

CELEBRATE OUR NEIGHBORS: SEEDS OF GRACE

The College Hill Foundation planted the seed 4 years ago to grow positivity in a north St. Louis neighborhood. The foundation planted a lavender farm at the corner of Blair and Linton Avenue. The land used to be homes, houses. These houses should have been torn down since they were in extreme disrepair. The vacant lots turned into 100 lavender plants the first year. From 100 plants the first year to 2,000 lavender plants in 2021, now take up blocks of the neighborhood.

The annual harvest happens in early June. The harvest is sold to Long Row Lavender in Wright City. The profits are planted back into the community, funding projects for the neighbors surrounding the farm.



EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT
Yummy!

- Come, bring family and friends.
- Enjoy the most delicious fish ever!
- Noon – 6:00 pm.
- Dine in, Carry out, Curbside
- **Preorder Thursday or Friday: 314.241.9165**

CAKE MIXES REMINDER: Your donation of cake mixes is essential and greatly appreciated. Please buy 5 of the same kind that do not use butter. Icing is 4 of the same kind but not the baker's choice brand. We have enough YELLOW cake mixes. Thank you for providing Fish Fry desserts.

WHAT A DELIGHT! Did you see our fish fry on Channel 5? It was an awesome sight to see and hear Tracy Hinson, a meteorologist and storyteller, speak of our fish fry and the celebration of our 175 year of Most Holy Trinity. How special to view the shots from the drone over the church, rectory and neighborhood. Congratulations to Nicky Hoxworth who spoke so well of our efforts and work. Let us continue **OPENING WIDE OUR DOORS** of hospitality and serving delicious food.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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Fourth Sunday: Father Dan Kearns

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Most Holy Trinity Parish

mhtstl.org | SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 5, 2023

God said to Abram:

“Leave your country, your people, and the home of your parents, and go to a place I will show you.”

Genesis 12: 1-4a

HOW HAVE I EXPERIENCED GOD’S CALL TO JOURNEY TO AN UNKNOWN AND UNCERTAIN PLACE ?



BEEN A BLESSING FOR ME, HOW HAS MY RESPONSE FOR OTHERS?

BLESS OUR HOMIE

Reflection: Jane Mary Lorbiecki, SSND; Design: Joyelle Proot, SSND

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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God choose Abram and his wife to be a blessing for all the communities of the earth. They followed this inspiration, and their life was transformed by God's promise.

Lent invites us to leave burdens and inspires us to live new ways of loving God, ourselves, and all.

How do I listen to God's invitation to love tenderly this Lent? Where am I being led to something new?

How is my response to God a blessing for me and others?

– Sister Janice

How does today's first reading ask us to open our doors wider?



OPEN WIDE
THE DOORS
Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Sunday, March 19 after Mass. We will pray the stations outside, opening our doors to the suffering of the neighborhood, world. We gather at the foot of the steps in front of the cross. You are invited to stay for about 15 minutes to pray for and with our neighborhood community and all of St. Louis.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY: This morning we welcome Lynn Beckwith, Jr., Ed. D., a native of St. Louis, and graduate of the Charles Sumner High School. He is a first-generation college graduate from what is now Harris-Stowe State University and earned a Master of Education Degree and a Doctor of Education Degree from Saint Louis University. He had a distinguished career in the field of education for 31 years in the St. Louis Public Schools and 15 years at the University of Missouri. Among his awards are the St. Louis Chapter of the NAACP's 100 Most Inspiring St. Louisans Award and recipient of the St. Louis American Foundation's Lifetime Educator Award. On April 28, 2022, the St. Louis County Library District opened its new administrative building, named in his honor as the Lynn Beckwith, Jr. Administrative Building. Dr. Beckwith comes to us through his friendship with Mattie and Kenneth Patterson.

The SILENT ENTRANCE: As we listen to the drumbeat and our heartbeat, we become aware of our breathing in union with God and all. In gratitude we sing: *Christe Eleison*, Christ have mercy.

The WHITE CLOTH on the branch in the sanctuary portrays the gospel story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus strengthens the faith of the struggling, those who hear Jesus tell about his coming death.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND SHOEBOX AUCTION: **Thanks to your generosity** in donating boxes and bidding on others, we made \$1,427.00. Thanks to the many workers who offered their services, and those whose participation made it so much fun. A memorable day it was!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and God's Blessings

MARCH

- 5 John Ferguson
- 7 Diane Bowman
- 10 Ed Petras
- 19 Father Aidan
- 21 Bernadette Mooney
- 22 Ank Ankenbrand
- 23 Joyelle Proot, SSND
- 25 Joanne Hanrahan, SSND
- 30 Ethel Long



WE OFFER SYMPATHY to Mary Kelly, the wife of John Kelly and to Joe Tracy, at the death of his nephew, John. John was a homebound parishioner of Trinity and was able to come to church a couple of months ago. Mary and Joe faithfully attended to the needs of John in his suffering. John now experiences the eternal embrace of our loving God. We pray that Mary and Joe feel the God's peace and comfort in these difficult days.

HYDE PARK TREES: THE Hyde Park Neighborhood Association in conjunction with Planting Shade has brought you the opportunity to plant trees or bushes at your house and in your neighborhood on April 15th! Make sure to tell your neighbors to fill our city with green! This invitation includes zip codes 63106 and 63107.

After deciding on a tree or a bush, please contact nathan@plantingshade.org or call 314.604.5909 to confirm your tree selection address.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of Reconciliation readies us for the celebration of Easter and Christ's resurrection. Following the homily there is an opportunity for all to celebrate the sacrament of forgiveness. We are invited to celebrate God's gift of mercy and compassion, free and abundant. The celebration of reconciliation is more than an individual celebration, it strengthens our entire parish community.

A Simple Guide to the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

1. GREETING

The priest greets us and we pray the Sign of the Cross. We trust God's healing love.

2. CONFESS

We name our sins. The priest listens.

3. PENANCE

Penance is an act of kindness or prayers to pray.

4. CONTRITION

The priest asks us to express our sorrow praying the following act of contrition or express contrition in our own words. Example of an Act of Contrition:

My God, I am sorry for my sin with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have failed to love you. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid evil.

5. ABSOLUTION

The priest says, "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We respond "Amen."

6. GOING FORTH

"Go in peace and joy."

WE HOLD IN HEART AND PRAYER: Philip Brown, Ed Deason, Joan Hasser, Mary Lee Howard, Doris (Feeherty) Janz, Lester Jones (Uncle of Rochelle Jones), Paul King, Ethel Long, Joetta Lukowski, Mary Meyer, Sharon Morrow, Marta Reyna, James Smith, John Towles, and the Tracy and Usanga families.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 9:30 AM

Presider: Father Gerry Kleba

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Lectors: First Reading: Adrian Stillman; Second Reading: Brenda Tillman

Eucharistic Ministers: Sister Luanne; Korky Buhr

COLLECTION: 9/26/23 \$405.00

MASS INTENTION

Sunday March 5, 9:30 AM: Vickie Deason

