



Holy Trinity Happenings



Dear Parishioners,

Amid the pandemic, God has done extraordinary and beautiful things in the life of our parishioners and in our parish in the last 20 months.

On Saturday, 18 September 2021, Holy Trinity Parish celebrated something historic and momentous in the life of our parish as well as something that profoundly changed the life of three of our parishioners and families.

That morning at 10:00am Bishop Daniel Thomas presided over the Permanent Diaconate Ordinations of 24 Catholic men from across the 18 counties of our diocese and over 10% of them came from Holy Trinity Parish. We would be hard pressed to find in the history of the Diocese of Toledo where three men would be ordained from the same parish on the same day with the same class. Holy Trinity Parish made history that day with the ordination of Deacon Richard Sasala, Deacon James Savage and Deacon David Krempec.

As much as Holy Trinity Parish would have loved to have all three men assigned by the Bishop to serve our parish, these men were ordained to serve the larger church of the Diocese of Toledo. Deacon Rick is assigned to St. Joseph, Sylvania, Deacon David is assigned to St. Patrick's Grand Rapids/St. Louis Custer and Deacon James is assigned to Holy Trinity.

Congratulations to each of these men and their families. In joyful service,

Fr. Mike, Pastor

Parish Mission Statement: We are a Catholic Community, united in God's love and nourished by the sacraments. Grateful for our rich heritage of faith, we are on a lifelong journey of spiritual growth. We seek to imitate Christ by sharing the gospel message and serving those in need.



Ron Pawlicki

School Principal

Dear Holy Trinity Parishioners,

A new school year has come upon us and there have been many changes at Holy Trinity this year. I am blessed and excited to start this year as your principal. This is my 8th year at Holy Trinity and 11th year in Catholic education. In addition, beyond my undergraduate degree I have a Catholic education through graduate school. There is no match for a Catholic education with its holistic approach of educating the mind, body, and spirit of our children. Most importantly, we get to celebrate and grow in our faith and love for Jesus.

We have had a great start to the year with an outdoor movie night the weekend before school started. Students were welcomed back with a balloon arch and music which was provided by HTPO. Drama club is underway with their adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz," HTPO has had a successful MUMkin fundraiser, and our eighth graders had a faith filled retreat for Confirmation at Camp Damascus.

Looking to the near future, we have a fundraiser for class trips in conjunction with the Franciscan Sisters at Lourdes, field trips, our Saint Family groups, Christmas Program, and much more. Our school is a very unique and special place as we work on our mission to form saints and scholars.

Thank you to all our Parishioners and Benefactors for all of your support and prayers. We are grateful for all you do for us and keep you in our prayers every day.

Holy Trinity Landscaping

Fr. Mike's reply to me was "you will be busier than when you were working." That was his reply in early January when I shared the news about my retirement. He was right! One of the projects I have worked on this year was to address the landscaping needs around the church and the new building addition. The work had to be done in phases and early on, we decided that it would be costly to have the planting done by a contractor. Since June of this year, I have had the pleasure and honor of leading a group of dedicated parishioners who answered the call to help. We worked weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. All I had to do was to send a group text and they showed up with their shovels, rakes, tools and even their loaders when needed. Thank you, my Landscaping Team, for your hard work. You rock!! I would be remiss if I didn't mention the names and I apologize in advance if I have missed anyone:

Mike Eisel, Julia and Ben Saunders, Matt Cromly, Nathan Davis, Pete, Charles, Lillian, Zachary and Isabella Cromly, Jim Vasko, Annette, Luke and Dominic Snyder, Dave Krempec, Suzanne and Chris Thoronton, Tim Clancy, Mike, Maria and Bryan Lumbrezer, Roger and Janet Ward, Theresa Simon, Keith Truckor.

Starting in October, Sylvia's Garden is back and will be cared for by the Altar Rosary Society. The garden is located between the rectory and the new addition. The church-bell flowerpots will be the focus as they will reflect the different seasons throughout the year. Thank you, Vicky Spenthoff, for taking the lead.

As Fr. Mike mentioned in one of his homilies, the building addition was no small feat. It began during a difficult time but with God's grace, our mission was accomplished. The landscaping, although it wasn't a very small task, it started with a vision and belief that it could be done. I am in awe of the dedication and vested responsibility exhibited by everyone. We are thankful for the support Fr. Mike and Sharon Hall has given to us. In the end, 16 tons of stone and 16 cubic yards of mulch were spread, 2,100 square feet of weed barrier fabric and 240 feet of edging were placed and 85 shrubs/trees planted. In all, 414 labor hours were invested in completing the task.

Peace,
Layth Istefan

Night of Worship (NOW)

Here at Holy Trinity, we always love coming together as a community to pray in adoration as one big family! This fall, we will continue to gather in that same matter every month. We will be keeping a similar format as before (Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship music, reconciliation, scripture, etc.) Night of Worship will still be the third Wednesday of every month. Night of Worship is a great way to introduce Christ to others by inviting friends to join you. Mark your calendars and come join us!



RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Let the journey begin... On Wednesday, October 13, 2021, Holy Trinity Parish will begin offering classes for young adults and adults to discover more about our Catholic faith and to consider receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Holy Communion and/or Confirmation at Easter 2022. This opportunity is referred to as Rite of the Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). These classes are designed for the following:

- Those never baptized
- Those who have been baptized into a Christian Church that is not Catholic. The Catholic Church recognizes that Christian baptism as valid and does not re-baptize but rather will prepare the person for the Sacraments of 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Those who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but who have not yet received 1st Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

Attending the classes does not commit one to receive the Sacraments at Easter, but the participants will be enriched with a great small community of folks and the power of learning new things about the Catholic faith.

For more information about partaking in this journey, contact Fr. Mike at frdandurand@htassumption.org or Deacon Denver Mousing at deacondjm@gmail.com or calling the Parish Office at 419.644.4014.

On-Line Giving

Have you considered using **Online Giving**? This is an easy and safe way to make regular gifts to the parish. You could set up a recurring donation for your Sunday tithe. This is especially helpful for those who are out of town on weekends, or may forget to bring their envelope to church! You can also do a one-time donation to several different parish funds, such as St. Vincent de Paul, the Capital Campaign, or make a School Donation. Aside from the ease of making payments, our Online Giving module is safe and secure. Registering for Online Giving is as simple as going to our parish website www.holytrinityswanton.com, and clicking on the "Online Giving" tab. You can then register your information and start making your financial contributions to the parish hassle free!

Does a Friend or Family Member No Longer Attend Holy Trinity?

If so, please ask them to call (419-644-4014) or send us an email (jbartos@htassumption.org) so we can update our records and save postage. *Thank You!*

Business Manager

by Sharon Hall

It has been a while since we've had a newsletter so there is lots to catch up on! I will start with our efforts for the Capital Campaign. Thank you to the many, many volunteers who donated their time and talent for our new addition, new parking lot, landscaping and cement work that has been completed. We have collected a total of \$1,646,485.05 (as of September 13, 2021). The total money that has gone towards the Church Addition is \$1,229,745.74 and the total amount that has gone towards the School Debt Reduction is \$416,747.32. We are so blessed that the new addition is completed and paid for! Not only that, in the very beginning stages of this process (back in 2017-2018) it was believed that the parking lot, landscaping and cement work would be "Phase II" and we'd have to do a completely separate campaign. However, because of the generosity of ALL of you, we have been able to complete and pay for all that has been done! The Capital Campaign was a three-year pledge commitment for those who chose to make payments. That pledge period is ending in October of 2021. Currently, we have 34 pledges outstanding for a total of \$61,593.00. It's amazing how much we've accomplished, and we still have over \$61,000.00 to come in. If you have not yet completed paying off your pledge, we ask that you do so at your earliest convenience. As stated, many times in the bulletin, if you're still paying on your pledge 75% of your payment goes into our Capital Campaign account, 25% goes to pay down the school debt (unless you specified that your pledge go to a specific account). If we receive funds that were not part of a pledge, or you've paid over and above your pledge, 100% of those funds go into the Capital Campaign account. The funds that are remaining in the Capital Campaign Account will go towards the items that we still need to complete (i.e., finish the landscaping on the north side of church, sidewalk area on Route 64) as well as save for future needs.

Speaking of the School Debt, as of September 1, 2021 the total due for our loan is \$456,228.66! In October of 2018, when we started the Capital Campaign, we owed \$1,108,462.40. In 3 years we have paid \$652,233.74 towards our School Debt. \$416,747.32 was paid directly to principal through the Capital Campaign. Praise be to God!

By the time you receive this newsletter we will be in the midst of our annual "Alive in Faith, Called to Discipleship" offertory increase campaign. If you have not had a chance to turn in your commitment card, we ask that you do so ASAP. This information helps us with our budgeting process. Even if you are not able to make a commitment to a weekly (or monthly) monetary donation or increase, we'd still like to have 100% participation. There is a space for you to list your prayer requests as well. Two times a week when we meet as a staff for Lectio Novena and for our staff meeting we pray for all of you, the needs that are listed in our prayer intention book in the new addition as well as the requests listed on the commitment cards.

I wish each of you many blessings and if I can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at 419-644-4014.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

by Deacon Denver Mossing

It is hard to believe that we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the year 2021. Christmas will be here before you know. The monthly food distribution continues helping those in need that struggle in putting food on the table.

The Advent giving tree will once again be going up the weekend before Thanksgiving. Last Christmas we received over 65 calls from families asking for a little extra help in purchasing gifts for their family. There were over 200 children that we were able to help have a little brighter Christmas.

This year, consider doing what you can to help the less fortunate have a brighter Christmas for their families. The best gift cards to purchase are Target, Walmart, Meijer and Kroger. If you prefer, a cash donation will be converted into gift cards.

Thank You for supporting your local St. Vincent de Paul.

Newly Registered

Ezekiel & Kaylene Kinkaid and sons Andrew & Alexander
 David & LeeAnn Meiring
 Ryan & Hannah Fritsch
 Roger & Elizabeth Norris and son, Thomas
 Lori Miller
 Grace Thatcher
 Patricia Yates
 Martin & Elizabeth Nichols
 Spencer & Molly Ehlers and children, Brendan, Emily & Michael
 Trent Mossing and daughter, Violet
 Bryan & Christina Balish and sons, Tyler & Austyn
 Nathan & Kandra Betz
 Kevin & Elizabeth Zeiler and children, Anna, Luke & Cara
 Clarence & Shannon Zeller and daughter McKenna
 Bradley & Jessica Birr and children, Grace, Ava & Amelia

Hall Rentals Trudy Turner

Just a friendly reminder that we have 3 very nice spaces for rent on the Holy Trinity Campus! One is our Community Center that is rented for larger events like wedding receptions. We also have two spaces available in the Parish Center. The first is the Holy Family Room, the second is the Heritage Room. Both spaces are great for gatherings such as wedding showers, baby showers, sacrament celebrations, birthday parties, etc. There are paper brochures available in the St. Joseph Commons area of the church or you may find the brochure on our website: www.holytrinityswanton.com. If you are interested in more information or would like to reserve a room please contact our Hall Rental Coordinator, Trudy Turner, at 419-704-2586.

Formed

Have you started using Formed? All you have to do is go to Formed.org, click sign up and then sign up as a parishioner, then type in Holy Trinity, Swanton. That's it! Let the fun begin, you will be amazed what is all on there, something for everyone!

Remembering..

Robert Huskins, 74, passed away on 1-10-21
 Carol Huntley, 84, passed away on 1-14-21
 Thomas Basich Jr, 65, passed away on 2-9-21
 Mary Ann Pinkelman, 92, passed away on 3-4-21
 Jerry Witt, 76, passed away on 3-23-21
 Brian Gray, 61, passed away on 4-8-21
 Ihla Wittscheck, 92, passed away on 4-25-21
 Ruth Bettinger, 94, passed away on 6-19-21
 Jean Simon, 91, passed away on 6-22-21
 Rita Fuller, 74, passed away on 8-9-21
 Robert Fenicle, 71, passed away on 8-14-21
 Mary J Langenderfer, 91, passed away on 9-4-21
 Marianna Kaczmarczyk, 90, passed away on 9-4-21
 John Fritsch, 91, passed away on 9-18-21

Newly Baptized

Emmett Marzec, son of Alexander & Lauren
 Mia Lumbrezer, daughter of Christopher & Christina
 Riley Dowling, daughter of Travis & Rachel
 Beckett & Lincoln Stasa, sons of Stephen & Kelly
 William Shehorn, son of Richard & Kelsie
 Stella Ehrsam, daughter of Michael & Laura
 Hayden Marolis, son of Daniel & Jessie
 Daniel Lumbrezer, son of Kevin & Christina
 Alexander & Andrew Kinkaid, sons of Ezekiel & Kaylee
 Henrik Herr, son of Joseph & Ella
 Ryleigh Grabarczyk, daughter of Denver & Veronica
 Elijah Avis, son of Adam & Katelin
 Noah Erickson, son of Walter & Elizabeth
 Eli Ronau, son of Andy & Liz
 Isabella Prentiss, daughter of Blake & Sarah

Newly Married

Ryan & Hannah Fritsch
 Martin & Elizabeth Nichols
 Nicholas & Stephanie Vasquez
 Nathan Betz & Kendra Boger



Sunday, October 17, 2021

Festival Chairperson(s):

Kelly & Paul Kanneman (419-351-9102)

FESTIVAL CALENDAR:

Below are the dates and times of various important preparatory festival events.
We count on a large number of volunteers to help with each.

Thursday, October 14 (8:30am): SALAD/VEGETABLES PREPARATION

Help clean and cut vegetables for the salad. Bring a vegetable peeler and you'll be done by noon. All volunteers welcome.

Thursday, October 14 (9:00am): DRESSING PREPARATION

Volunteers chop and measure vegetables and spices to get everything ready for the dressing-making day.

Saturday, October 16 (9:00 am—12:00pm): GAMES SET UP

Help set up the Children's games. The more people the better.

Saturday, October 16 (Morning 8 am to 12:00): MEAT PREPARATION

Prepare carrots, turkey and beef.

Saturday, October 16 (9:00am): DRESSING MAKING

Break bread and prepare dressing for baking.

Saturday, October 16 (9:00am): DINING ROOM SET UP

Set up tables and chairs for the Festival Dinner in the Community Center.

Sunday, October 17 (9:00am to 5:00pm): LARGER NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP THIS DAY

How can you help?

We need your help to make the festival a success. Here are a few items to choose from to enhance our festival:

Festival workers the day of the event, typical shifts 11-1; 1-3; and 3-5

Food preparation the week prior to the festival

Pie and dessert bakers

Sell your raffle tickets

Set up on Saturday (9:00am until noon) and take down on Sunday (at 5:00pm)

Donation of theme basket for basket raffle (\$25 or more)

Donation of gift cards (\$25 or more) for family raffle

Donation of items for silent auction

Country store donations – pies, desserts, crafts, produce, gently used items

Please contact Kelly Kanneman 419-351-9102...if you have any questions.



How to volunteer for the Festival

Go to Holy Trinity Website—holytrinityswanton.com and click on - **Volunteer for the 2021 Holy Trinity Fall Festival or call the Parish office at 419-644-4014.**

If we all chip in a little, we can make this year's festival grand!!

Festival information

Silent Auction

We will be having a silent auction and will close closer to the end of the festival. We will continue to provide bidders the opportunity to buy the silent auction items before the close of the festival. We accept new and gently used items for the auction. All items donated will be highlighted in the bulletin in October. To be fair to our donors and our parish, there will be a minimum bid on the items this year. Please contact Gwen Micham 419-345-9497 soon to allow them time to assemble a complete list of auction items.

Children's Games

Get ready to play the games at the festival! Games are only 25 cents to play. Games are located in the school hallway.

Country Store

If you would like to donate a craft item, canned goods or any other item for the Country Store please call Nancy Lee at 419-205-5054

Festival Basket Raffle

Looking for a fun way to help out with our Fall Festival? Please consider donating a theme basket (or even a theme-less basket - we're not picky!!). If you are interested, all you need to do is fill a basket or another container with items at a value of \$25 or more and make sure to get your basket to the church hall by 11:00am the day of the festival. Also, our school children will be collecting funds which will be used to purchase items to fill a basket from each grade. Parents, if you are able, please send in a few dollars with your children so they can participate in the fun. If you have any questions or if you plan to donate a filled basket, please contact Micki Mattimoe at 419-825-5848 Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

50/50 Raffle

Individuals will be around the dining area selling the tickets with a drawing to be held at least every 30 minutes.

Family Raffle Items Needed

We are looking for gift cards to restaurants, movies, grocery stores, putt-putt, or any family fun activity for the family raffle. All donations can be dropped off at the parish office. Please be sure to place in an envelope marked "Family Raffle" with your name for our donation records.

Parking for the Festival

The day of the festival, parking for handicapped individuals will be outside the main school entrance. For quick & easy take out, there will be parking by the community center entrance. If you are coming to work, please utilize the parking areas further out. We would like to make the parking upfront available for our festival goers.



OCTOBER 17, 2021
HOLY TRINITY
FALL FESTIVAL

11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dinners to include beef or turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, roll, and homemade dessert
Carry-out dinners - \$20.00
Adult dine-in dinners - \$10.00
Children (10 & under) dine-in dinners - \$5.00

Country Store
Kid's Games & Concessions
Silent Auction
Basket & 50/50 Raffles

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Knights of Columbus

Denver Mossing, Grand Knight

Our local Knights of Columbus council is a Family Friendly organization that is always looking for a few good men to join the order. Thanks to the Knights we hope to have completed working on the New Deck of the rectory soon (if not completed by the time you read this). This Christmas you will see a New Nativity set for the yard outside. We were inspired when Fr. Mike asked us to sponsor the Monthly Men’s Holy Hour, something that we hope to continue in some fashion in the future.

Saturday, September 18 was the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. The Knights of Columbus have long been supporters of the Right to Life, having purchased well over 1,000 ultrasound machines nationwide.

September’s Family of the Month is John & Cheryl Stasa. With their energy in working with the K of C we have a beautiful Monument for the Unborn in our cemetery. We would like to recognize John and Cheryl for their continued effort in protecting the unborn!

If you would like to get involved in the good work of the Knights of Columbus, or for more information about the Knights of Columbus in general, please contact Mike Damico at 419-290-8936.

Safe Environment

The Diocese of Toledo participates in an annual audit to determine if our safe environment program, policies, and practices are in compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. Bishop Thomas is happy to report that the Diocese of Toledo has been found to be in compliance with the articles of the *Charter*, based on the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and to contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or to write to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.