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MASS SCHEDULES

Holy Trinity

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday Evenings: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am
Wednesday & Friday 8:10am
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30pm

St. Stephen

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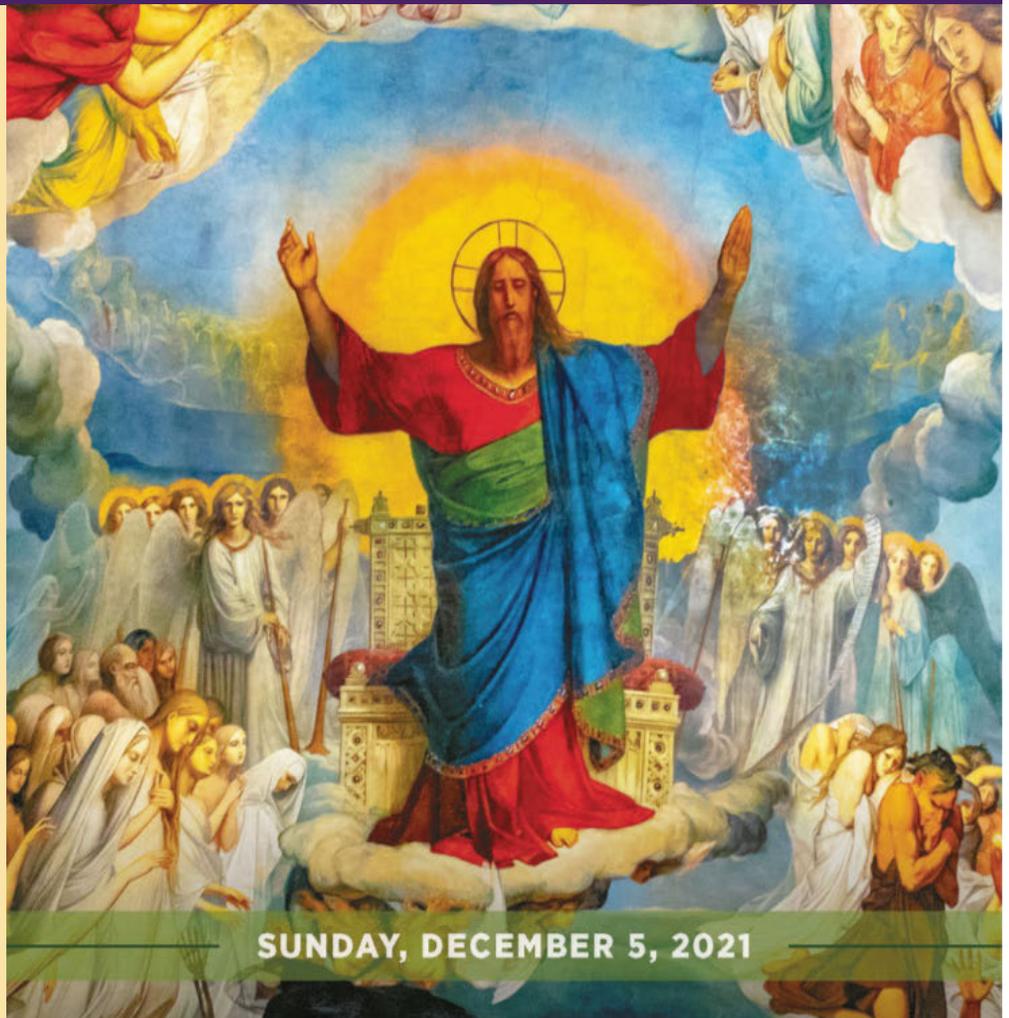
Regular Mass Schedule

Sunday 9am English
12:00pm Spanish

Mon -Tue-Thu 8:00am

Wednesdays 6:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sundays 8-8:30am



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

- Lk 3:5-6

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 12/05

4pm Irene Spengler
Bob Frisse

SUN 12/5

7:30am For our parish

10:30am Anthony & Margaret Schmitt
Laura Bigham
Doris Weissert

WED 12/8

8:10am Dorothy & Robert Jackson
Mary Sue Newell
12:10 Connie Garrett
Jack Prawica

FRI 12/10

8:10am David Hearn

SAT 12/11

4pm David Abell
Margorie Farrell

SUN 12/12

7:30am For our parish

10:30am Laura Bigham
Connie Garrett
Jack Prawica

Heavenly Father, we pray for . . .

Tom Elfrink	Erin Ruiz	Dan Noel
Norma Rensing	Bill Trent	Paul Anderson
Margaret Hampton		Sue Schey
Jean Ann Brophy	Chrissie Cissell	Patrick Guest
Sharon Davidson		Linda Anderson
Ben Waymeier	Beth Rehg	Maria & Hubert Link

**We also pray for their loved ones and caregivers.
May they never lose sight of the love of God.**

Call the parish office to submit a name for the list

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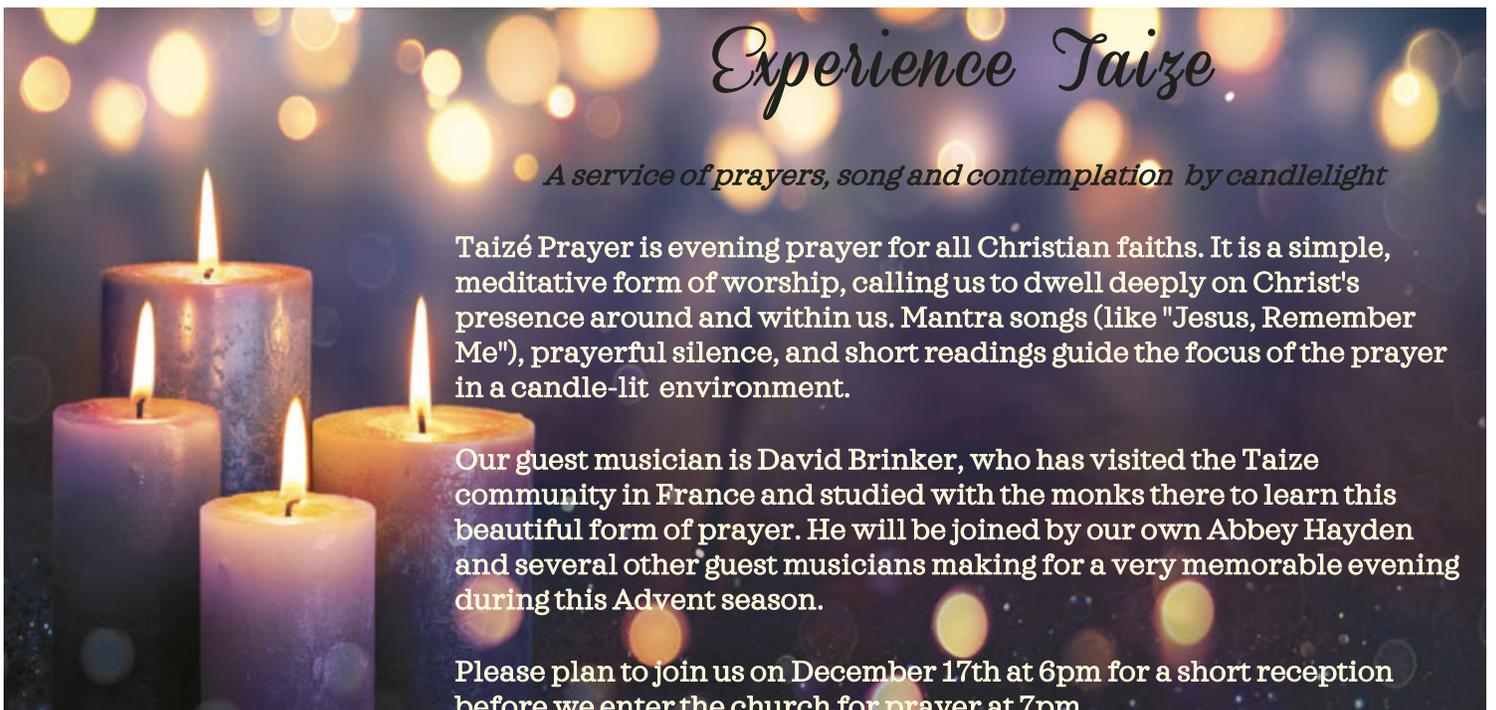
Experience Taize

A service of prayers, song and contemplation by candlelight

Taizé Prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Mantra songs (like "Jesus, Remember Me"), prayerful silence, and short readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment.

Our guest musician is David Brinker, who has visited the Taize community in France and studied with the monks there to learn this beautiful form of prayer. He will be joined by our own Abbey Hayden and several other guest musicians making for a very memorable evening during this Advent season.

Please plan to join us on December 17th at 6pm for a short reception before we enter the church for prayer at 7pm.



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

- Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
- Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop
- Tuesday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thursday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
- Friday:** Our Lady of Loreto
- Saturday:** St. Damasus I, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.



Dear Parishioners,
Happy Advent!

Ever since the building of Holy Trinity, the “church side” of the physical building has been an attraction for lightning strikes. As a result, the motherboards of several of our heating/air conditioning units have been “fried” on several occasions. Even the organ got hit several years ago. (Fortunately, the insurance allowed us to have a better organ put in place.) There are several reasons for being an attraction for lightning. One is that we are the highest building. Another reason is the metal roofs. Another is the lightning protection system that was installed. It sends out pulses to attract lightning. Unfortunately, when lightning hits, it doesn't go where it should. The Finance Council has approved replacing the existing lightning protection system with a traditional and conventional system. The cost is approximately \$47,000. Fortunately, through the generosity of the late Jim Spengler, the parish has the funds to help with the cost. This and the addition of the Advent challenge of the extra two dollars a week per household will help with this extraordinary expense.

Peace,
Fr. Jim



Apply Now!

The Althoff Catholic High School application is open now for the 2022-23 school year!

Apply today & sign up for the first placement test on 12/5.

Benefits for taking the December 5 placement test include:

- Qualify for select academic scholarships
- Early Admission decision
- Early course selection for next year

Visit althoffcatholic.org to fill out the online application & sign up for the test on your checklist!

DISCOVER OUR ALUMNI

HTCS Class of 2021 to Althoff Crusaders



Michelle, not pictured

Earlier this year, we sent TEN of our Titans to become Crusaders at Althoff Catholic High School! We are excited for the Catholic education experience to continue for Alec, Jade, Lyllian, Maddie, Joshua, William, Riley, Katie, LilliAna, and Michelle! We know that Althoff will serve them well as they grow in their faith and academics!



DIocese of BELLEVILLE

DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
NOVEMBER 14-20, 2021



WITH CHRISTMAS FAST APPROACHING, CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME PRACTICAL TIPS TO PREPARE MYSELF AND MY FAMILY THAT WILL HELP US STAY GROUNDED IN WHAT THIS HOLIDAY IS REALLY ABOUT? WITH ALL THE COMMERCIALISM, IT'S EASY TO STRAY.

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the

Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.



Parish Calendar

Saturday, December 4th

6:30am TMIY
10am Baptism prep class

Sunday, December 5th 2nd Sunday of Advent

9am Adult Bible Study
YFF
12pm Adoration
1pm Youth Group

Tuesday, December 7th

6:30pm Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 8th

8:10am Mass —Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9am Wednesday Breakfast Club
9am Quilting
12:10 Mass—Feast of the Immaculate Conception
6:30pm St. Ann's Meeting & Christmas Party
7pm Knights of Columbus

Thursday, December 9th

6:15pm Yoga

Friday, December 10th

7pm Game Night

Saturday, December 11th

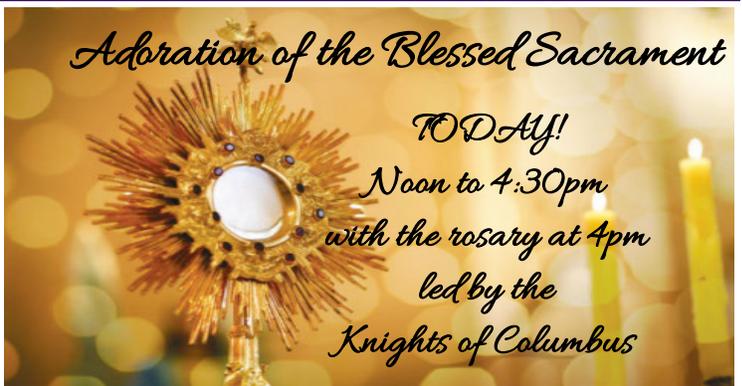
6:30am TMIY
Return Advent Tree gifts

Sunday, December 12th 3rd Sunday of Advent

9am Adult Bible Study
YFF
1pm Confirmation class



New to our parish? We pray that you may find warmth, encouragement and spiritual growth in our parish and look forward to getting to know you in the weeks and months ahead. May God bless you and your family!
You can register on-line through our website at www.holytrinityil.org anytime



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

TODAY!
Noon to 4:30pm
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Message inside

*W*ishing you a glorious Christmas and blessed New Year filled with the light and love of Christ.



The Giving Tree

Please return wrapped gifts with their tag no later than December 12th

Upcoming Masses and Special Services

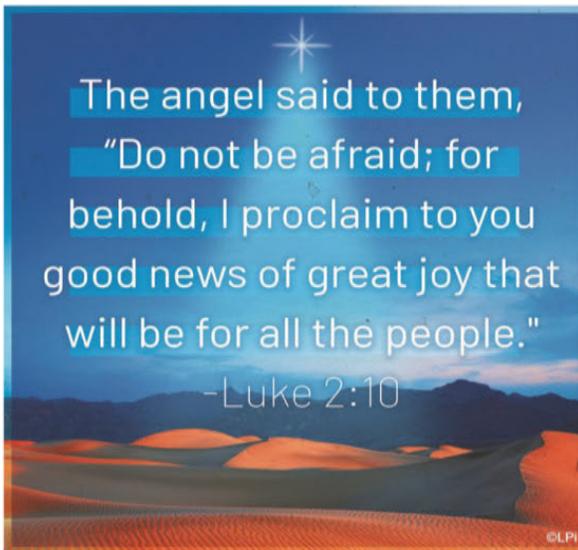
December 17th 6 pm Wine & Cheese Social
7 pm Taize
December 24th 4pm & 10pm
December 25th 9am
December 31st 5:30pm
January 1st 4pm

Vocations Corner

“The priestly vocation is essentially a call to sanctity, in the form that derives from the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Sanctity is intimacy with God; it is the imitation of Christ, poor, chaste and humble; it is unre-served love for souls and self-giving to their true good; it is love for the church which is holy and wants us to be holy, because such is the mission that Christ has entrusted to it. Each one of you must be holy also in order to help your brothers pursue their vocation to sanctity.” – St. John Paul II, October 9, 1984

FROM DEACON ART

A lesson from the trees: Not long ago the trees were loaded with golden leaves. Though pretty to look at, they robbed me of the world beyond. But now that the leaves have fallen, I am able to look through skeletal branches to the deep blue sky beyond. Teach us, Good Lord, how to take care of our material needs without neglecting our spiritual needs; how to take care of ourselves without neglecting others; and how to live joyfully in this world without losing sight of the world to come.



St. Ann's Christmas Party

ALL the women of Holy Trinity Parish are invited to the St. Ann's CCW Christmas Party. It will be held on Wednesday, December 8, at 6:30 in the Parish Center.

There will be a potluck dinner (please bring your favorite dish). That will be followed by a short St. Ann's meeting.

Then the fun really begins. There will be a wrapped gift exchange. Gifts should be in the range of \$10-\$15. THIS IS OPTIONAL. If you do not want to participate in the gift exchange, please join us anyway – enjoy delicious food and some great fun and fellowship. Come check out St. Ann's.

JOY JOY - BOXES OF JOY

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! I am so excited to report that our parish filled 105 Boxes of Joy!! And special thanks goes to Sue Wright's eighth grade class who filled 16 of those boxes. What proof of the generosity of so many of our parishioners! And speaking of generosity –ALL of the postage was covered (\$9 per box) by donations from many individuals as well as the following businesses.

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Dear Parish Family,

Thank you so very much for your continued support of Holy Trinity Catholic School. I am beyond grateful to have such a supportive parish family behind our thriving school.

In the bulletin, you have probably seen our gift card fundraiser insert. Thank you for purchasing your holiday gift cards once again from our school. We have many gift cards on hand available for purchase at the kiosk after each mass or you can place an order to almost any retailer imaginable.

This year we have a strong enrollment of 264 students in grades PreK 3 - grade 8. We are full in every grade except PreK 3. We have been blessed with an increase in families choosing Catholic education over the past couple of years. Through the pandemic our school community has remained a close knit family, working together to ensure our students can thrive with in-person instruction when schools all around us were unable to remain open for learning. In addition to the giving tree in the gathering space, you will see a tuition angel tree. Prayerfully considering giving the gift of Catholic education this Advent season. Simply choose an angel to hang on your Christmas tree as a reminder of your support of Catholic education and send the donation amount back in the weekly collection.

With Gratitude,
Kristy Frawley

Get your Christmas shopping done and help the school at the same time!

Gift Cards On Sale Now in the Gathering Space before and after mass! Support our school by purchasing your holiday gift cards through our fundraiser. Many popular stores we have on hand, or you can order the specific stores and denominations of your choice!



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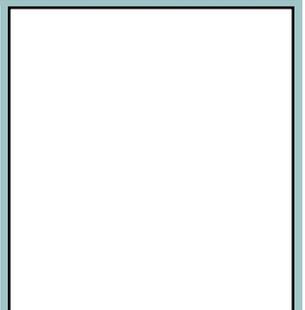
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