



Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

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Priest

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Father Norbert Raszeja, C.R.

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Deacon Anthony Lenard
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Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am,
11:00am

Weekday Masses
Monday-Saturday: 8:00am
(*Friday morning Masses begin at
8:15am during the school year*)

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday: 2:30 - 3:45pm

Devotions & Sacraments
Recitation of the Divine Mercy
Chaplet:
Tuesday after 8:00am Mass

Saint Peregrine Devotion:
Offered on the first Wednesday
of the month at 7pm.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:
Exposition and Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament is offered on
the first Friday of the month after
the morning Mass.

Anointing of the Sick:
Offered on the first Saturday of
the month during 8:00am Mass.

Baptisms:
Baptisms are held the second and
fourth Sundays after the 11:00am
Mass. Contact the Religious Edu-
cation office (see last page) to ar-
range for parents and godparents
to attend the Baptismal Prep
Class held on the first Thursday of
each month.

Weddings:
Contact Deacon Pat Blaney or
Deacon Tony Lenard to make first
arrangements at least (six)
months in advance.

Funerals:
Arrangements are typically made
through the funeral home of
choice. The Funeral Director will
contact the Parish office regard-
ing arrangements.

Mission Statement:
Committed to living out the
endless love of the Trinity,
we are a welcoming, faith-
sharing Catholic family of
believers, centered on the
Holy Eucharist as the
source of our life in Christ.

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to the

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KEY

Mile 1:
Goal of 250 donors
contributing up to \$500,
along with the total
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Mile 2:
Goal of 100 donors
giving between \$501-
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Mile 3:
Goal of 75 donors giving
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\$2,500, and the total
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Mile 4:
Goal of 10 donors giving
between \$2,501-
\$5,000, and the total
amount raised.

Special Recognition:
Donors contributing
over \$5,000.

Mile 1
475 Donations
Contributing \$ 50,724.34

Mile 2
45 Donations
Contributing \$44,575.00

Mile 3
22 Donations
Contributing \$42,768.00

Mile 4
8 Donations
Contributing \$40,000

Extra Mile
5 Donations
Contributing \$71,000

Collection as of:
05/13/25 - 08/18/2025

\$249,067.34

**274 Total
Donors**

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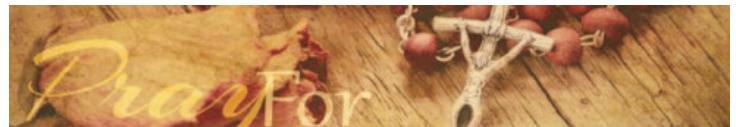
Goal

\$392,962.00



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025



Mass Intentions

Masses are offered for the individuals listed below.

† Denotes in Memory of

Saturday, August 23 | Saturday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time

8:00am † Ron and Shirley Reiner
 † Arthur, Florence and David Hillmer
 4:00pm † Stanislaw Zachemski † Laura Bakrins
 † Maria Borowicz † Marie and Jack Jarmul

Sunday, August 24 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am For the People of Holy Trinity
 9:00am Health and Blessings to Peter and Michael Hillmer
 11:00am † Ursula Wasilewski
 Safe travels and Blessings on Buonincontro Family's new home

Monday, August 25 | St. Louis, St. Joseph of Calasanz

8:00am † In Loving Memory of Leticia Carreon

Tuesday, August 26 | Tuesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

8:00am For the poor souls in purgatory

Wednesday, August 27 | Memorial of Saint Monica

8:00am Happy Anniversary of Ordination to
 Deacon Pat Blaney & Deacon Tony Lenard
 Healing for Mary Ann & Dave
 † Onofre Guieb,Jr. † Monica Anne Murphy † Bochnak Family

Thursday, August 28 | Memorial of Saint Augustine

8:00am † Renee Ishman † Alfred and Berneal Dietschweiler
 Birthday Blessings upon Pat Baylis and +Barbara Beachem

Friday, August 29 | Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:00am Health & blessings upon Theodore Haar
 † Mark Wojcik † Terry & Dee Murray & Family

Saturday, August 30 | Saturday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

8:00am † Rosa Barbosa
 Health & Blessings upon Kyle Pappalardo and Kirk Perecich
 4:00pm † Geraldine B. (Gerrie) Spokas
 † Maria & Wladyslaw Gorka † Ludmila & Dimitri Feylo
 † Diana Macejak † Wanda Gracy

Sunday, August 31 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am † Deceased Lehner and Widrlechner Families
 † Pietryla Family † Ashton Poole
 9:00am For the People of Holy Trinity
 11:00am † Stephanie Rodzon

Please remember in your prayers...

Marybeth Baryl Ciszma
 Tina Tyson-Dunne
 Alex & Andrea Poderys
 Robert Matocha
 Healing for Arthur
 Allison Ash
 David Ash, Sr.
 Alan Enzbigilis

To request to be added or removed from this list, please contact the Parish office. Names will be removed automatically after four weeks.

Flames of Faith Intentions

In the Sacred Heart Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration, six candles burn on the altar for specified intentions weekly. To request an intention for one of these candles, return one of the yellow envelopes found in the chapel to the parish office with your donation (usually \$15) or use our online Mass intentions module.



This week's Intentions are for:

Flames of Faith- Candle 1
 † Repose of the soul of Richard E. Snyder

Flames of Faith- Candle 2
 † In Memory of Xaverie Pleshar

Flames of Faith- Candle 3
 In Thanksgiving

Flames of Faith- Candle 4

Flames of Faith- Candle 5
 † Repose of the Soul of Richard E. Snyder

Flames of Faith- Candle 6
 For the poor souls in purgatory

Flames of Faith- Candle 7
 For the poor souls in purgatory

Weddings

Congratulations to our newly married couple!

Michelle Murtaugh & Sean Calistro

On Saturday, August 23, 2025



Weekend August 23-24
Altar flowers
intentions are:

In Memory of
† Onofre Guieb, Jr.

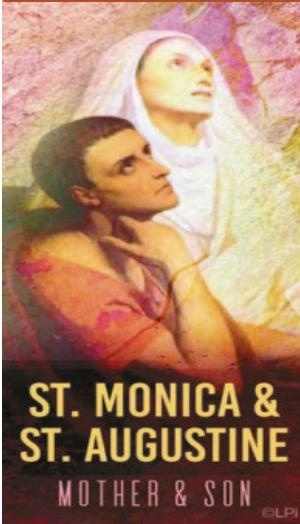
Gospel Meditation

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time — Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun. When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going! — Father John Muir ©LPI

Saint of the Day



**ST. MONICA &
ST. AUGUSTINE
MOTHER & SON**
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came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones. ©LPI

Holiness Runs in the Family
Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed.

Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt...but will not be strong enough." So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if we ask for help.

Observances for the week of August 24, 2025

Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Monica
Wednesday:	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



**"Pray for
Peace, Gather
in Grace"**

Come and join Father Rafal in praying the Holy Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima for peace in the world.

**Saturday
September 13
Immediately following
the 4:00 PM Mass**

Our Lady asked us to pray the Rosary each month on the 13th. Together, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist and pray the Rosary for peace in the world—just as Our Lady asked at Fatima. Come and be part of this beautiful devotion as we unite in prayer for our families, our Church, and the world.

All are welcome!

OCIA

Are You Looking for Some Good News? Is the Holy Spirit Calling You to Complete Your Sacraments of Initiation?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a faith formation process designed primarily for adults who are intentionally seeking God in their lives. The process is for adults who....have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian church and now wish to come into full communion with the Catholic Church or were baptized in the Catholic Church but were not raised in the faith and are seeking to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you are Catholic and practicing the faith but have never completed your Sacraments of Initiation, find out how we can help you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and your First Communion, if needed, at the Cathedral in the Spring, 2026.

Stop by our last Inquiry Session this month in the school library on Wednesday, August 27 from 7-8pm for more information, or contact Joanne Gregoire in the Religious Education office at 630-968-1366, ext. 111 or by email at JGregoire@holytrinitywestmont.org and begin an inquiry conversation about seeking to understand and deepen your faith! Meetings are scheduled to begin this fall.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer for Holiness

*Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the
narrow gate. Remove from
me anything that distracts me from You, Your love,
Your invitation, Your mission. Keep me close to You,
familiar at every step.*

Amen.



Weddings

Marriage Banns

Natalia Bochenek & Stevie Sievers

August 29, 2025



If anyone knows of an existing impediment which would prevent this marriage, please let Father Rafal know as soon as possible.

Religious Education

Family Centered Faith Formation – families learning and sharing their faith together!

If you have a child starting in 1st grade, or if your family is new to Holy Trinity Parish, we welcome and invite you to call the Religious Education office at 630-968-1366, ext. 112 and ask about our Family Centered Faith Formation program, which begins again in September.

Our FCFF Parent Orientation Meeting for **new families only** is Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 7pm in Holy Family Hall. The program will be explained, and family materials will be distributed. You may also find more information about the program on the parish website – just click on the Religious Education tab. Please know that the Diocese of Joliet requires two consecutive years of catechesis in preparation of receiving First Communion and Confirmation.

Returning families are encouraged to complete their registration for the 2025-2026 program as soon as possible! The September sessions begin on Monday, September 22 and Wednesday, September 24. Registration forms are in the Religious Education office and on the website.

Our summer hours are Monday through Friday, 9am until 4pm, Monday through Friday. If you need to stop by after hours, please call to make an appointment.

Parent Meeting Reminder for Holy Trinity School and Religious Education families preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion – Parents, please join us in Holy Family Hall on Wednesday, September 3 at 7pm for a parent meeting on the sacraments. Materials and workbooks will be distributed to the parents, which will help them to prepare their child to receive the Sacraments in May 2026.

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion is generally done in second grade, or the second year of Religious Education for older students.

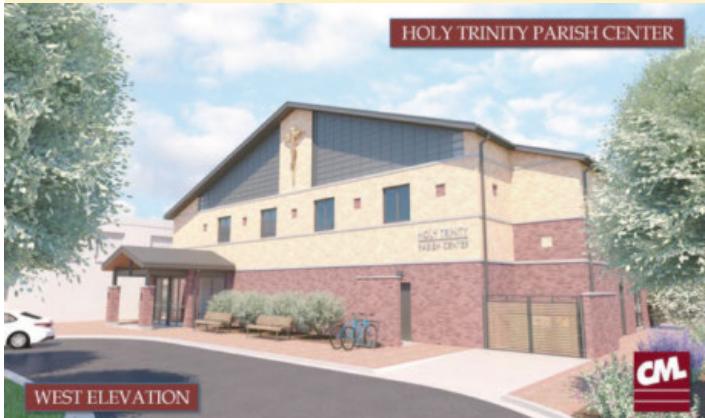
Is God calling you to share the faith? Sharing the faith is an honor. We are all called to continue to grow in our own faith, and one of the best ways to learn is to teach! Your own faith will come alive! Prayerfully consider being a catechist!

The commitment is for one evening a month for training and one evening a month to teach.

Unable to commit for every month, consider being a substitute or call the office to find out other ways to volunteer in the program – adults are needed to watch preschoolers on session nights while their parents and older siblings participate in the program. All volunteers who minister with children and/or vulnerable adults will need to take an online VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training course before volunteering.

Thank you to all who volunteer to teach or help in any way with Family Centered Faith Formation! Contact the RE office for more information at 630-968-1366, ext. 112.

Join us and pray for a successful Parish Center Campaign



Knights of Columbus



Dear Catholic Men:

Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference.

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We help change lives, and have fun doing it!

How do we do it?

Through our many Spiritual, Charitable, and social programs.

What's in it for you?

Fraternal and spiritual enrichment, the opportunity to help people, and support your parish.

If this appeals to you, the Knights of Columbus will be available after all Masses at Holy Trinity on the weekend of August 30th and 31st to talk and answer your questions. You are also invited to attend our next Initiation Exemplification on Tuesday, September 9th to formally join our Council.

Location: St. John's Council Hall, 25 N. Cass Ave in downtown Westmont.

Dinner starts at 6:30pm, followed by the Exemplification Ceremony at 7pm. Families are welcome for both the dinner and the ceremony. Please arrive by 6:45pm.

For more information, please contact our Membership Director, Bill Schelli at schellikofc@gmail.com

Ladies, you are also welcome! Our Council has an active Ladies Auxiliary open to all Catholic women. You are not required to have a Knight in your family. The Ladies Auxiliary, like the Knights, conducts many charitable and spiritual activities in service to the Church and community – and has fun along the way! If you are interested, contact Ladies Auxiliary President, Jody Conklin at jodyconklin@msn.com

Adoration Chapel

Written by: Marie Hejnal, Parishioner & Adorer



While playing at the park with my granddaughter I stopped to take in the beautiful day we were enjoying and I thanked God for sending it down to us. I then paused to reflect on the many blessings we can inadvertently take for granted.

Do not take your blessings for granted, cherish each and every one of them and then stop by our Sacred Heart Eucharistic Adoration Chapel to personally thank God for them. God loves you and He only wants what's best for you. You may experience adversity in your life but it often happens to strengthen your faith, draw you closer to God and fill you with an appreciation for the blessings that should matter most.

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name! Psalm 100:4*

Have a beautiful week and whatever comes your way, praise God for every breath you take.

Thank you and may God be with and protect you and yours. Have a blessed and glorious week!

— Marie Antoinette

Q&A

Question: What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

Answer: Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority. ©LPI

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (commonly referred to as the Jesuits). St. Ignatius of Loyola (1492-1556) was born to a noble Basque family. In his youth, he spent time at the Royal Court of Castile and fought in the Spanish army. He experienced a profound religious conversion during a long period of convalescence following a battle injury. Living in a cave outside of Manresa, he began to keep the journal that became the basis of the famous Spiritual Exercises. The Spiritual Exercises are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God's love and a more meaningful understanding of his call to discipleship in the life of each person. Divided into four stages, or "weeks," the exercises focus on the interior movements of the heart to unveil the will of God. ©LPI

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"Learning to bear the beams of God's love, as they shine through the personality of the living Christ, is the work of our lives. His experience of suffering and dying on the Cross is there to remind us that, for one who lives in a world that is enveloped by the clouds and fog of sin, the learning process will at times be a painful one. We are called to bear the beams of God's love in our personal lives. The events of our lives, so inscrutable, so perplexing, so painful at times, are slowly strengthening us, if we could but see them with the eyes of faith, to look steadily one day at the open face of God, Who is a consuming fire of love. We are also called to refract the beams of God's love for the poor. We are called, not to stand immobile before the mystery of suffering that we find in so many poor, hungry, lonely, homeless, wandering people, but to break down for them through our service of them, the strong light of God's love so that they, too, can learn to bear the beams of God's love." (McCullen, Deep Down Things, p. 368-9)



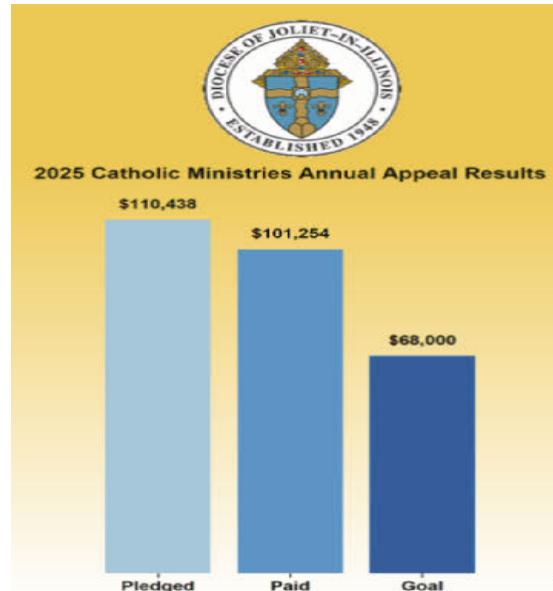
Business Corner

by Rosy Jacob, Business Manager

Sunday Giving	
Period	Amount
August	
17-Aug	\$13,467.50
Assumption Day Collection	\$2,539.00



2025	
Parish Goal	\$68,000
Amount Pledged	\$110,438
Amount Paid	\$101,254
Balance Due	\$9,184
Donors	290
2025 Rebate	\$23,278



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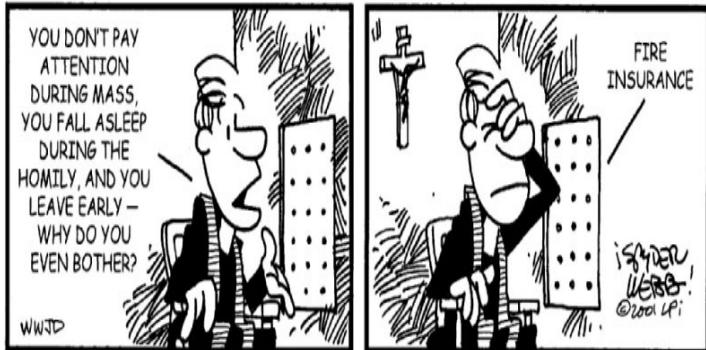
Heart of Christ fund envelopes (mark - St. Vincent dePaul Society)

Monthly meetings: General meetings, 4th Thursday of the month, 6:30 in Holy Family Hall

Friends of the Poor WALK meetings – next meeting Aug. 25 at 6:30 in Holy Family Hall

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