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We, the Holy Trinity Parish Community, seek to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ by sharing our faith through committed efforts to know, love and serve God. -Mission Statement



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

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Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office for an appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Call the Parish Office at least six months prior to possible wedding date

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 p.m.

Holy Communion is distributed at the Church Doors with social distancing after the Sunday, 10:00 Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday Noon

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m. in the Reidy Social Hall or by appointment

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Prayer and Worship

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace and blessings to you! I pray you and your families are all doing very well.

The year 2020 has been rightly called *the year of Coronavirus – annus horribilis – a year of the mask – now etched in the hearts and minds of all. For many, the year 2020 is a year of great loss, of insurmountable pain and devastation, and for some, a year of gentle awakening.*

It would seem that 2020 tested our patience and faith in God – a year when parents mourned the loss of a child, families were decimated by this invisible enemy, a loved one dying alone due to Covid-19 restrictions, and many losing their jobs or businesses faltering.

This year also saw the great divide in our country due to increased polarization, and divide within families, as well as devastating loneliness. 2020 tested our sanity so much that, at times, we questioned our mental health.

Most of us will agree that “we have just about had it with 2020”. As we bid farewell to 2020, let us resolve to apply the lessons learned to shape our lives moving forward:

- To rely more on God and do everything possible to stay close to him.
- To invest in your faith and be fervent in putting it into action.
- To renew your commitment with Christ in the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- To spend 10 minutes a day in prayer or meditating on the Word of God.
- To spend time with your family.
- To seek to serve the needs of poor and the less privileged.
- To give thanks to God always for the blessings he has so generously bestowed upon you.
- To seek to live in peace with yourself and others.
- To speak kindly of your brothers and sisters and whatever you do ask yourself if it is befitting of a Catholic and a true disciple of Jesus Christ.
- To remember that you are blessed.

May the Lord God bless this New Year – restoring us all to goodness and love – may Our Lady Queen of Peace intercede for us all.

Happy New Year and have a blessed 2021!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Patrick Ike



MASS INTENTIONS & Feast Days

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
9:00 am Holy Trinity Parish
5:00pm Holy Trinity Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Epiphany of the Lord
8:30am Basecke Family
10:00am Holy Trinity Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Noon † Mary Catherine Reed
5:30pm No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

Saint John Neumann, Bishop
Noon Bob Vienhage
5:30pm No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Saint André Bessette, Religious
Noon † Rick, Pat, & Doug Higham
5:30pm Holy Trinity Parish

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

Saint Raymond of Peñafort Priest
Noon † Gerri Spalding
5:30 No Mass

FRIDAY, January 7

Christmas Weekday
Noon † Stella Newman

SATURDAY, January 9

Christmas Weekday
9:00 am Holy Trinity Parish
5:00pm Holy Trinity Parish



Stewardship

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace." There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.



After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort – rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration. – Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Gerald Balzer, Gary Becker, Joyce Blades, Don Blazek, Mary Bonds, Pat Bramer, Jane Buono, Kay Charles, Carson & Kellen Clark, Paul Collins, Ron Cope, Sue Crayton, Troy Cronkhite, Farah Diel, Robert Dietsch, Michael Diekemper, Michael Donati, Shirley, Elwing, Norene Fields, Carol Floyd, Sandy Gabbert, John Garrett, Elizabeth Haggard, Steve Hoffmeier, Judy Hollan, Pearl Hollan, Savannah Hollan, Rita Holt, Joan House, Mary Hunt, Brett Jeffryes, Nancy Jeffryes, Aurora Jones, Richard Kirkey, Glenn Kristek, Erin Leigh, Quinn Lurvey, Mike Manzarado, Pat McDonald, Calvin McKenzie, Dr. Fran Melton, Cindy Meyer, Diana Mullen, Nick, Emily & Shepard, Willow Nielson, David Ponder, Tom Reichert, Irene Roth, Jim & Margaret Schatz, Dorothy Schweikert, Sandi Seid, James Vaughan, Val Vaughan, Rich Verheyen, Anne (Denner) Wayne, Lee Woods, Bill & Jane Kristek, Corine Larson, and Morgan Ellis.

Please call the Parish Office at 883-3440 if you are aware of a change that needs to be made to our prayer list.



OUR GIFT TO GOD

Week Ended December 26, 2020

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget Average</u>
Envelopes	8,639.00	12,562.00
Plate	201.00	1,812.82
Web Donations	1,722.50	4,437.18
Building Fund	277.50	2,981.89
Other Donations	.00	1,384.26
Total for Week	10,840.00	23,178.15

"The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior."

Gift of Praise to God



During this challenging time, the parish center has remained open and operational and with the beautiful facilities that we have, it continues to be expensive to maintain – we ask for your generous donation to help in the upkeep and ongoing repairs of the facility.

Please give careful consideration to your financial situation and consider making a contribution to the parish.

We ask that you kindly mail or drop it off at the parish office. Contributions can also be made online at our website or scan the QR code.

Your Gift of Praise to God enables our venerable parish in her work of making the gospel known and lived in Southwest Missouri and beyond.

Thank you all for the many generous ways you serve our beautiful parish with your time, talent and treasure. For all that you have given and will give, may the Lord bless and reward you kindly.



Parish & Community News



Nativity Display 2020



Have you have seen or heard about the beautiful Nativity displayed this year, outside our parish offices? Holy Trinity Parish is blessed to have this incredible work of art, provided by parishioner Randy Russell. Randy graciously completed a narrative to share with our parish below:

—The Nativity was originally made in 1997 as a Christmas gift for my wife, Sandy Russell, an early childhood Religious Education teacher for Holy Trinity for many years. After Sandy's passing, and my move to a small farmhouse, our family gave the Nativity to Holy Trinity.

The inspiration in building the Nativity was through images I saw, of a donor collection of eighteenth-century Neapolitan crèche figures displayed in the Medieval Hall at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The original figures are from the Baroque period in Naples, Italy, and created by leading artists of the period, A wonderful book that features this collection is "The Angel Tree: Celebrating Christmas at the Metropolitan Museum of Art".

My oldest grandson, Drew Russell, was preparing for Confirmation in 2020, and I wanted to restore the Nativity in his honor and return it to the Holy Trinity, in time for Confirmation. A very special thank you goes to Patricia Liermann, Elaine Powell, of the parish office, and Father Patrick and Father Andrew, for their kind assistance in helping me return the now newly restored gift to our wonderful church.

*With Gratitude,
Randy Russell*



Holy Trinity Parish Social Media

We are on Instagram and Twitter with the handle *htscatholic*. Our name on Facebook is still "Holy Trinity Catholic Church," but we can also be found by searching "htscatholic" on there as well!

Be sure to check us out on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter! You can find us @htscatholic or by searching Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Like, share, and tell your friends and family. We're excited to extend our engagement with the parish family and guests alike through various social media platforms. The change to @htscatholic includes our staff email addresses too. See the front cover of the bulletin for the email addresses.

Holy Trinity's App for Smartphones

If you have a smartphone and have not yet downloaded the Holy Trinity app, now is a great time to do this.

The Holy Trinity App has multiple features that may help you feel connected to our parish family during this pandemic. There are prayers, daily Mass readings, order of the Mass, access to the bible, and many other features!

Our parish office will use the app send you messages for special announcements, updates with the schedule, and many other important messages. With the app, you can read the bulletin, make weekly donations, and even register as a new member!



To download the app, visit www.parishsolutionsco.com/trinity, use the QR code here to download the app, or search in the iPhone or Android app store. If you don't have the app, you can also call the parish office at 883-3440 during office hours for information about events or for other information.



Parish Area Events & Activities

The future starts today, not tomorrow.

St. John Paul II



PERPETUAL ADORATION



at Holy Trinity will be suspended for Christmas and New Year's Celebrations starting Monday, December 21, 2020 and will resume Monday, January 4th, 2021

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." - Padre Pio

Please observe mask and social distancing.
Adoration Hours: Weekdays 1pm-5pm

Adorers Needed

Thursday 1pm-2pm & Friday 2pm-3pm

Join our substitute list to experience the peace of adoration.

Please call Nicola Mullins at 417-300-0840 to sign up for the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration.



Faith Formation



The second grade class will resume meeting, on Sunday, January 10th. RCIA will resume meeting starting January 6th.

Please contact Hannah

Lowrance if you would like to join the Holy Trinity FaceBook Families group or if you have any questions about Faith Formation. Email Hannah at: hlowrance@htscatholic.com

A Gift For our Parish An Online Resource for Catholic Families



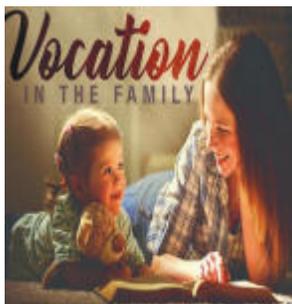
Father Patrick invites all parishioners to sign up for FORMED, a excellent Catholic resource complete with thousands of videos and talks to help families in learning more about the faith wherever they may find themselves. Please take a few minutes to sign up and also download the app for easy access. There is no cost to parishioners for FORMED. You can find the App on many streaming devices like Roku or Smart phones.

Following are the sign-up instructions:

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find Holy Trinity by parish name, address, or zip code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

Moms' Group

Holy Trinity Moms' Group will not meet in January. Please stay tuned for the next scheduled meeting. For more information about the Moms' group, contact Janelle Mueller at (812) 686-2207 or email at: janellemu@gmail.com.



Winter Weekday Mass Schedule

MONDAY-FRIDAY AT NOON
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30 pm



We welcome you to Schedule special intentions for this upcoming year.



You may call the office, and check availability for dates for special intentions and either place your offering in the mail or drop it off in the office. Please call the office with any questions you may have.



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Opportunities and applications are available on the Springfield Catholic Schools website at scspk12.org, select "About" and then "Employment opportunities"



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Do you know someone having financial troubles? Too much debt? Can't pay their bills? Please refer them to Consumer Credit Counseling of the Ozarks, now a subsidiary of Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri. Services are strictly confidential. They will help you organize your debt, create a plan, and pay it down. Services are available throughout the diocese by in-person or phone counseling. Call (417) 889-7474 (Springfield); (417) 624-3790 (Joplin); or toll-free (800) 882-0808.



Prayer for a Blessing on the New Year



O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

Please remember Holy Trinity Parish in your will!

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We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place in collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

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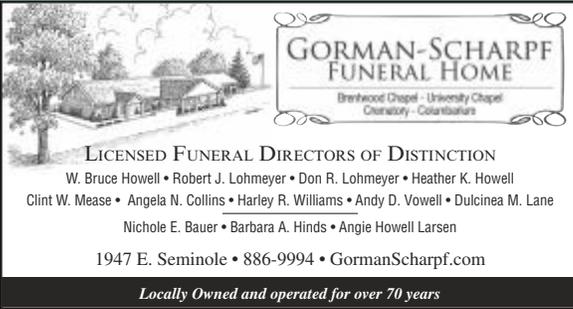
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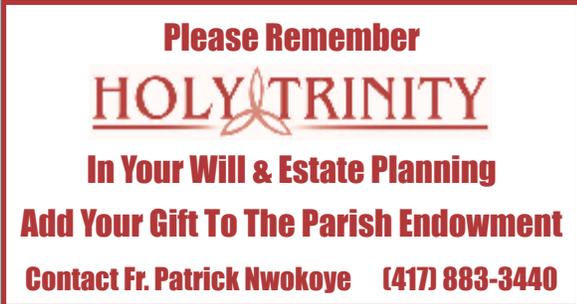
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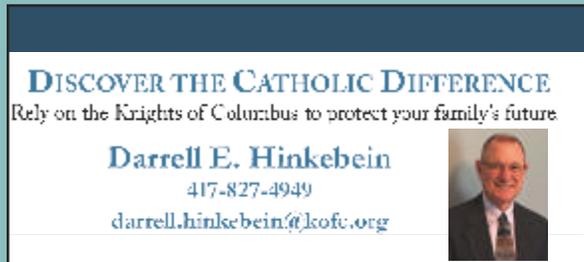
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