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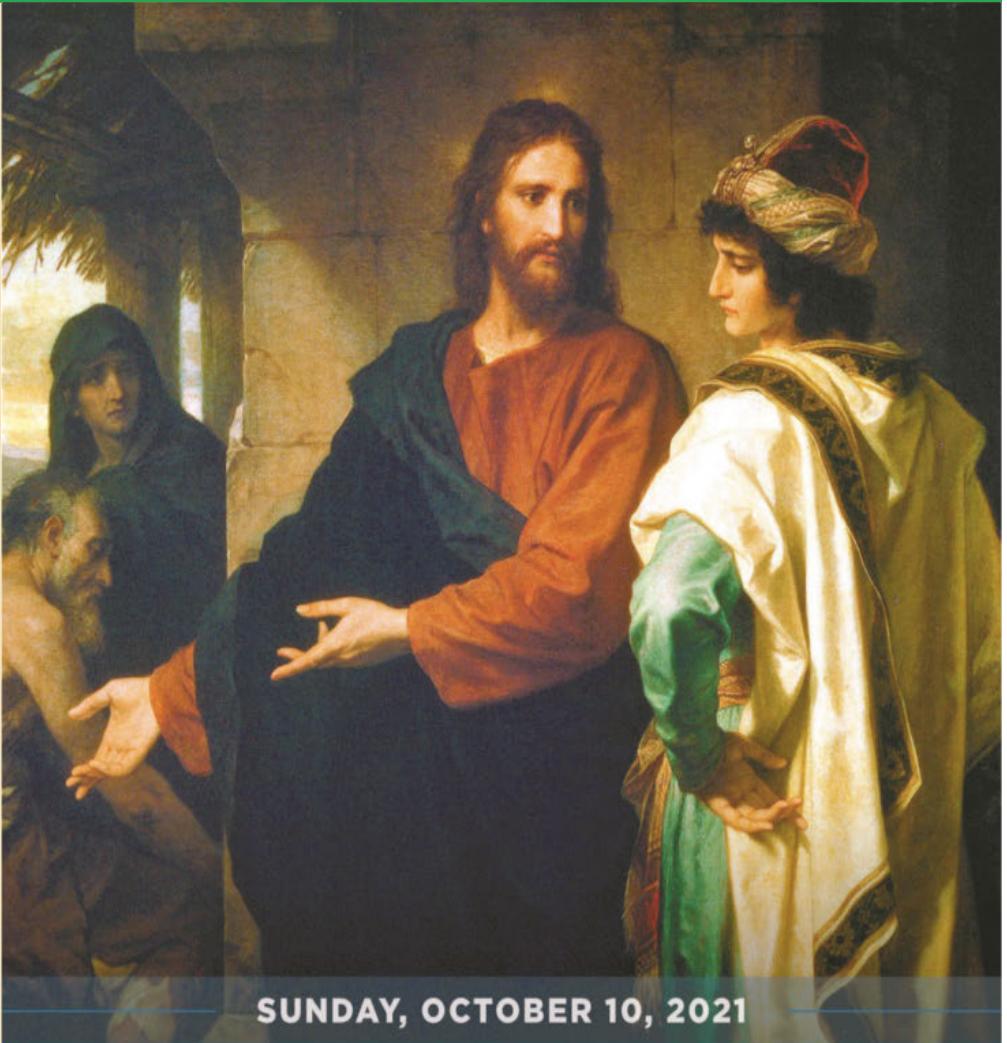
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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
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Parish news & notes



OFFERTORY 10/03/2021

Our Weekly Needs	\$14,462
Total Contributions	\$ 17,768
THANKS for your support	\$ 3,306

Additional Ministries

School Support	\$ 265
School Annual Fund	\$ 25
Sister Parish	\$ 70
St. Vincent dePaul	\$ 120
Picnic	\$ 10
Retired Priests	\$ 50
Mission Sunday	\$25
Camp. For Human Dev.	\$5
Thanksgiving	\$45
All Saints	\$10
Total Additional Ministries	\$ 625

Parish Construction Loan

Our weekly needs	\$11,888
Your contributions	\$ 7,988
WE NEED your support	\$ 3,900

Registered Active Families Used Envelopes last week: 90
Registered Active Families Used On-Line Giving last week: 61
Registered Active Families Contributed to One Future last week: 22

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Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The sick, their loved ones and caregivers.
May they never lose sight of the love of God.

Tom Elfrink Erin Ruiz
Dan Noel
Norma Rensing
Bill Trent
Paul Anderson
Rita Uhl
Margaret Hampton
Sue Schey
Jean Ann Brophy
Chrissie Cissell
Patrick Guest

Please help us keep our list up-to-date! Call the parish office if you'd like to add a name.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

We need a little help!



We're looking for donations of 2 yards of fleece in patterns suitable for both adult men and women. Drop off in the box near the office. Call the office with questions.



The Giving Tree is back!

We will be helping folks in local nursing homes and care centers have happier holidays again! If you know someone who would benefit from this ministry, please call Ellen Beebe to get them on the list. 618-398-5080.



In the last 8 days of September, our St. Vincent DePaul conference of St. Stephen/Holy Trinity assisted 12 families in Fairview and Caseyville. This amounted to spending \$1,455.70 for Ameren bills to keep the power on or set up payment plans for households, water bills for both Caseyville and O'Fallon water, again, keeping the water on, and finally shelter for a mother and child for 2 nights in the least expensive hotel we could find. We are in dire and constant need for support. We refer many whose needs exceed our budget to other agencies, churches, organizations, and government programs. The need is great. We do what we can with what you can share. With winter just around the corner we are praying for the best and preparing for whatever God has in store for us. Keep us in your prayers as we will, you. Remember that we have a prayer request box in the back of church, by the exit doors, where you may submit your prayer intentions. We hold these in our prayers at our bi-weekly meetings. Peace and all good be with you.

"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another." ~St. Vincent dePaul

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

- Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
- Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 10/9	4pm	Deb Elfrink Leo Speichinger Erik Keeney Alex Somraty Hazel Baker
SUN 10/10	7:30am	Lucille & Lawrence Martin Alex & Darlene Schutzenhofer Mary Lou Wright Donna McIntyre
	10:30am	For our parish
WED 10/13	8:10am	Mary Sue Newell
FRI 10/15	8:10am	Deb Elfrink Dorothy Steuerle
SAT 10/16	4pm	Deceased members of St. Ann's Leo Speichinger Laura Bigham
SUN 10/17	7:30am	For our parish
	10:30am	Stanley Myrda Deb Elfrink Irene Spengler Mary Lou Wright

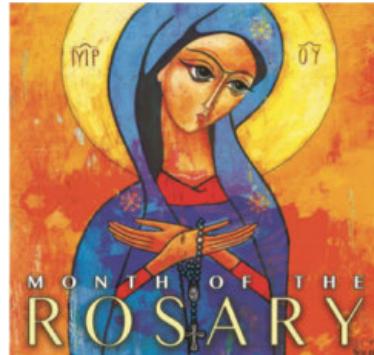
Remember your loved ones or a special intention by offering a Mass. Masses are a \$10 donation each and available in the church office



Dear Parishioners,

Greetings from the Drury Hotel at the Arch. As I said in last week's bulletin, I am with the diocesan priests at our convocation. This year we are discussing ethics and morality, especially beginning and end of life issues as well as transgender issues. The presenters have offered great insight and how to be more responsive pastorally when faced in addressing these issues. The convocation has been a time not only to learn new things, but also a chance to pray with and socialize with fellow priests, many of whom haven't seen each other for a long time. Thanks to Jim Thomas for taking the 4:00 Saturday Mass and the 10:30 Sunday Mass and Clyde Grogan for taking the 7:30 Mass this weekend. Next week a note from San Diego!

Peace,
Fr. Jim



Faith Formation News



Weekly Discussion Questions

These discussion questions connect to each week's YFF class, but can be used by all of us to reflect on the Gospel and it's message for us.

Questions for All of us:

Life Question: In what ways do you invest your life energies and financial resources in people who are poor? **Gospel Question:** What relationship does Jesus envision between people who are rich and people who are poor?

Adults and Teens

When has the impossible proven possible in your life?

Grades 7–8

Life Question: Where does your money go?

Gospel Question: Why does the rich man walk away from Jesus?

Grades 4–6

Life Question: What are ways you can serve others in your neighborhood or town?

Gospel Question: Why might rich people have a hard time being Jesus' disciples?

Grades 2–3

Life Question: What treasures do you share with others?

Gospel Question: What does the rich man want to learn from Jesus?

Grades K–1

Life Question: What are some things you share with others? Gospel Question: What does Jesus teach us about sharing?

Preschool

Life Question: How do you show respect? Gospel

Question: Why does Jesus want us to be happy?

Youth Mission Trip

To: Oklahoma City, OK
Who: Current 7th - 12th Graders
When: June 12-19, 2022
Cost: \$475
Fundraising available
\$100 non refundable deposit

Join us this summer as we make the trek to Oklahoma City, OK to participate in a Catholic Heart Workcamp with youth from around the country. RSVP by contacting Joe in the Parish Office.

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CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

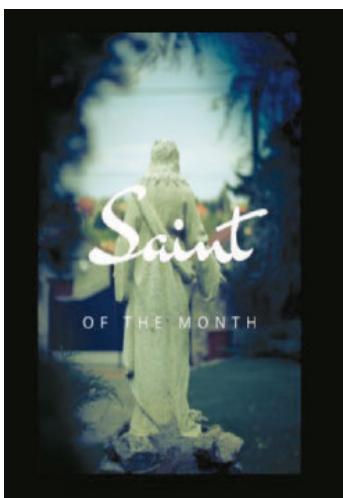
Trivia Night

Supporting the Holy Trinity Youth Summer Mission Trip

When: November 6th
Doors Open: 6:15
Trivia Begins: 7:00
Cost: \$15 per person
8 people per table

Ways to Help!
• Sponsor a round (advertisement possibilities)
• Donate something for the silent auction (sport/movie tickets, golf passes, a basket of goodies, gift cards, etc.)
• Donate attendance prizes—cool cups, t-shirts, coolers, hats, etc.

Register by November 1st:
Call: (618) 628 - 8825
Email: jlascala@holystirnityl.org



Mary the Mother of God

Mary, Mother of Jesus- Mary officially received this title during World War I in a proclamation by Pope Benedict XV. The Pope added "Queen of Peace" into the Litany of Loreto in his call for peace among the warring nations.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Dates:

October 17 (1:00-3:00) - Youth Group

October 30 (5:00-8:00) - Halloween Bash

November 1 - Mission Trip Sign Up Deadline

November 6 (6:15 - 10:00) - Trivia Night Fundraiser

Attention Parents of Second Grade Students: We will have a parent meeting for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation on Tuesday, October 12th, from 7:00 – 8:00. School and YFF Parents should attend.

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH: "MARY SAID, 'BEHOLD, I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD. MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.' (LUKE 1:38) - THIS ACTION OF MARY, SAYING YES TO GOD, IS ALSO CALLED MARY'S FIAT

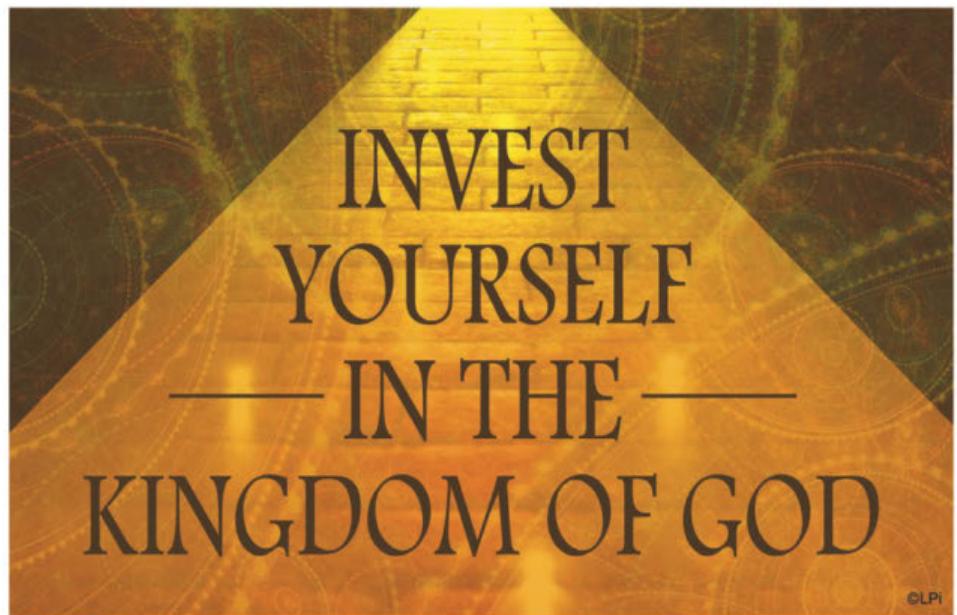
GOSPEL MEDITATION

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands.

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This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true

for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

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More News

Vocations Corner

"I grew up in the province of Chaco, Argentina. My parents were farmers, and our village was so rural that a priest came only once a month. At age 14, while preparing for confirmation, I was struck intensely by Jesus' words: "Peter, do you love me?" In high school, I met the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts, who invited me to participate in their religious activities. My teenage years were normal, but through it all, the sisters gently guided me in my discernment. Although I was offered a full university scholarship, I felt something was missing. Finally, a sister asked me, "Do you have a desire to be a nun?" I answered immediately – Yes! Sr. Rosana Ybanez, POSC; *Columbia Magazine*, February 2021

FROM DEACON ART

Entering the kingdom of love: Jesus saw that the rich young man had great potential, so he invited him to enter the world of sharing. But he wasn't up to it --- riches got in the way. As he went away a sadness descended on him, the sadness that descends on us when we choose to live for ourselves. Even though Jesus was sad to see him go, nevertheless, he let him go. There's no point in forcing people to make sacrifices. If you take things from people, they are impoverished; but if you can get them to give them up, they are enriched. People are essentially good, but this goodness has to be awakened and called forth, if they are to enter the kingdom of love.

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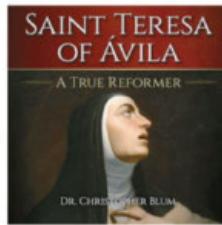
PICK OF THE WEEK

SAIN TERA S DE ÁVILA: A TRUE REFORMER BY CHRISTOPHER BLUM

Dr. Christopher Blum unfolds the inspiring life of St. Teresa and her important role in the Catholic Reformation. After having already been a nun for twenty years, she had a radical transformation in her own life and then became one of the most powerful forces for bringing about conversion and positive change in the history of the Church. Listen and learn about this Mystic, Doctor of the Church, and True Reformer.

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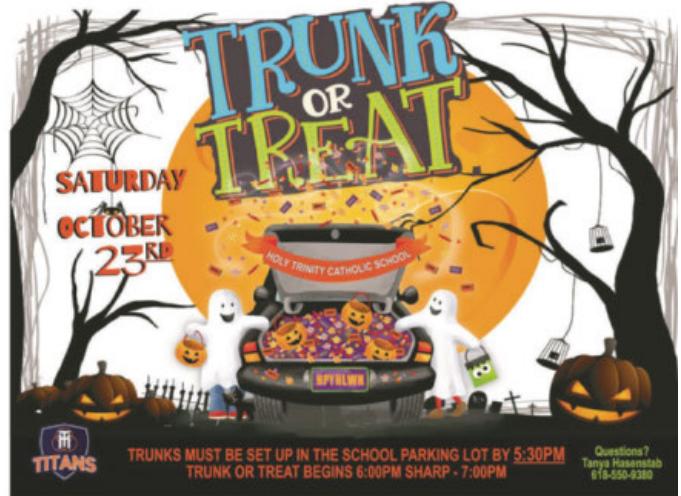
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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

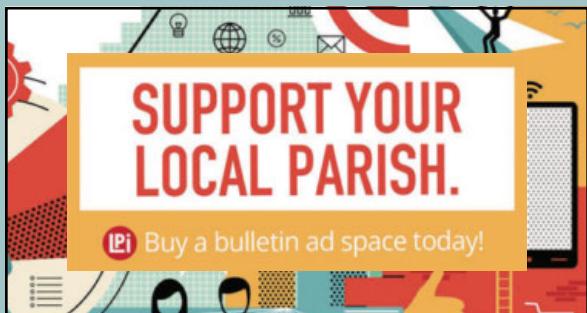
From September 22nd through October 31st you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life--40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

Holy Trinity has adopted October 14th as our day to stand and pray outside Planned Parenthood 331 Salem Place (right in our neighborhood). Please contact Susan Pyle 618-210-7454 or Marlene Schroyer 618-398-2990 to sign up for an hour or more.



We will be meeting in the cafeteria Thursday, October 28th @6:30pm. Join us!

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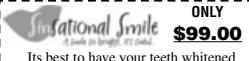
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