



A LABOR DAY PRAYER

As the sun rises to welcome the new day:

We remember those who descend into the earth, their work in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward.

We remember those who work inside a building away from light and brightness of day.

We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of bitter cold and sweltering heat.

We remember those who do not have employment, who struggle to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.

As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:

We remember those who work in the night.

We remember those who are recovering from their labor and toils of the day.

We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work.

We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in the lives and work of all workers. Ensure a place for the men and women who struggle to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Place in

our hearts compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities.

Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work.

May we continue to work together to bring about your reign!

– The United States Catholic Bishops

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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.

Most Holy Trinity Parish

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Listen my beloved brothers and sisters.

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith...

James 2: 4-5

Who are the poor, the rich in faith?

HOW ARE THEY MY TEACHERS?



Reflection: Joanne Dehmer, 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



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The Letter of James continues to challenge us. He names a timeless human tendency to give preference to some and easily dismiss the frail, forgotten and misunderstood. St. James instructs us to work against this instinct and give preference to the oppressed, alienated and dishonored.

It can be difficult to recognize Jesus in the people in front of us, especially if their “distressing disguise” is one of being forgotten, of mental or physical illness. Yet, it is with the forgotten and misunderstood we find the Beloved and the beloved of God. In today’s gospel Jesus demonstrates his love for the marginalized as he touches one who is beloved and heals.

We are invited each day to touch someone with kindness and love. God’s love is present through our words and doing that, inspire, heal, and comfort. With grace, these caring actions bring God’s light to the places of darkness within the lives of the forgotten around us.

– S. Janice

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Helen Barber, Ed Deason, Tom George, Mary Lee Howard, Ethel Long, Joetta Lukowski, Mary Meyer, Amanda Suchara, John Towles, Mary Whitehead, and the Tracy and Usanga families. **Willy Howard is in hospice care at home.** He welcomes visitors, cards or phone calls. Address: 4151 Farlin Ave, 63115. Phone: 314.659.0968.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 4, 4:00 pm: Margaret Soderberg, Madonna Tenge and Patrick Breedlove.
Presider: Father Tom Byron

Sunday, September 5, 9:30 am: Most Holy Trinity parishioners & friends

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:
Parish Council Meeting after Mass

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 5:
Presider: **Father Gerry Kleba**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:
Presider: Father Tom Melancon, S.J.
Lector: Nicky Hoxworth
Eucharistic Ministers: Ken Patterson & Ann Russek

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: Stewardship Sunday RECOMMITMENT TO MINISTRIES. Most Holy Trinity expresses faith and confidence in each of the ministers as they support our faith community. We are grateful for their contributions which grow our faith and further our parish mission.

Liturgical Ministers: Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, Liturgy Committee, Music Ministers, and Prayer Team for the Anointing of the Sick.

Leadership and Service: Care Team, Food Pantry, Grand Endeavor, Lwanga Representative, Martha’s Club, Mission Advancement, Neighborhood Association, Out Reach Participants, Parish Council, and Church and Grounds Workers.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11: It is almost two decades since the 9/11 tragedy. Efforts are being made to transform this day into a worldwide day of unity and doing good. On this day we remember and pay tribute to the good deeds that help others. We rekindle the extraordinary spirit of togetherness and compassion that arose in the immediate aftermath of this tragedy.

Volunteer 9/11: Many in-person volunteer opportunities in and around the St. Louis area scheduled for this day.

9/11: One Day in America, A National Geographic 4-night, six-part documentary series begins this Sunday. This is an in-depth, first-person account of survivors, their stories in their words.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Homecoming is less than a month away. Everyone should have received information and tickets in the mail. To be successful, we need your help to sell the tickets beyond the parish. If you need more tickets please contact Sister Gail at the rectory.
Thank You.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and God’s Blessings

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Mike Freymuth
- 3 Hattie Towles
- 5 Madonna Buhr
- 20 Willy Howard
- 26 Princess Usanga
- 28 Shallen Ray



Sisters Luanne and Janice shared with you this morning the story of the beginning of their call to be a sister. We would further like to share with you the story of the beginning of our Congregation.



Mother Caroline Friess. Seven years after the Congregation began in 1833 by Mother Theresa Gerhardinger (Blessed) and two other women focusing on the education of girls in Germany, Josepha Friess, the future Mother Caroline, entered the community. Blessed Theresa, recognizing Sister Caroline’s leadership ability, placed her in charge of opening schools in the United States.

As Trinity was being founded in 1848, Mother Caroline, came to America at the age of 23, had already traveled by riverboat, lake steamer, wagon, stagecoach and railroad from Baltimore to Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Buffalo, Rochester, Philadelphia, and New York. Her mission: to nourish the love of God in families by establishing Catholic schools for German immigrant children.

Mother Caroline became an American citizen. She loved the land, its people, her Church and her mission. She traveled back and forth to the east coast, up and down the Mississippi, across stormy Great Lakes, on muddy country roads, and rumbling railroads. She survived derailments, ferryboat accidents, a near shipwreck, and a terrible explosion on a Mississippi River steamboat which killed 160 of the 500 passengers. She worked tirelessly to provide schools for children of immigrants-German, Irish, Polish, Bohemian, French, Dutch, Italian, African Americans and Native Americans.

Together in mission. We see Mother Caroline, a dauntless missionary who lived a vision of global church, reaching out to all. She is a woman full of love and dearly beloved by those who continue her ever timely vision.

Today the School Sisters of Notre Dame are an international congregation of women religious with 2,300 members who live and minister in 30 countries. We educate in schools and respond to the urgent cries of the world, especially those of women and children. Together with all we minister to create a world of justice and peace.