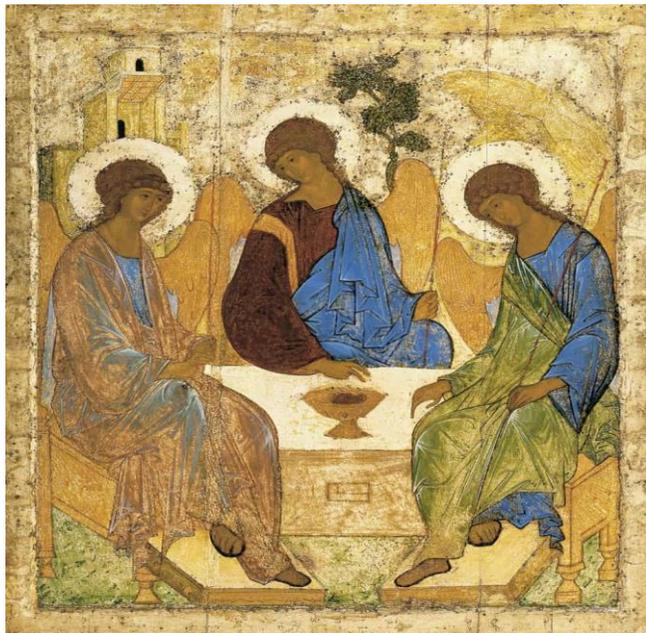


HOLY TRINITY

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Spanish Mass: 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday Mass: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Pastor

..... Father James P. Harvey

Priest in Residence

..... Father Andres Cano

Deacons

..... Deacon David Oatney

..... Deacon Matthew Pidgeon

..... Deacon Jim Prosak

..... Deacon Jack Raymond

Director of Business & Finance

..... Jennifer LaMonte

Office Assistant

..... Andrea Jarnagin

Director of Music

..... Ashney Patoka

Director of Religious Education

..... Cindy Giardiello

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

Prayers for the Week

- Father, wherever You lead me, I will be at rest, for You are my eternal home.
- Jesus, I accept You as Lord of my life and my job.
- Father, I need a life-changing encounter with Your Son, Jesus. Dispose my heart to seek Him constantly.
- Father, give me a freedom, fearlessness, and boldness I've never had before.
- Lord, "I do believe! Help my lack of trust!"
- Father, cleanse my heart of all hatred and change me into a person of unconditional love and forgiveness.

Welcome to Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Whether you are just visiting or are new to Jefferson City, we welcome you to Holy Trinity Catholic Church! People often attend Mass at a parish for months or even years without officially registering. Parish registration simplifies the process for the planning and preparation of baptisms, weddings, funerals, and for serving as sponsor or godparent for a sacramental candidate. Parish registration can be easily accomplished by contacting the parish office. (We also need your help in keeping our records current. Whenever there is a move, birth, death, or marriage in your family, please notify the parish office.)

Confessions:

- Saturday afternoons 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
- Heard upon request with appointment.

FORMED:

holytrinitytn.formed.org

Parish Code: BFRHHH

CCD Class Times (In Trinity Hall):

- Pre-School thru 6th: 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday
- Grades 7th thru 12th: 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. Wednesday

Meetings:

- CCW: 2nd Monday March-May and Sept-Dec at 7pm
- Knights of Columbus: 4th Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- Bible Study: Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
- AA meetings Sundays in Trinity Hall at 6:00pm

Readings for the Week of September 19, 2021

Sun: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Mon: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3] / Lk 8:16-18

Tues: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wed: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thurs: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Lk 9:7-9

Fri: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/ Lk 9:43b-45

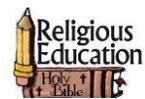


It's East TN Catholic (ETC) Month September is the month that we collect your donation to ETC. All monies that our parishioners donate towards the cost of ETC will help offset the \$9,791 we are paying the diocese this year. Even if you don't use envelopes, it is extremely helpful if you donate to the cost of the ETC. Just mark ETC on your check of \$15, or place cash in an envelope marked ETC, making sure to write your name on it. Thank you for your contribution towards this expense.



HELP BUILD A HOUSE - Our church can make a dramatic difference in a poor family's life. Through your sacrificial giving, a desperately poor family can receive the gift of a solid & secure home. By working with Food for the Poor, our donation of \$4,900 & a matching gift can make this happen. An anonymous parishioner has offered to be the matching gift for Holy Trinity to build a home! There is a collection container in the Narthex. Thank you for your generous help.

Catechetical Sunday is September 19th - As



parents, you are the primary teachers of passing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel to your children. Fortunately the church provides us helpers in the form of Catechists to assist as religious education teachers. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves, thank and pray for our teachers. We ask each of our parishioners to pray throughout the year for these special catechists, which include: DRE-Cindy Giardiello, Karen Booker, Karin Collins, Matt Giardiello, Andy Ladner, Cheryl Ladner, Deacon Matt Pidgeon, Chris & Michele Weatherbie, Jenny Withem, Wednesday Evening Assistant-Jamie Roberts, and RCIA-Deacon Jim Prosak, Deacon Jack Raymond and Tom & Jessica Richards.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner Charles "Fred" Bitner who passed away on Friday, September 10, 2021 at the age of 81. He was born on July 30, 1940 in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania to Frederick and Marie Bitner. Fred married Billie Young in 1970 and they were blessed to have 51 years together. They were blessed with 3 children, Rose, W. Carmen, and Toni, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Fred attended George Washington University and Pennsylvania State University. His career spanned from working for the FBI for 3 years to plant manager then vice-president of manufacturing for Bobbie Brooks. Fred and Billie moved to Tennessee when he retired to be near their children and grandchildren. Fred enjoyed high school and college sports and collecting recipes. Please keep Billie, their children and all the family and friends in your prayers during this most difficult time. Fred will be dearly missed.

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - The View from the Back of the Line.

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining. We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it. That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much. We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always. It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially. If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place. Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

Weekly Mass Schedule & Intentions

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| Saturday Sept. 18 th | Mass at 5:00pm For Ken & Karen Booker by Jim & Peggy Ray |
| Saturday Sept. 18 th | Mass at 7:00pm For Parishioners by Fr. Cano |
| Sunday Sept. 19 th | Mass at 10:30am For Kathleen Austin+ by parishioners |
| Tuesday Sept. 21 st | Adoration 5:30pm to 6:15pm |
| Tuesday Sept. 21 st | Communion Service at 6:30pm |
| Wednesday Sept. 22 nd | Mass at 9:00am For Pat Duda+ by Betty Jo Lavelle |
| Thursday Sept. 23 rd | Mass at 9:00am For Donna Nicole by parishioners |
| Friday Sept. 24 th | Mass at 9:00am For Anthony Goins+ by Betty Jo Lavelle |
| Saturday Sept. 25 th | Mass at 5:00pm For Angie Prosak+ by Deacon Jim, Cheryl & Chloe Prosak |
| Saturday Sept. 25 th | Mass at 7:00pm For Parishioners by Fr. Cano |
| Sunday Sept. 26 th | Mass at 10:30am For Joe Lavelle+ by Betty Jo Lavelle Bill Croucher by Gordon & Kathy Marshall |

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| Saturday September 25th 5:00pm | |
| Deacon | David Oatney |
| Lector | Cheryl Ladner |
| Servers | Jazdin Weatherbie |

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| Sunday, September 26th 10:30am | |
| Deacon | Jack Raymond |
| Lector | Karin Collins |
| Servers | Grant Arnold |

Holy Trinity Parish Stewardship

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| Attendance for | 5pm | 7pm | 10:30am |
| 09/12/2021 | 77 | 40 | 138 |

Envelope and Offertory Collections

| | <u>Weekly</u> | | <u>Month-to-Date w/Vanco</u> |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Collection: | \$ 3,558 | Collection: | \$ 10,603 |
| Fixed Expense: | \$ 6,282 | Fixed Expense: | \$ 12,564 |
| Difference: | \$ (2,724) | Difference: | \$ (1,943) |

ADORATION is every Tuesday evening from **5:30pm to 6:15pm.**



Knights of Columbus general meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 28th** following the 6:30pm Mass.

Gospel Meditation: Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture

- There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life. Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire? If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy. ©LPI

Thank You

Marlene Holt would like to thank everyone for all the prayers for her during the past 14 months. These have helped on her road to recovery.

Practicing Faith - Communion Fasting

Question: Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

Answer: The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the Eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI. The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3). So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist. ©LPI



LOC Walk for Life 2021 will take place Saturday, October 23rd at 9am at Wayne Hansard Park in Morristown.

Whether you participate or sponsor someone, you are providing funds for the ministry of Life Outreach Center to help hundreds of clients from our community! LOC provides alternatives to abortion, counseling and free educational classes about their pregnancy and newborn. They work with their clients until their baby is 2 years old, to help equip them to become better parents. If you would like to know more, contact Barb Rogers at 865-397-9375.



National 40 Days for Life starts Wednesday, September 22nd and runs thru Sunday, October 31st. Please set

aside a few minutes each day to pray for an end to abortion and for an end on all assaults against life. Holy Trinity will be joining other Pro-Lifers from around the area in peaceful prayer vigils at the Cherry St. location of Planned Parenthood in Knoxville, TN every Friday from 10am – 12 noon. We would like to invite you to join us whether you have 30 minutes or 2 hours. If you aren't able to join us you can pray at home.



First Friday Fellowship will be movie night on October 1st at 7pm in the Parish Life Center, hosted by Greg & Polly Freund. The movie being shown is Flyboys(2006). Before the United States enters World War I, some American youths volunteer for the French military. Subsequently, they become the first U.S. fighter pilots and form a squadron known as the Lafayette Escadrille, whose exploits and heroism become the stuff of legend. Bring your own refreshments.

Practicing Faith - Communion Fasting

Question: Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?

Answer: How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come. The fast required by canon law before Holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume. ©LPI



Married Couples and Priests: "But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity." Fill your marriage with peace and love. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is **November 5th – 7th**. ***This will be in-person and space is limited.*** You can get more information or apply online at wwme.org or by calling **678-242-WWME**. Did you know WWME has a focused program for couples with a spouse in the military? If you have married military, we can help! Information can be found at <https://wwme.org/for-couples/for-your-military-marriage/>

