



**RETHINKING
WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION
IN THE CHURCH**

Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to a renewal implementing Second Vatican Council documents. In answer to this call, groups gather around the globe to discuss key issues concerning the Church today. Women participating in this process desire that the Church be a place of flourishing, active participation of all people. The following are excerpts from their working document.

“In a church where almost all decision-makers are men, there are few spaces where women can make their voices heard. Yet women are the backbone of church, both in majority of practicing members and because they are among the most active members of the Church.” #61

The lack of equality for women within the church is a stumbling block for the Church in today's world. #62

After careful listening many groups around the world ask the Church to engage the active role of women in the governing structures of Church bodies, women to preach in parish settings, and a diaconate open to all who are called. #64

A growing awareness and sensitivity towards this issue is registered all over the world.

How do we imagine living equality of all within the context of *All Things New*?

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**WE ARE HAVING A FISH FRY,
A FABULOUS FISH FRY,
WECOMING ALL,
BEGINING FEBRUARY 24.**

Please donate 5 cake mixes

of the same kind:

- 5 lemon,
- 5 chocolate,
- 5 yellow or
- 5 French vanilla.

When choosing cakes mixes,

please buy the mixes that

do not use butter.

Icing is 4 of a kind, but not the

baker's choice brand.

Most Holy Trinity Parish

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*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown*

Matthew 4: 16



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MISSION:

We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Parish Mass Schedule: 9:30 AM Sunday (church); 4:00 PM First Saturday of the Month (rectory chapel)

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The first reading and gospel tell the story of a people being drawn from darkness to light. We are the people today that Jesus calls out of the darkness of fear and brokenness. Jesus invites us to shine our



beaming light of goodness and compassion on all we meet. Daily, in surprising ways, a situation comes up in our lives that challenges us to say “yes.” We overcome fear and reluctance with trust that God gives us whatever we need to say yes to the situation that requires our patience and kindness, time and effort, generosity, and love. What a blessing when we share our own astonishing light with all!

– Sister Janice

WE HOLD IN HEART AND PRAYER: Terry Bacott, Philip Brown, Ed Deason, Tom George, Mary Lee Howard, Doris (Feeherty) Janz, Ethel Long, Joetta Lukowski, Mary Meyer, Sharon Morrow, Marta Reyna, James Smith, Amanda Suchara, John Towles, the Tracy and Usanga families, and Roger Woodson (nephew of Cathy Freeman).

WELCOME FATHER JOHN PECK. Jesuit Father John will preside at Mass at Holy Trinity on January 19. He visited last year in August when he had just completed his studies at Notre Dame University. Today he is a faculty member in the Philosophy Department at Saint Louis University.

IN GRATITUDE

The word ‘beautiful’ came to my when I opened the gift that was given to me from my Advent Giving Tree angel. How I felt loved and very appreciative of that blessing that you made possible. It brightened my Holiday Feast. Thank you, Christmas Angel and God’s Blessing be yours.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 9:30 AM

Presider: Father Dan Kearns

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 9:30 AM

Presider: Father John Peck, SJ

Lectors: First Reader, Korky Buhr; Second Reader, Madonna Buhr

Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda Tillman and Christine Trudell

COLLECTION: 1/8/23 - \$961.00

 MASS INTENTION

Sunday, January 22, 9:30am: Debra Pinon

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND SHOEBOX AUCTION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Get your shoeboxes ready with new items that invites the fun of bidding. Mmmmm....

Pancakes with homemade blueberry syrup is on the menu. Start preparing for this exciting and fun morning.



CELEBRATING OUR NEIGHBORS

CARDINAL RITTER COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School at 701 N. Spring Avenue, St. Louis opened its doors on September 6, 1979. Named for Cardinal Joseph Ritter, Archbishop of St. Louis in the mid-1900s, Cardinal Ritter Prep honors its namesake as one of the most prominent and influential church and civic leaders of the century.

Today Cardinal Ritter Prep provides an educational program that prepares students for leadership roles in a multi-ethnic society. The vibrant Catholic high school has a student body with a wide variety of faiths.

Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School is a Catholic urban high school which educates primarily African-American young men and women who are both traditional and non-traditional college bound students.

Cardinal Ritter College Prep High provides an exceptional Catholic educational experience to youth that instills attitudes of success and self-worth through faith development, academic excellence and leadership.



WINTER IN OUR LIVES

Our weather this year goes back and forth from the 20's to the 60's, from winter to spring. It is cause to pause and reflect on the gift of seasons that God gives us.

*There is a winter in all of our lives,
a chill and darkness that makes us yearn
for days that have gone
or put our hope in days yet to be.
Loving God, you created seasons for a purpose.
Spring is full of expectation
buds breaking
frosts abating and an awakening
of creation before the first days of summer.
Now the sun gives warmth
and comfort to our lives
reviving aching joints
bringing color, new life
and crops to fruiting.
Autumn gives nature space
to lean back, relax and enjoy the fruits of its labor
mellow colors in sky and landscape
as the earth prepares to rest.
Then winter, cold and bare as nature takes stock
rests, unwinds, sleeps until the time is right.
An endless cycle
and yet a perfect model.
Winter in our lives—
a time of rest, a time to stand still
a time to reacquaint ourselves
with the faith in which we live.
It is only then that we draw strength
from the one in whom we are rooted
take time to grow and rise through the darkness
into the warm glow of springtime
to blossom and flourish
to bring color and vitality into this world
your garden.
Thank you Loving God
for the seasons of our lives.*

– Author Unknown

