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BEACONS OF LIGHT *Introducing Families of Parishes*

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has taken another step forward in the restructuring of parish life with the establishment of sixty Families of Parishes. Each Family of Parishes is shepherded by one pastor and two or three parochial vicars to assist him. The Family of Parishes connected with Holy Trinity Church includes Emmanuel Church, St. Joseph Church, Precious Blood Church, St. Rita Church, and St. Paul Church.

Due to several personnel situations within the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, it was decided that our new Family of Parishes will not be joined under a single pastor until July 1, 2023. Fr. Angelo will remain pastor of the three downtown parishes and Fr. Tony Fortman is pastor of the three north-west parishes in our Family of Parishes.

During this year, Fr. Angelo and Fr. Tony will work together on Phase 1 of the planning process

designed by the Archdiocese. The primary focus of Phase 1 is to build relationships among the parishioners of our six parishes and among our staff members. We will assemble an inventory of the activities of each of the parishes, our sacramental life, outreach ministry, and stewardship opportunities, a snapshot of the life and culture of each parish. This will be used to guide our discernment in finding areas in which we can collaborate with one another to strengthen the voice of the Catholic Community in the Dayton area.

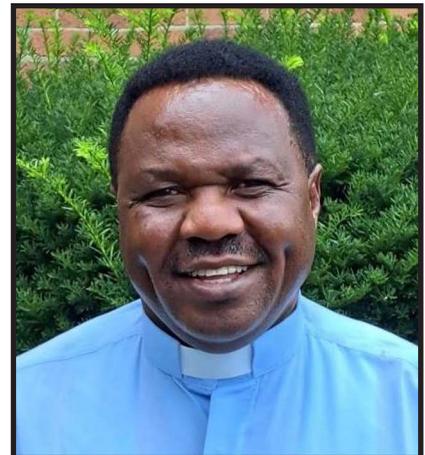
There are five phases to the Beacons of Light process with the completion date due to be accomplished by July of 2027. In the next five years we will walk this journey together and discover the many ways that the Holy Spirit is calling us to create vital and vibrant communities of faith within the Dayton Community.

WELCOME, FR. SERAPHINE LESIRIAM, C.P.P.S.

The newest addition to Holy Trinity Parish and our Family of Parishes is Fr. Seraphine Lesiriam, a member of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood from the Tanzanian Province. He was born on February 14, 1970, in Moshi, Kilimanjaro. His parents are Leonard Lesiriam (Living) and Regina Athanas (Deceased). He has two brothers living in Manyoni, Singida.

Fr. Seraphine entered the seminary of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1983 and was ordained July 30, 2002. He first served as a parochial vicar at St. Nicholas parish for two years and then became pastor for two years at Precious Blood parish. Then Fr. Seraphine was called upon to become the Administrator of St. Gaspar

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FORMATION & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

—RCIA—

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or do you know someone who is? RCIA is an opportunity to ask questions, build community, and discover the beauty of the Catholic faith. We learn, we have fellowship, and we pray as a community of seekers and disciples. Many participants go on to be baptized or to join in full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Others are already Catholic but hope to learn more about the faith. Join us as we join with others on this journey of faith.

RCIA meets each Sunday beginning September 11 at 12:30 P.M. upstairs in Trinity Center.†

—FIRE—

FAMILIES IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Is your family ready to catch on fire with the Holy Spirit? All family members—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and godparents—are invited to join us on the second and fourth Sundays of each month beginning September 11 as we explore the Catholic faith in a fun and informative way. As parents, you are the first teachers of your children and the example par excellence of what it means to be a disciple. We want to help you with that vocation by teaching you and your children. Each session begins with a light breakfast at 9:30 A.M. and ends at 11:00 A.M. in time for those families who would like to attend Mass.†

†For more information or to register, please contact Lynda Middleton (937-228-1223 or Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com).

—CLOW—

CHILDREN'S LITURGY of THE WORD

Children ages five through nine are welcome to join others at the 8:30 A.M. Mass for a time of prayer and instruction with Greg Schupbach. After the Opening Prayer, children are sent forth from Mass with a blessing and song to the parish office where they will listen to the Sunday scriptures proclaimed at an age-appropriate, understandable way. In addition, they will learn

the prayers and actions of the Mass so that they may more fully participate with the community. Children return to Mass in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist and Holy Communion with their families.

No registration is necessary. Simply have your child come forward during Mass when the priest invites them.

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Referral and Teaching Hospital in Itigi, Singida. His ministry involved such things as human resources, oversight of finances, and spokesperson for the hospital that is sponsored by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Father remained at the hospital for sixteen years and then was reassigned as parochial vicar at St. Francis Xavier parish in Dodoma.

Earlier this year, Fr. Seraphine was asked to consider a new assignment with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in the United States Province. He gladly accepted the invitation to begin this new

ministry with us and arrived in Dayton in July.

Fr. Seraphine enjoys reading all types of books, watching soccer, and visiting people. Reflecting on this assignment Father said, "Since this is a new ministry, new culture, and new people, I need to learn from all of you the way of doing things in this pastoral setting, while bringing my gifts and talents and culture to share with you."

Welcome, Fr. Seraphine. We are grateful that you have responded generously to God's call in your life.

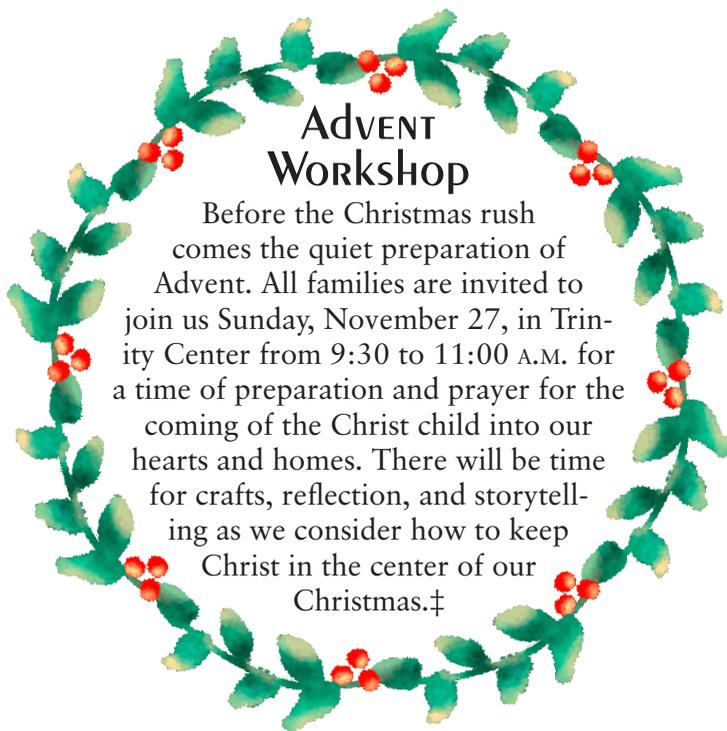
FORMATION & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

AFTER MASS Fellowship

Looking for friends in all the wrong places? Why not look for them at church? Come and gather with us at Ghostlight Coffee, 1201 Wayne Avenue, between the Masses on the third Sunday of each month. There is no agenda other than coffee, snacks, and sharing friendship and fun.

Our first meeting is Sunday, October 16. Everyone is invited. Coffee and snacks will be at your own expense. Hope to see you there. ‡



Gospel of MATTHEW

Do you need to enrich your Advent with something more than chocolate and fruit-cake? Then, check out our Advent Bible Study with Dennie Stieritz from St. Joseph parish who will guide us on the Gospel of Matthew. This may be the very thing you need to keep the Santa slump from happening to you. Join your friends and fellow disciples as we travel with Mary, Joseph, and the Christ child to Bethlehem and beyond.

Sessions will be held on Monday nights for four weeks beginning November 28 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. in Bainbridge Hall. ‡

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THE THING THAT FEEDS My Soul

Calling all artists, writers, poets, musicians, or wannabes. Let's get together and show off our talents. Join us as we discuss and demonstrate the thing we do that nourishes our souls through building, painting, photography, writing, dancing, music, or whatever you do that brings you joy and peace.

We will gather Saturday, October 22, from 9:30 A.M. to noon to share a continental breakfast, fun, and fellowship with other artists and dreamers. For more information or to register, please contact Lynda Middleton (937-228-1223 or Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com).

GIFTED AND CALLED

Christ calls us to be and to make disciples of all nations. How in the world do we do that? What are my gifts for building up the church and others? How is God calling me to use those gifts? What can I do to make my faith more than a Sunday obligation?

Gifted and Called is a program designed for those who are seeking to be spiritual leaders in their homes, parishes, and everyday lives. It is a call to live out one's life more completely as a follower of Jesus Christ.

This program will be offered on Saturday, February 18, from 8:30 to 11:00 A.M. Before the actual session begins, attendees will need to take an assessment either on paper or computer that will guide them through the process of discovering their gifts for ministry and specific ways that they might use them.

Pre-registration is required for this event. For more information or to register, please contact Lynda Middleton (937-228-1223 or Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com).

IT'S OLD-FASHIONED ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR TIME

Mark your calendars now to join us on Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in Trinity Center for the best Old-Fashioned Holiday Bazaar in Dayton. Did you know that 100 percent of the proceeds from the bazaar provides assistance to our outreach program for the less fortunate brothers and sisters in our community? Because of the pandemic, it is even more important for us to boost our outreach activity.

The bazaar is a one-stop-shop where everything is at your fingertips for checking holiday gifts off your list and for having a great time. And all of your favorite booths will be back again this year.

KITCHEN AND BAKE SHOPPE

Check out the many sweet and savory delights that will tempt your taste buds. Eat at the bazaar or take home a snack or meal to enjoy later. Choose from handmade cabbage rolls, stew, soups, macaroni and cheese, baked goods, and more.

RAFFLE

Make sure to buy chances for the first prize, \$1000 in gift cards; second prize, an Apple 10.2-inch iPad; and third prize, \$100 cash. You can also win door prizes and attendance prizes throughout the day. The cost of raffle tickets is \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Parishioners will receive several sheets of tickets in the mail. More will be available at the parish office.

SANTA CLAUS

Santa will make his annual appearance and will be available for visits and pictures from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Be sure to bring your camera to capture those special moments with Santa.



CRAFTS

A wide variety of handmade craft items will be available, e.g., wreaths, pottery, knit items, practical household items, t-shirts, ornaments, paper crafts, and more. There will be something for everyone.

TYKE SHOPPE

Give children under twelve the thrill of buying gifts for their parents, grandparents, siblings, and other special people in their lives.

Silent Auction, Flea Market, Book Nook, U-Pick-It, and Holidaze will also be back this year.

You can help make the bazaar successful by donating one or more of the following items:

- Any type of gift card.
- New or gently used items for the **Silent Auction, U-Pick-it, and Holidaze.**
- A themed gift basket or gifts for the **Silent Auction.**
- Gently used items, *excluding clothes and shoes*, for the **Flea Market.**
- Used books (no textbooks please) for the **Book Nook**
- Small items for all ages and genders for attendance prizes and the **Tyke Shoppe.** (Remember, Tyke Shoppe items are for children under twelve to purchase as gifts.)
- Baked goods for the **Bake Shoppe.**

Drop-off dates for donations are Sundays, October 2 and October 16, from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the back parking lot of Trinity Center. Donations may also be dropped off at the parish office building Monday through Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Fridays from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M.

Be part of the festivities by staffing a shift at a booth or by helping with setup or cleanup. Contact Bazaar Chair Patsy Martin (937-776-8949) with your name, phone number, and area of interest. We hope to see you on November 5.

PLEASE Follow Food Safety Guidelines when Donating HOME-BAKED GOODS TO THE BAZAAR



Are you thinking about baking one of your special sweet treats for donation to the bazaar Bake Shoppe? If so, we ask that you follow some easy steps to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants when preparing your items.



1. Wash your hands for twenty seconds with soap and hot water.
2. Sanitize your food preparation area and utensils by using antibacterial spray and rinsing with hot water.
3. Wash your hands again, dry well, and wear single-serve gloves.
4. Cook all baked goods to an internal temperature of at least 200° to 210°.
5. Cool items.
6. Wash hands again and wear clean single-serve gloves before packaging.

7. Individually wrap items securely.
 - Cookies—two to a bag
 - Brownies—one to a bag
 - Cupcakes—one to bag

Any items to be sold whole, such as pies or cakes, need to be wrapped completely and securely.

8. If possible, label items with ingredients that can be allergens (milk, eggs, wheat, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, sesame). If you are unable to label items, please provide a list of allergens with each recipe group.

If you have any questions, need single-serve gloves, or would like help listing allergens, please call Barb Gilbert (937-673-4616).



SANTA CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE BREAKFAST WITH YOU!

We are delighted to continue the tradition of hosting Breakfast with Santa again this year, so save the date and bring the kids on Sunday, December 4, to Trinity Center at 9:30 A.M. Enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausage served with coffee, juice, and milk. Children ten and under can visit Santa, have an individual photo session with him, and receive a special gift. While waiting for their turn to see Santa, they can have fun making crafts to take home.

Tickets are limited because of space constraints. Seating and time with Santa are available in the order that tickets are purchased, so the earlier you buy your tickets the sooner your kids get to visit

Santa. They will go on sale after the Masses starting November 6 in Trinity Center. The cost is \$10.00 for ages three through adult and \$4.00 for ages two and under. It's always a fun-filled morning for both kids and adults.



Alpha Is Not Just the First Letter of the Alphabet

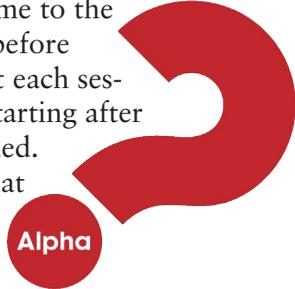
It is also a course whose goal is helping people encounter Jesus. It consists of eleven sessions in which participants gather to consider questions of the Christian faith designed to create conversation in a relaxed, friendly manner. Each session begins with a meal followed by a video that focuses on the evening's specific topic. The video is followed by questions intended to engage and inspire discussion around the session's topic. Participants are encouraged to contribute insights or to just listen and learn in an honest, friendly, and open environment while growing in their experience of Jesus' message. No background knowledge or belief of Christianity is necessary. All are welcome.

Each weekly ninety-minute session will begin promptly at 6:30 P.M. and will end at 8:00 P.M. There is a one-day retreat in the middle of the

course. A new eleven-week session of Alpha will meet Tuesday evenings at St. Joseph Parish Hall beginning September 13 and ending November 22.

Those interested may choose to come to the first one or two sessions to try it out before committing to a full course. Note that each session builds on the previous ones, so starting after the first few sessions isn't recommended.

R.s.v.p.'s are necessary to ensure that enough food is prepared. There is no cost, but donations of meals are welcome. For details on Alpha or to register, search for <https://www.daytoncatholicitya.com/alpha.html>. Holy Trinity parishioners will supply meals for the group. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Lynda Middleton (937-228-1223 or LyndaMiddleton9@gmail.com).



Alpha

THE CHOSEN VIDEO SERIES

The *Chosen* returns this Lent beginning Monday, February 6, at 6:30 P.M. in Trinity Center for eight sessions. This drama looks at the lives of some of Christ's earliest disciples and how their encounter with him changed their lives.

We will view the episodes from season two with time afterwards for questions, reflection, and prayer. For more information, please contact Lynda Middleton (937-228-1223 or Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com).

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR FUN-RAISERS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PIE PEDDLER We are collaborating again with Mehaffies' Pies to bring you delicious fruit, cream, and pecan pies as a way to raise dough for the parish. These nine-inch pies are ready to eat or can be frozen. (A great idea for your Thanksgiving dinner.) Select from apple, lattice Dutch apple, cherry, peach, blueberry, and chocolate cream. Pecan pies will cost \$11.00 each; fruit and cream pies, \$10.00. The process is simple, Simon. Just fill out the order form that will be available Sunday, October 9, in the bulletin. Indicate the type and quantity of pies you wish to purchase. Then, return the form with your payment to the parish office by November 2. Pick up your pies on Friday, November 11. Easy as pie.

FISH AND SAUSAGE FRY Join us Saturday, February 25, from 6:30 to 11:00 P.M. for an evening of great fun and an all-you-can eat dinner of fish, sausage,

and sides. Play games of chance, enter raffles, and win prizes. Buy cookies, pies, and cakes donated by our parishioners, the best bakers in town. Tickets purchased in advance will cost \$18.00; tickets at the door will be \$20.00. Each ticket includes three beverages. More drinks will be available for purchase. Consider pre-sale tickets so that we can plan for enough food. We need volunteers to make baked goods, work in the kitchen, pour beer, and help with setup and cleanup.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY Holy Trinity makes money by directing parking and dispensing beverages in conjunction with the Dublin Pub. Volunteers work from 5:00 P.M. to midnight on March 16 and 17. Consider forming your own team or join an existing one by contacting T.T. Gambrell (937-903-7538 or tt15@aol.com). This is a lot of fun and our biggest fundraiser of the year.

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| • CLOW, 8:30 Mass, C • FIRE, 9:30 AM, TC • RCIA, 12:30 PM, TC • Pie Peddler sale begins | • Ageless Grace, 1:30 PM, TC • Crafts, 4:30 to 7:30 PM, TC • Evangelization, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Bainbridge Hall | • Finance Commission meeting, 5:30 PM, PO • Alpha, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Center | • Lunch with the Lord, 11:45 AM, PO | | | • Work Party, 9:00 AM, G |
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| • CLOW, 8:30 Mass, C • RCIA, 12:30 PM, TC • Bazaar donation dropoff, 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM,TC | • Crafts, 4:30 to 7:30 PM, TC • Evangelization, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Bainbridge Hall | • Alpha, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Center | • Lunch with the Lord, 11:45 AM, PO • Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00 PM, PO | • Health Ministries Commission meeting, 10:00 AM, PO • Cabbage roll making, 4:30 PM, TC kitchen | | • What Feeds My Soul, 9:30 AM, PO |
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| • CLOW, 8:30 Mass, C • RCIA, 12:30 PM, TC • Youth maze and bonfire, 3:00 PM | • Crafts, 4:30 to 7:30 PM, TC • Evangelization, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Bainbridge Hall | • Liturgy Commission meeting, 6:00 PM, PO • Alpha, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Center | • Lunch with the Lord, 11:45 AM, PO | | | • Parking for Hauntfest, starting at 5:00 PM, church lot |
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| | | • 6:00 PM Mass, C • Parish Office closed • Alpha, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Center • Food collection begins | • Lunch with the Lord, 11:45 AM, PO • Pie Peddler orders due, PO | • Potluck setup for bazaar, 6:00 PM, TC | | |
| | | FEAST OF ALL SAINTS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| • CLOW, 8:30 Mass, C • Pickup from bazaar, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, TC • Breakfast with Santa tickets on sale, after Masses, TC • RCIA, 12:30 PM, PO | • Evangelization, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Bainbridge Hall | • Alpha, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Center | • Lunch with the Lord, 11:45 AM, PO | | • Pie Peddler order pickup | |
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| • CLOW, 8:30 Mass, C • FIRE, 9:30 AM, TC • Mass of Remembrance, 8:30 AM, C • RCIA, 12:30 PM, PO | • Evangelization, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Bainbridge Hall | • Alpha, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Center | • Lunch with the Lord, 11:45 AM, PO • Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00 PM, PO | | | |
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| • CLOW, 8:30 Mass, C • RCIA, 12:30 PM, PO | | • Alpha, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Center | • Mass of Thanksgiving, 6:00 PM, C • Food collection ends | • Parish office closed | • Parish office closed | • Giving Tree in place, C |
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| • CLOW, 8:30 Mass, C • FIRE, 9:30 AM, TC • Advent Workshop, 9:30 to 11:00 AM, TC • RCIA, 12:30 PM, PO • Glove collection begins ADVENT BEGINS | • Gospel of Matthew, 6:30 PM, Bainbridge Hall | | • Lunch with the Lord, 11:45 AM, PO | THANKSGIVING DAY | | |
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NOVEMBER

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| | | | | FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOW, 8:30 Mass, C • FIRE, 9:30 AM, TC • RCIA, 12:30 PM, TC • Reconciliation Service, 12:45 PM, C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gospel of Matthew, 6:30 PM, Bainbridge Hall | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch with the Lord, 11:45 AM, PO | | | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOW, 8:30 Mass, C • RCIA, 12:30 PM, TC • Church decorating, 12:30 PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church cleaning, 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM, C • Gospel of Matthew, 6:30 PM, Bainbridge Hall | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch with the Lord, 11:45 AM, PO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Christmas flowers in church, 1:30 PM | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Mass, 5:00 PM, C • Carols before Midnight Mass, 11:30 PM, C | |
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| | | | | | | CHRISTMAS EVE | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midnight Mass • Christmas Day Mass, 9:00 AM, C | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch with the Lord, 11:45 AM, PO • Youth Gingerbread Making, TBD | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feast of Mary, Mother of God, vigil Mass, 6:00 PM, C | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOW, 8:30 Mass, C • FIRE, 9:30 AM, TC • RCIA, 12:30 PM, PO • Undecorate church 12:30 Mass, C | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch with the Lord, 11:45 AM, PO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Ministries Commission meeting, 11:00 AM, PO | | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOW, 8:30 Mass, C • Potluck & presentation, 12:30 PM, TC | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch with the Lord, 11:45 AM, PO • Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00 PM, PO | | | | |
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JANUARY

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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOW, 8:30 Mass, C • Vocations Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chosen, 6:30 PM, TC | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communion service, 12:10 PM, C • Mass, 6:00 PM, C | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish and Sausage Fry, 6:30 to 11:00 PM, TC |
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FEBRUARY

Help End HUNGER Among Us

Have you ever been really, *really* hungry and do not know where or when you will get your next meal? Unfortunately, many men, women, and children in the Dayton area belong in this category. However, there is something we can do to help alleviate this problem. During your next visit to the grocery store, consider adding a few nonperishable items to your cart to include in our Thanksgiving food collection. Beginning Tuesday, November 1, collection bins will be in the back of church behind the last pew to receive your gifts of food and will remain there until after the Mass on Thanksgiving eve. All donated items will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry located at Emmanuel Parish, and will be distributed by our volunteers. If everyone does just a little bit for someone who doesn't have enough to eat each day, the world would be a much better place for all of us. Thank you so much.

CELEBRATING THE LIVES of LOVED ONES

On Sunday, November 13, at the 8:30 A.M. Mass, we will celebrate the lives of those parishioners and friends of the parish who have passed away this year. If you would like family members or friends included in this remembrance ceremony whose funeral service was held elsewhere, please contact Judi at the parish office (937-228-1223 or busmgr.holytrinity@gmail.com) by November 8, so that their names can be added to the list. Let's give honor to those who have died and pray for those who are suffering the grief of having lost someone special in their life.

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” —Ephesians 4:32 ESV

Most people would agree that the last few years have been more than a little challenging. To say that people have had a lot to deal with is truly an understatement. Some folks are having trouble coping and may be experiencing anxiety, loss, grief, or depression related to events in both our area and the world.

Sometimes we are left dumbfounded by the behaviors we may witness as people interact with one another. Consider a woman who related that she was treated rudely by a clerk at a favorite store. She tried complimenting the clerk, asked her opinions, but the clerk remained curt and unhelpful. She left fuming. As she drove away she felt a nudge from Jesus—“Do you have any idea what that woman may be coping with in her life?” She realized she didn’t and thought of her own off days when she wasn’t quite herself. In prayer she asked Jesus to help

the clerk deal with whatever might be troubling her.

Many people would likely agree that the world needs to be a bit kinder. Being kind or showing kindness doesn’t need to be planned. Being spontaneous with it is fun. Kindness has health benefits: it increases chemicals in the brain that give us a natural high, often referred to as “helper’s high.” Kindness can reduce levels of free radicals and inflammation in the cardiovascular system, slowing aging. Kindness can also help us connect to others, thus improving relationships. It’s a good example to others, inspiring them to be kind as well, creating a ripple effect and—you guessed it—more acts of kindness. It was author Norman Vincent Peale who stated, “Joy increases as you give it.”

How do we get started being intentionally kind? Certainly, praying for someone is a great way, especially for those who have offended us. Other simple ways include paying for some-

one’s coffee, allowing the person behind you to go ahead of you in line, holding the door open for someone, or even sharing a simple, genuine smile. Any of these can change a person’s day.

World Kindness Day, an international holiday, is observed on November 13 to promote kindness throughout the world. The 2022 theme is “Be kind whenever possible.” Kickstart Kindness is another great resource. It’s a wellness program available through the Mayo Clinic (<https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/wellness/kindness>). You can choose specific ways to commit to making acts of kindness from a list of nearly one hundred activities.

At a time when our world feels out of control and we don’t know how to make a difference, perhaps it’s not that hard. Maybe all we need to do is to start showing more kindness. Perhaps make it a new year’s resolution. A small bit of kindness goes a long way.

SPECIAL LITURGIES AND SERVICES

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| Tuesday, November 1 | Feast of All Saints Mass | 6:00 P.M. |
| Sunday, November 13 | Mass of Remembrance | 8:30 A.M. |
| Wednesday, November 23 | Mass of Thanksgiving | 6:00 P.M. |
| Sunday, December 11 | Reconciliation Service | 12:45 P.M. |
| Saturday, December 24 | Family Christmas Liturgy | 5:00 P.M. |
| Saturday, December 24 | Carols before Midnight Mass | 11:30 P.M. |
| Sunday, December 25 | Midnight Mass | 12:00 A.M. |
| Sunday, December 25 | Christmas Day Mass | 9:00 A.M. |
| Saturday, December 31 | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Vigil Mass | 6:00 P.M. |

PARISH SCOPE

A BRIEF LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE PARISH

CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRY

Bible Study As part of our preparation for Advent, Dennie Stieritz will guide us as we study the Gospel of Matthew on Mondays for four weeks from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. from November 28 to December 19 in Bainbridge Hall. (See page 3 for more details.)

Advent Workshop Prepare for the coming of the Christ child on Sunday, November 27, in Trinity Center from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. (See page 3 for more details.)

Lunch with the Lord Explore our faith from the perspective of the Sunday gospel at 11:45 A.M. on Wednesdays from October through February (except for Ash Wednesday) at the parish office. Bring a brown bag lunch.

The Chosen Video The second season of this drama will be shown beginning Monday, February 6, at 6:30 P.M. for eight sessions in Trinity Center. (See page 6 for more details.)

NEEDED

Food Items Our annual nonperishable food collection begins on Tuesday, November 1, and will conclude on Wednesday, November 23, at the 6:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Mass. Please place your donations in the boxes at the back of church.

Gloves Warm the hearts and hands of our less fortunate brothers and sisters during our glove collection. Especially needed are warm gloves for adults, both men and women. Boxes will be in the back of church beginning Sunday, November 27.

FUN-RAISERS

Holiday Bazaar Mark your calendars for our Old-Fashioned Holiday Bazaar to be held on Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in Trinity Center. (See page 4 for more details.)

Help WANTED

Crafts Join fellow parishioners in making crafts for the bazaar on Mondays from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. on the first floor of Trinity Center. All are welcome—men, women, and teens. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Gilmore (937-681-2874) or Judi Trick (937-271-0471).

Holy Rollers Join us on Thursday, October 20, at 4:30 P.M. to help make cabbage rolls for the bazaar in the Trinity Center kitchen. Come when you can and join in the fun.

Work Party Join fellow parishioners in preparing the grounds for winter on Saturday, October 15, at 9:00 A.M. Please bring gloves and your favorite yard tools.

HAUNTFEST PARKING If you can help with Halloween parking in our lot on Saturday, October 29, please contact Jim Cannon (937-623-9888). Shifts begin at 5:00 P.M.

For Kids

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA will be held on Sunday, December 4, starting at 9:30 A.M. in Trinity Center. Tickets will go on sale after the Masses on November 6. (See page 5 for more details.)

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