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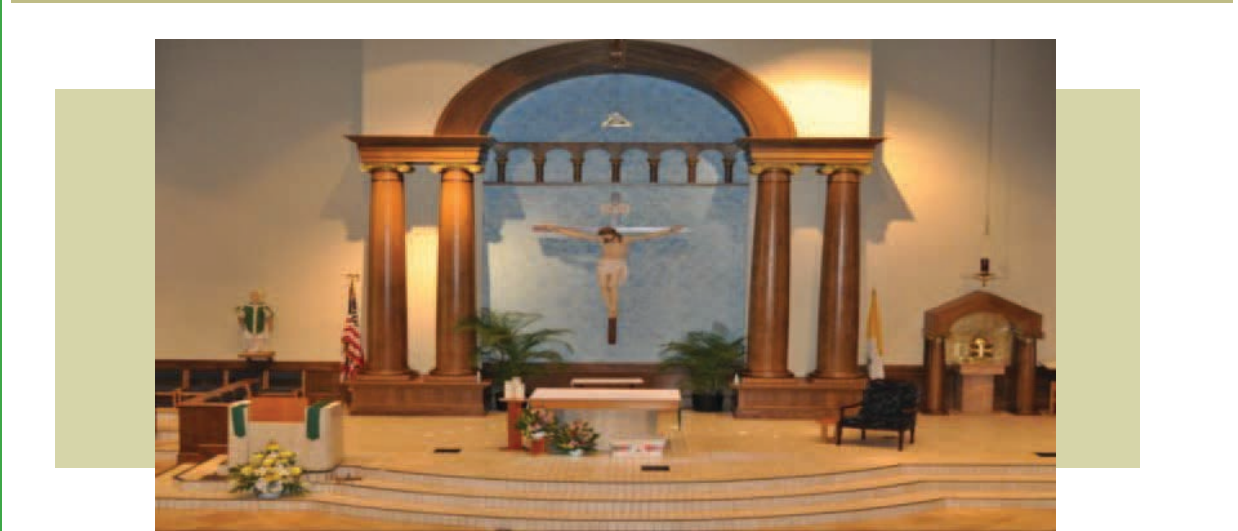
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WEEKEND
Saturday 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am
1:00pm Spanish, 5:00 pm Life Teen
DAILY
Mon-Fri 7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday 8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday 6:30 pm (Spanish)
Saturday 8:00am
Reconciliation Saturday 2:45-3:30 pm 5:00-5:30pm

MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES
WEEKEND
Saturday 7:00 pm at Christ the King (Spanish)
Sunday 10:15 am at Christ the King
7:00pm at La Guadalupe (Spanish)
DAILY
Tuesday 7:00pm at La Guadalupe (Spanish)
Wednesday 4:00 pm at Christ the King
4:00 pm at Holy Days of Obligation

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PARISH LIFE

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BAPTISM: We are pleased to help your family prepare for the special event of your child's entrance into our faith community. To help parents and godparents prepare, a class (English) is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Community Center and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00am at Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

MARRIAGES: If you are planning to be married at Blessed Trinity, your preparation process should begin at least four (4) months prior to desired date. We look forward to helping you during your time of engagement and preparation for the vocation of Christian marriage. Call the Church Office for an appointment with one of our priests.

SICK CALLS AND HOSPITAL VISITS: If you or a family member are in a local hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Church Office at 629.8092 or Sister Juliet at x3211. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

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STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

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MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge is a Blessed Trinity Parish Middle School Youth Ministry open to all early adolescents in 6th-8th grade. It is designed to build upon the values and lessons taught in their religious education classes, to help meet the educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of young adolescents.

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STEWARDSHIP

POTENTIAL

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's first reading, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah during a time of political upheaval and moral decline. The prophet had warned of God's judgement against people for the feelings of self-importance they found in their possessions, and condemned them for various forms of economic injustice such as exploiting the poor and immigrants. Good stewards know that Isaiah's message is as compelling today as it was in the time of the kingdom of Judah: Do the right thing. Offer justice and compassion toward others. Be honest in all your dealings. And remember to observe the day of the Lord.

STEWARD OF THE WEEK

Karen Brantley

Brother's Keeper would like to sincerely thank Karen for sharing her time and talents with our ministry. God bless you!

Thank you for being a faithful steward!

New Parishioners:

Carol Langner
Beth, Daisy & Beatrix Chasen
Kevin & Joan Meszaros
Janet Lovely
Roberto Austin
Jorge, Tangee & Anabella Barreiro
Maria Monjalvo & Juan Mercado

Baptisms:

Today's Gospel from Matthew reminds us to trust the Lord even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.

God desires to lead us to the joy of heaven and eternal life with Him. To prepare us for that day, He calls us to grow in faith and to live each day as a grateful response to His goodness. In other words, He is forming us into saints. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to accomplish. At times that process is difficult. Often, it stretches us beyond our comfort.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. She cried out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was tormented by a demon. How did Jesus respond to this desperate mother's plea? At first, He "did not say a word in answer to her." Undeterred, she continued to seek Him, and He continued to test her faith.

She responded with such remarkable trust that Jesus proclaimed, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words spoken to us by our Lord. There could be no greater affirmation of a life lived in faithful discipleship.

The stewardship way of life will test our trust in God at times. But those are often the moments when He is doing His greatest work within us. Let us persevere in faith, trusting that His plan is always leading us toward the joy He has prepared for us.



WORSHIP

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Father Pat's 1st

Sacrament Meeting



Fr. Pat's 1st Sacrament meeting will be on **Sunday, September 13th at 9:55am in the gym.**

This is a mandatory meeting for all parents and children that are making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Please try to make it to this first meeting but if you can't, there will be a make-up meeting on Saturday, September 19th at 9:00am in the chapel.

Sponsor Orphans

Our orphanage in our sister parish in Uganda now has 87 orphans. There are over 100 more orphans scattered throughout the various villages where we have a church and a Catholic school. These orphans are taken in by relatives who need help to feed them and pay school tuition.

The average cost for a full year to feed an orphan and pay their total tuition for the year is only \$250. We see to it that each orphan is fed, has a bed to sleep in and has full security either with another family or in the orphanage. Each orphan has the opportunity to go to Catholic school through grade school, high school and college or university if they have the grades. They have a choice of four trade schools if they do not have the academic grades to qualify for college or university. We already have orphans who graduated from college and now have good jobs teaching or nursing, etc.

Would you like to sponsor an orphan? If so, make your check out to Blessed Trinity for \$250 and write "for an orphan" on the memo line. Not a cent will be wasted. It has great spiritual value for your donation. Thanks so much.

Adult Catholic Inquiry Class

These classes begin the 1st Wednesday of September.

They are held in the chapel (cry room) in church. Classes start every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

There is no need to pre-register. Classes are free. You will receive two small books on the full teachings of the Catholic church and the prayers that Catholics are normally familiar with.

There is already a long list of people who have expressed interest. Some are already Catholic but feel they really need to renew their Catholic faith. Some have a spouse that is catholic and have a desire to see if they can commit to the Catholic faith. Many have walked in on their own because for various reasons, they believe they belong in the Catholic church.

All are welcome.

Eucharistic Minister Training

All new and current eucharistic ministers need to attend a mandatory training on Thursday, September 3rd at 6pm in the King of Kings building.

This is very important and we really need everybody to attend if at all possible.

Please call Dee McNeal to register and with any questions at 352.390.0091.



WELCOME LUNCHEON

Have you joined Blessed Trinity Church within the past year?
We invite you to come learn more about our parish and the Stewardship Way of Life

at our annual Welcome Luncheon:
Sunday, August 23, 2026, in English,
immediately following 11am Mass,
in the King of Kings Building.
So please, mark your calendars and plan to join us! We hope that by giving everyone ample notice, more families will be able to attend.

RSVP is required!

To RSVP, email slanier@blessedtrinity.org or call 352-629- 8092 and ask for Sue.
(Note that a **Spanish**-language brunch is scheduled for September – watch for details in a couple of weeks!)



AUGUST: MAKE-A-WILL MONTH

As Catholics, we are called to be faithful stewards of God's blessings. August is National Make-A-Will Month, dedicated to helping people protect their families by putting estate plans in place. We invite you to prepare for the future, helping ensure your values and legacy continue to care for those you love and the ministries you cherish.

- Through thoughtful estate planning, you can:
- Create or update your Will/Trust, Power of Attorney, Living Will or Temporary Guardianship.
 - Guarantee your wishes are clearly documented.
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 - Ensure your values are reflected in your legacy.
 - Provide for and support those you love.
 - Continue supporting the ministries you cherish for generations to come.

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20



Marriage Preparation

Preparing for the sacrament of marriage?
Saturday, October 3 is the date for the next Blessed Trinity Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation program. The program runs from 8:00am to 5:00pm in the King of Kings building at Blessed Trinity and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$50 per couple.

Register on the Blessed Trinity website, www.blessedtrinity.org under sacraments.

Please note: this is the last Pre-Cana program this year.



Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

Sunday, August 23rd

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Aug 15 / 16: In memory of Kevin Duris from Colleen Duris

Aug 22 / 23: In memory of Francis McAllister from The McAllister Family

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SUNDAYS: 2:00am - 3:00am

MONDAYS: 1:00am- 2:00am

Perpetual Adoration is urgently in need of a committed adorer for the Sunday, 2:00 a.m. hour and Monday, 1:00am hour. Please prayerfully consider spending this quiet hour with Our Lord and helping ensure that He is never left alone. Your “yes” would be a tremendous blessing.

Also in need of substitutes, especially between Midnight and 5:00am

Lord Jesus, You invite me to be near You. In the stillness of Adoration, You want to speak to my heart. Help me to respond with love and trust. Show me the hour you are asking of me and give me the grace to offer it freely and faithfully. May this small gift of time draw me closer to Your Sacred Heart. Amen

For your special hour of praise before the Blessed Sacrament call or email: Carol Blackstock 352-622-7348 or 352-425-8638, carolblackstock@gmail.com.





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Tuesday, Aug 18	7:10am	William Delzatto †
	5:30pm	Betty Ann Jones †
Wed, Aug 19	7:10am	Ssemudo Family L/D
	8:15am	Lilia Cruz †
	5:30pm	Anne Adams †
Thursday, Aug 20	7:10am	Sisters of IHMR L/D
	5:30pm	Rafael Quinones †
Friday, Aug 21	7:10am	Helen & Fred Wisneski †
	5:30pm	Janice English †
Saturday, Aug 22	8:00am	Thomas Duff †
	4:00pm	Jack Fletcher †
	6:00pm	Fran Harwas †
Sunday, Aug 23	7:10am	Barbara Mullen †
	8:45am	Sherry Lynn & Philip Pesola †
	11:00am	Rose Bilancio †
	1:00pm	Spanish Community
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ABOUT:
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See you there! ♥

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering		August 9, 2026	
Weekend Total:	490	\$ 25,855.26	Year to date collection: \$ 463,450.60
Electronic Offering Total:	461	\$ 48,124.40	
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 5,125.00	Year to date budget: \$ 524,232.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 0.00	Year to date deficit: (\$60,781.40)
Non Sunday:	59	\$ 6,837.00	
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 85,941.66	
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 87,372.00	
Difference		(\$1,430.34)	

“Thank you for your donations.”

Reminder: Do your best to put your envelope number on the “memo” line of your check.

Our Vocation: Responding to Christ’s Call

We all have a vocation. But as Catholics, we often use the word “vocation” narrowly, speaking of vocation to the priesthood or religious life, especially when we speak with children and teens about discerning their vocation. The root of the word “vocation,” however, is “vocare,” which means, “to call.” When considered in this light, discerning one’s vocation is about hearing and responding to the call of the Lord with our lives.

Certainly, a life vocation must be discerned prayerfully, yet there is more to consider. The U.S. bishops, in their pastoral letter, Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, speak of vocation as the way in which each is called to hear and to respond to God’s will as a disciple:

Refracted through the prisms of countless individual vocations, this way of life embodies and expresses the one mission of Christ: to do God’s will, to proclaim the Good News of salvation, to heal the afflicted, to care for one’s sisters and brothers, to give life—life to the full—as Jesus did (SDR, 14).



Our role as stewardship leaders is to help people to recognize the grace and call of God in their lives.

Each of us must continually discern how we will hear and respond to Christ’s call within the life vocation that is ours, and each will do so differently, in response to our individual gifts and blessings. “Every person should walk unhesitatingly according to his own personal gifts and duties in the path of a living faith which arouses hope and works through charity” (LG, 41).

As disciples of Jesus Christ all of us have something to contribute. Each will do so by stewarding his or her gifts and talents, resources, time, and presence—within the faith community and beyond it—at home, work or school, the local city or town, and the world. Our role as stewardship leaders is to help people to recognize the grace and call of God in their lives and to respond to it in their daily decisions and actions. As the bishops’ letter offered: “Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God’s will” (SDR, 15).

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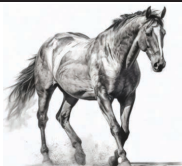
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