase the beautiful flowers and decorations that will grace our church during the Christmas season, please use the envelope included in this week’s bulletin or an envelope clearly marked “Christmas Flowers.” Please make a notation on your check that it is for Christmas flowers/ decorations and return your envelope by mail, in the collection basket, or in the secure lock box located in the back of church. **Thank you for your generosity!**



Our 2022 calendars have arrived and are available in the Narthex.



For unto us a child is born...

Last Saturday night Joseph and Mary, along with our littlest angels (and a comforting adult angel), the shepherds and Wisemen, two sheep, two donkeys, a calf, our choir and many parishioners, listened to the Nativity story and sang Christmas carols as we welcomed baby Jesus.

A very special thank you to the Matt and Jeff Gall families for building the beautiful stable and bringing the animals, our narrator Deacon Mike, Fr. Tom for offering a prayer and blessing, Carol Storck and the Holy Trinity choir, Carol Altschwager for helping with the costumes and rehearsal, and a very special thank you to all the children who participated in our first Living Nativity. This very special evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Wishing you a very blessed Christmas!



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