October 20, 2019

The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Schedule**

- Mon–Fri: 8:15am
- Wednesday: 2:15pm (school Mass)
- Saturday: 5:30pm
- Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:15am
- Holy Days: 8:15am, 7:00pm

**Reconciliation**

- Friday: 8:45-9:30am
- Saturday: 4:00-5:00pm

**Parish Office**

- 503.643.9528
- www.h-t.org
- Mon–Thur: 8:00-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:00-2:00pm

**School Office**

- 503.644.5748
- www.htsch.org
- Monday–Friday: 8:00-3:30pm

**Community Outreach Office**

- 503.641.1842
- www.h-t.org/outreach
- Tues, Wed, Fri: 10:00-12:30pm
GREETINGS FROM FR. DAVE

Onward in our Fall Homily Series, “Why We Should Stay”. This week, I will be sharing five good reasons to continue to go to Mass, no matter what. See summary below. And I remind you that Grow Group provides follow up on each week’s topic with opportunity for interaction and discussion (Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm in Fireside). I am leading a similar session on Monday, October 21st beginning at 9:00am in Fireside.

I invite you take a look at our Annual report in the center of this bulletin. It is all of you that make Holy Trinity the vibrant, highly-engaged parish that we are. Well done! I feel very blessed to be your pastor.

Five Reasons to go to Mass Every Week

1. **Give thanks.** We are each blessed in many ways, and to acknowledge God as the ultimate giver of all we have is necessary and appropriate.

2. **Keep focus on what matters most.** Reminds us that God is center of all life — not me personally. It is so easy to fall into all kinds of selfishness. Being at Mass is all about God and putting him first in our lives.

3. **God says we should!** We are called to keep holy the sabbath as a way of honoring God. Human life requires care of body, mind, and spirit. We cannot thrive if we are not in a personal and growing relationship with Jesus.

4. **Mutual support.** We gather as a community, because mature faith is not just a private matter. We need the support of others, and they need us.

5. **Urgency of praying the Mass for the salvation of the world**, as spiritual warfare against the powers of Evil.

Blessings to Arabella Boli, Benjamin Caviness, Madeline Donovan, and Isaac Ocampo, who were baptized this weekend!

Funeral services were held last week for Curtis Bassett and Karen-Ann Simpson. Also, we received word that Fr. John Wironen CSC passed away in the morning of October 16th, at the Holy Cross Retirement Community at Notre Dame. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

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Envelopes are available in the narthex for the World Mission Sunday collection. Our chief missionary, Pope Francis, reminds us that **we are baptized and sent** on mission in the world, and that **mission is at the heart of Christian faith**! This collection is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of over one thousand young mission dioceses, and to support its priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities of our brothers and sisters.


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**Holy Father’s Intention for October**

A Missionary “Spring” in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary spring in the Church.

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**Parish Finances**

For the Weekend of October 12-13

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**This Week at Holy Trinity**

**Sunday, October 20th**

HTYM off-site event today *(no usual gathering)*

+ 9:15-12:30pm, Kinder & 1st gr. Rooms — Kid Zone
+ 10:45-12:00pm — Religious Ed. *(K-2 gather in specified classrooms; 3-5 gather in Youth Ministry Room)*

**Monday, October 21st**

+ 9:00-10:00am, Fireside — “Why We Should Stay” forum with Fr. Dave
+ 3:15-4:30pm, Fireside — Drama Club
+ 3:30-8:00pm, Gym — CYO Volleyball practice
+ 5:30-7:00pm, Field — CYO Flag Football practice
+ 7:00-8:30pm, Fireside — “Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home” — A Parish Discussion

**Tuesday, October 22nd**

+ 10:30-12:30pm, Parking Lot — St. Vincent’s Mobile Kitchen
+ 3:30-8:00pm, Gym — CYO Volleyball practice
+ 4:30-5:45pm, Fireside — CYO Cheer practice
+ 5:30-7:00pm, Field — CYO Flag Football practice
+ 6:30-8:00pm, Fireside — RCIA

**Wednesday, October 23rd**

+ 7:00-8:00am, Fireside — Christians in Commerce
+ 9:00-10:30am, Fireside — Wednesday Bible Study
+ 12:00pm, Fireside — Senior Luncheon

**Thursday, October 24th**

School out at Noon due to Conferences

+ 9:30-11:30am, Parish Office — Panache

**Friday, October 25th**

No School — Conferences

+ 9:00-10:15am, Youth Ministry Room — Morning Small Faith Group (Mallari)
+ 6:30-7:45pm, Fireside — Evening Small Faith Group (Mallari)

**Saturday, October 26th**

+ 9:00-2:00pm, Gym — CYO Volleyball games
+ 4:15-5:15pm, Fireside — Centering Prayer group
+ 6:30-8:00pm, Fireside — “Dinner for Six” Potluck & Game Night
Greetings!

Our fiscal year ended on June 30, 2019, so we would like to share an overview of what took place in our parish and how your financial contributions were carefully managed.

From July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, we had 350 new families register in our parish bringing us to 2,906 families. Of those, we had an average of 2,980 people attending Mass each weekend. We also had over 80 people attend morning Mass daily in the chapel.

Here’s a breakdown of what took place in our parish that year:

**Staff**
We had eight full-time and six part-time staff members who were responsible for liturgy, faith formation, music, community outreach, youth ministry, sacramental coordination and preparation, facility management and maintenance, and business operations and financial management. In addition to Fr. Hans becoming our parochial vicar, Ally Zimmer came to us from Notre Dame as an Echo Apprentice. The Echo program allows us to help form new lay ministers as to the realities of pastoral ministry and what makes for a vibrant and successful parish. It also allows us to learn from the experience of a student deeply committed to the Church and currently in the midst of theological studies.

**Sacraments and Faith Formation**
Eighteen people participated in the RCIA program, 108 students in religious education, and 79 people in the 23-session Grow series. We had 108 baptisms, 97 people received First Holy Communion, 82 were confirmed, 23 couples were married, and there were 35 funerals. Youth Ministry had over 60 young people participate over the course of 38 gatherings and we had 86 children participate in Kid Zone. In addition, there were over 150 visits to three care centers and over 1,500 visits to those who were homebound.

**Outreach**
We served 22,905 people from the Food Closet, delivered 3,245 backpacks of food to area schools for families in need, served 3,829 meals through St. Vincent de Paul’s mobile kitchen, provided food for Thanksgiving for 1,435 people, distributed 361 gifts for Christmas, and served 75 patients with the dental van. We assisted 176 people with fuel and gas cards and we provided $72,995 in utility bills, rent, and a variety of other aid from funds specifically donated to the Food Closet and Outreach.

**Parish Gatherings**
There were three major events — the International Festival, Epiphany Party, and the Parish Picnic, attended by over 1,800 people. In addition, over the course of 46 Sundays, 25,322 doughnuts, 5,520 eggs, 4,416 bagels, and 1,087 gallons of coffee and juice were consumed at the hospitality gatherings after Masses!

**Property**
We received tax exempt status on the parochial vicar house resulting in a cost avoidance of over $3,400 this last year.

Conversations began with Washington County regarding the expansion of Walker Road and the future impact to our property. We engaged an attorney and an architect to assist us in an anticipated negotiation concerning property value, which will commence in the 2019-20 fiscal year.

**Income, Expenses, and Savings**
Our parish budget was $1,452,000 in income which includes offertory and additional gifts. We exceeded our goal by $334,593, which will go toward future capital expenditures. We planned for $1,452,000 in expenses but our actuals were 4% less at $1,394,856. This was primarily due to lower maintenance and utility costs than anticipated.
From the offertory donations, we have on average 541 families who donate with envelopes, 232 who send us checks directly from their bank, and another 228 who make their contributions with credit cards. On average we receive $3,142 in loose cash in the collection baskets weekly.

We donated to key organizations and ministries with which we work. The amount we gave this past year was $105,500, which included:

- Seminarian Fund — $50,000
- Mt. Angel Seminary Foundation — $5,000
- CYO/Camp Howard — $25,500
- Our Lady of Peace — $10,000
- Women’s Life Center — $15,000

The following chart shows our expenses by category:

- **Personnel** – Wages, benefits, taxes
- **Assessments/Donations** – Archdiocese assessment of offertory and donations to closely related not-for-profit organizations
- **Liturical/Ministries** – Children and adult faith formation, RCIA, youth ministry, operating subsidy to the school
- **Facilities/Administration** – Standard maintenance, repairs, insurance, and supplies
- **Utilities** – Electrical, water and sewer, natural gas, heating oil, garbage, security

To ensure we maintain a financially stable parish, we have $1.7M in the Parish Funds Trust, which is carefully managed by the Archdiocese.

**School**

Because Holy Trinity Catholic School is one of our key ministries and most of our 308 students and their parents were members of our parish, we contributed $252,424 as a required and capped subsidy by the Archdiocese. This amount equates to about $5,000 from our offertory collection each week.

**Archdiocese Relationship**

As a parish in the Archdiocese of Portland, we receive services from them such as HR assistance, investment management, real estate expertise and consulting, and education for seminarians including James Ladd, Justin Echevarria, and Dustin Busse. In return, we are assessed 8% of the previous year’s offertory.

**Summary**

It’s important to recognize that our parish thrives because of the many parishioners who generously contribute their time and talent in addition to their financial donations. We have over 650 people volunteering in our three councils and 25 ministries and groups. The volunteerism is impressive, critical, and impactful!

Thanks to each of you who are committed to our Catholic faith, parish, and community. You made, and continue to make, a significant difference for all of us. We are grateful for all you do!

May God bless you and your families.

Fr. Dave Gutmann, Pastor
Ingrid Lowery, Business Manager
Bring a dish to share and join us for our next luncheon this Wednesday, October 23rd at 12:00pm in Fireside. We look forward to seeing you then!

Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, Religious Ed. is going strong! There is limited space in a few classes. To inquire about late registration, please contact Christ Storm.

Mark your calendars: Our Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2020, at 10:00am with Archbishop Sample.

“Some medical and legal documents used to define a patient’s future care can be harmful. No matter how well-crafted, they can’t predict all the possible scenarios and best courses of action. In each set of circumstances, we need to judge whether a given treatment will provide real benefit to the patient, without causing harm or disproportionate burdens.”

—USCCB Respect Life Program (read the full article at: respectlife.org/advance-directives)

Don’t forget: our collection barrel is still in the narthex for diapers (suggested sizes 5 and 6), Pull-Ups, and wipes!

Mark your calendars! Seniors and interested family members are invited to attend a free seminar on Medicare Advantage & Medi-Gap Insurance Plans, led by certified State Health Insurance Benefits Advisor (SHIBA) and Medicare counselor Mary Richardson. Join us on Sunday, November 10th at 12:30pm in Fireside!
I am convinced that one of the hardest things that a person has to do is to acknowledge that they need help and then go ask for it. Fr. Dave, Fr. Hans, and Deacon Brett do a great job of showing ways to do that with our Heavenly Father, but one human to another is different.

I see it on the faces of moms and dads who walk through the door of the Food Closet for the first time. They are scared, nervous, and almost always tell me they are embarrassed and know there are people who need help more than they do. They feel guilty, as though they are taking something from someone else. Thanks to your incredible generosity toward this Ministry, I can confidently tell them that it is not an “either or” case: either you get it or they get it. Rather, I can tell them we have plenty for all who come.

A couple of weeks ago after our amazing volunteers had gone home for the day, there was a knock at the door of the Food Closet. There stood a young lady in her mid-30’s asking if we were open. I told her we had closed for the day, but asked how we could help.

She told me she was a single mom with two kids and that her mom lived with her. She worked, but hours had been cut and she was falling behind on a few things. She admitted mom had been encouraging her for weeks to come here to get some food, as they now had little to eat.

I told her I would be happy to serve her when she told me that, “Mom is out in the car and since she does most of the cooking, could she shop?” No problem! What made it interesting is that mom spoke very limited English and I only speak “un poquito” (very little) Spanish. It was an adventure while the daughter worked with Care to Share on the administrative side of what we do. Mom and I got along great as we shopped for the various foods that the kids would eat, I practicing my Spanish and she trying so hard not to laugh at my poor attempt.

As we were loading the car with the food she had selected, both mom and daughter provided me with words of thanks and hugs that needed no translation. They simply reminded me of why we are here.