

Most Holy Trinity Parish

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday
9:00am - 12 noon

Monday and Thursday
9:00am - 4:00pm



Administrator: Rev. Sean Carpenter

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Permanent Deacons: Alan Baranski,
Jose Mendoza, and Ron Verkon

In Residence: Msgr. John Bergamo

December 26, 2021



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am
Spanish Wednesday 7:00pm

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am
12:00pm - *Spanish*

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:45pm
Other times available by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Parish Chapel in the Msgr. McHugh Center

Mission Statement

We, the Catholic community of Most Holy Trinity Parish, rich in diversity, strive to achieve the unity that is the essence of God and the heart of the Church. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to be faithful stewards of the apostolic tradition, to stir into flame the gifts of God the Father, and to evangelize through our action as witnesses to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Parishioners of the Parish

In the Roman Catholic Church of the United States of America, a member is considered “active” when “one is registered and actively participates in the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish through the generous, sacrificial and proportionate sharing of his/her God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure.”

As a Catholic and registered parishioner of the parish, I am expected to:

- ◆ Regularly attend and participate in Sunday Mass – preferably as a family
- ◆ Regularly participate in the sacramental life of the Church
- ◆ Develop and practice an ongoing personal/family prayer life
- ◆ Witness to the teachings of the Church by my manner of living life
- ◆ Seek to understand and practice what it means to be and live as an active and committed Christian steward in service to the parish and the Church
- ◆ Commit annually to a generous, sacrificial and proportionate commitment of my time, talent and treasure in service to the mission of the parish and the universal Church without counting the cost or any expectation of something in return
- ◆ Recognize, understand, and accept my need to regularly give and share rather than giving and sharing only when there happens to be a need
- ◆ Acknowledge, as a registered parishioner, that I am to participate in the mission of the parish rather than being only a spectator.
- ◆ Realize the necessary and ongoing importance of love, generosity, faith and family.

Let us remember, it is only through God’s love that we receive the gift of life. In the course of our lives, we are the recipients of God’s grace and giftedness. Through our Baptism, we are called to serve as God’s disciples, sharing - *in gratitude* - His gifts and grace in loving service of God and neighbor.



Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour

*Mondays
6:00pm to 7:00pm
Parish Chapel in
the Msgr. McHugh
Center*

*Mass Intention Book for the
new Liturgical year is in.
Many dates are now available.*

MHT Parish Mass Intentions

12/27	8:00am	Novena	
12/28	8:00am	Novena	
12/29	8:00am	Novena	
	7:00pm	Novena	
12/30	8:00am	For the People	
12/31	8:00am	For the People	
1/1	4:00pm	For the People	
1/2	8:00am	Jeri Gronski	Joe Gronski
	10:30am	Joan Bader	James Doran & Family
	12:00pm	For the People	

Hello & Welcome!



*His Excellency,
Bishop Joseph C. Bambera,
announces the following
appointment:*

*Reverend Brian J. W. Clarke
to Pastor, Most Holy Trinity
Parish, Cresco,
effective January 3, 2022.*

Blessed Mother Statue

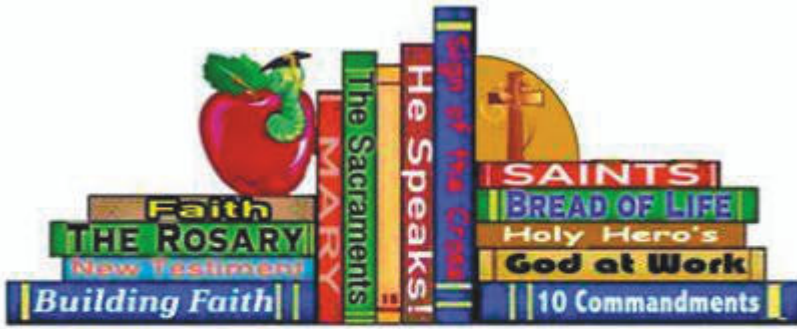
The Pilgrim Statue of the Virgin Mary of Fatima is again available for placement in your home for private prayer.



The Ladies Guild is leading the Rosary twice a week, both Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30am (new time). Please join us as all are welcome in the new Chapel at the Monsignor McHugh Center. If you cannot be present, join us in spirit at home.

To make arrangements to have her in your home, please contact Julie Conroy at 570-994-8279.

Religious Education

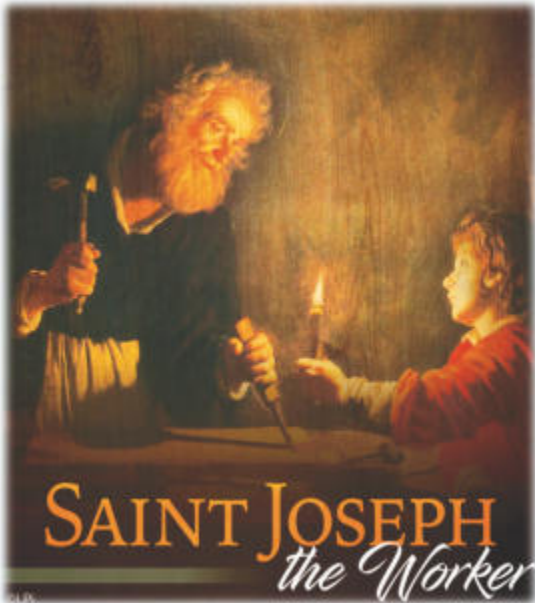


Due to the Christmas Holidays, there are no classes on December 26th and January 2nd. Classes for Grades K thru Grade 8 will resume on January 9th.

Religious Education

The next class for Confirmation students will be Saturday, February 5th.

Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker



Ever blessed and glorious Saint Joseph,
kind and loving father,
and helpful friend of all,
who labored to provide for the needs
of Jesus and Mary,
hear us in our need.

Obtain for us the grace of
generous hearts, open minds,
greater unity, and renewed vision,
as we seek to build a house
for celebration and worship.

May it be a home where all are
welcomed, nourished, and empowered
to be Christ for others. Amen.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."
(1 Sm 1:27-28)



PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)



SECOND READING

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)



GOSPEL

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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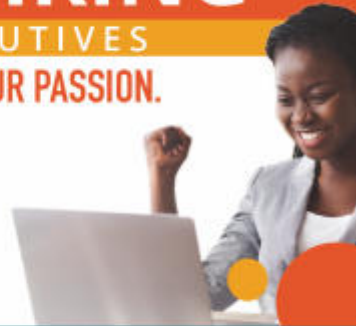
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