

# Most Holy Trinity Parish

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*...love your enemies and pray for your persecutors.*

*If you love those who love you,  
what merit is there in that?*

*Matthew 5:44, 46*



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**LENT SUMMONS US ALL** We are summoned to act as a single family of love. We are called to be immersed in this, our family, that we become one with the tears, hunger, and frustration within our family. As we walk our Lenten journey let us bring our suffering brothers and sisters to our compassionate and all-loving God.

## Lenten Journey to Easter

We walk this Lenten journey with immigrants and refugees, lost, unsure of their journey's end, longing for home.

We walk with those in poverty, unable to live lives of dignity, besieged by hunger and fear, trying to hold on day by day. We walk with those mourning at what is happening to God's creation, calling us to care and stewardship of the earth and all creatures. We walk with women who are trafficked, abused, harassed, who still live in silence, and who want to flee the darkness.

We walk with peacemakers on a very rocky road toward peace when conflict rages and so many fan the flames of violence. We walk with those carrying burdens, yet we walk in faith and hope. despite the suffering of the Cross, we walk toward an Easter dawning. We move toward the seemingly impossible Resurrection, a time of justice and peace.

We walk, called forward through the darkness by the Risen Christ. In name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

– Jane Deren, Education for Justice

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## Food Pantry/Utility Assistance:

Provided by OLPH Food Pantry/ St. Vincent de Paul. Serves residents of zip 63107, 63115 and 63147. OPEN: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 9am-noon, located on 4335 Warne Ave. 314.535.9794. Note: phone answered only during operating hours. For information on donating or volunteering, please go to www.helpstlouis.org.

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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: 4 PM Saturday Mass/Eucharistic Prayer Service in Rectory Chapel  
9:30 AM Sunday in Church | 9:15 AM Wednesday School Mass in Church (during school year)**

...love your enemies and pray for your persecutors. If you love those who love you, what merit is there in that?

– Matthew 5:44-46

How far does love extend?

Christian love is limitless, extending beyond local communities and embracing enemies. With love, we treat others the way we would like to be treated. Disciples imitate God's selfless love, forgiving and unconditional. Such love calls all creation into being and offers saving compassionate love of all and to all. We recognize this love in the life of Jesus. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst moves us to live steadfast love and mercy. Pope Francis says, "Being a Christian isn't just following the commandments, it is being in Christ, thinking like him, acting like him, loving like him. This is the challenging response asked of us!"

*Loving God, you grace me to be kind and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in goodness.*

– S. Janice



### LITURGICAL ROLES:

**Saturday, February 29, 4:00 pm**

*Lector and Eucharistic Minister:* Hazel Hosea

**Sunday, Mar 1, 9:30 am**

*First Lector:* Rochelle Jones

*Second Lector:* Melita Long

*Eucharistic Ministers*

Korky Buhr                      Madonna Buhr

Brenda Tillman                Kenneth Patterson

*Acolyte:* Ank Ankebrand

**PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR:** Helen Barber, Vickie and Ed Deason, Mary Green, Mary Lee Howard, Joetta Lukowski, John Towles, Ethel Long, Diana Schmidt, Tom George (a donor), Michael Lemond, Brenda Tillman, and the needs of the Tracy and Usanga family

### WE ARE THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

In the sermon Martin Luther King, Jr. gave at the Dexter Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama in November, 1957. He said, "Our goal is to create a beloved community ..."

How will we become participants making real The Beloved Community where we live?

**Personally**, accept that all people have a sense of well-being and desire interconnectedness.

**Socially** as you interact with others, draw out the other's gifts, practice deep listening and compassion.

**Culturally** understand that what is beautiful and true reflects the diversity of all.

**PREPARATION FOR FISH FRY:** Thursday, February 26 beginning at 5:00pm. Come at any time in the evening. Your help makes a difference!

### MARCH 1 – 7:

**Parish Council Meeting**, Sunday, March 1 after Mass  
**Scripture Study**, Tuesday, March 3, 6:00 – 7:00pm, in the rectory. A bible will be provided.

**Mission Advancement Meeting**, Thursday, March 5, 6:00pm, in the rectory.

**We welcome all who are visiting today!**  
We invite you to join us every Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 9:30am.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** starts the season of Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on conversion, love and prayer.

When we are signed with ashes, we visibly reveal our desire to grow in our relationship to God, others and even our self. We live the season of Lent to deepen love in our hearts and to grow in holiness. Throughout Lent we look forward to the joy of the Easter message and Christ's victorious love that open wide the depth and glory of his love for each of us and all creation.

All are invited to the Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:30 a.m. with the students or the Mass at 12:10 p.m. Both are celebrated in the church.

**CELEBRATING LENT:** Boxes of Christmas decorations are back in the attic and valentine candy and cookies are still being enjoyed. In a few days the liturgical color of purple will replace the now familiar liturgical green. Ash Wednesday soon begins Lent, the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, paths of seeking God and growing in our spiritual life. How will I celebrate Lent?

Lent provides us with an opportunity to look at who we are and where we are — and then to become the people God created us to be. Let's live this Lent in loving mindfulness, daily open to conversion and newness.

## LENT Opportunities

Every year, Lent provides us with opportunity to look at who we are and where we are — and then do something to become the people we are created to be. Let us enter Lent with thought, reflection and wonder.

### Fasting and Abstinence

During Lent, abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory in the United States for those 14 and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday require a Catholic from the ages of 18-59 to fast, reducing the amount of food eaten from normal.

### Rice Bowl

The Catholic Relief Service invites us to help those who suffer hunger, poverty or war to receive food and safety. We support them as the Gospel calls us to do.

### Student Mass 9:15, Wednesdays, in church

All are invited to celebrate this mass with the students. This is an opportunity to worship and pray with our children as they lector and sing.

### Scripture Study

Come with others. Hold and deepen the living Word of God in your hands and heart. Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 6:00 – 7:00pm in the rectory.

### Bread & Soup Supper

Reflection, discussion, and prayer. Guest Speaker, Cheryl Archibald, Parish Life Coordinator at St. Matthew's parish. Tuesday, March 24. 6:00 – 7:30pm in the rectory

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15, following the homily. Visiting priests will celebrate this sacrament of mercy and forgiveness which strengthens our entire parish community.

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29 during Mass. This sacrament offers spiritual, psychological and emotional consolation, and healing of mind and body.

### Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 31, 6:00pm in the church. Praying the stations helps us to embrace more deeply the final hours of Jesus' earthly life.



### PARISH ASSEMBLY, MARCH 8 AFTER MASS:

We are to submit the status of our church to the Task Force of the North Deanery. The Parish Council will have a statement for our recommendation. **It is important that everyone attend.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, February 23, 9:30 am**

Feldhaus Family

**Wednesday, February 26, 9:30 am**

Feldhaus Family

**Saturday, February 29, 4:00 pm**

Feldhaus Family

### COME AND ENJOY OUR DELICIOUS FISH FRY!

February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 | 11:30 am - 6:30 pm

Dine in or carry out. | Prices range from \$5-\$9

Deliveries are available with lunch orders of ten or more. **Must preorder on Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, 314.241.9165**

