

# Most Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas, and Sts. Teresa and Bridget

TWENTYFOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

*Jesus, how often must I forgive?*

*Matthew 18:21-35*



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## RESENTMENTS ARE JUST TOO HEAVY

Disappointment is grieved in the heart. Anger is expressed as an honest, healthy emotion. Resentment is a tangled web of fear which prevents disappointment from being felt and anger from being released. In our scripture today, Sirach counsels all to not cling to anger; Jesus encourages all to forgive, which is the best way to let go of resentments.

As we continue this courageous work of becoming a new parish it is important to acknowledge God's Spirit in all and around all as a way, following The Way. It is challenging and holy.

In Archbishop Rozanski's Decrees concerning our parishes closing and becoming one new parish, he said, "the churches will remain open as places of prayer where the faithful will gain entry; the Parish Church will be determined after consultation with the faithful of the new parish." Our first responsibility is to become a new parish. We are becoming "the faithful of the new parish;" we continue the work of getting to know one another, learning to love one another, and letting go in order to make room for the new to fully enter. God calls us for a great purpose; we open wide our heart to discover that great purpose together.

St. Nicholas, St. Teresa of Avila and St. Bridget of Erin, you are with us; may the Triune God be glorified in us.

– Father Mitch



**WE HOLD IN HEART AND PRAYER:** Please continue to pray for those who have asked our prayers.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 15:** Festival of Ministries

**November 18:** A Social Gathering

**COLLECTION:** 9/10/23 - \$6,751.50 THANK YOU.



Saints Teresa and Bridget Catholic Church

### CELEBRATE OUR FOUNDING CHURCHES:

The first St. Theresa parish church was built in late 1865. Because of the increase in the number of parishioners, a larger church was built in 1900. The new church was erected on the northwest corner of Grand and North Market. The interior of the new building is 132 feet long by 72 feet wide. There are five altars, and the roof is supported by two rows of columns.

By 1870 a parish school for over 300 students was built and staffed by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. From consolidation emerged one school, housed at St. Bridget's parish. In August 1989 the school merged with St. Nicholas parish.

During the 1970's the convent and school, adjacent to the church, were torn down. A resource center was built on the site of the former school building. In 1979 the Missionaries of Charity began offering a shelter for homeless women and children and providing meals at their soup kitchen. With the building of their new complex (convent, homeless shelter, and soup kitchen) the Sisters provide a variety of services.

In July 2003, the Archdiocese of St. Louis requested that St. Teresa of Avila and St. Bridget of Erin merge to form a new Saints Teresa and Bridget Catholic Church embracing the rich history of both St. Teresa of Avila and St. Bridget of Erin parishes.

### SEPTEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

#### Noon Mass: Monday – Friday

St. Nicholas

#### Saturdays, September 23 and 30

4:30 Vigil Mass at St. Nicholas

#### Sunday, September 24

9:00am: Most Holy Trinity

*First Reading:* Michael Freymuth

*Second Reading:* Mattie Patterson

*Eucharistic Minister:* Sister Luanne

*Mass Intention:* Vickie Deason

11:00am: Sts. Teresa and Bridget

*First Reading:* Bridget Stegall

*Second Reading:* Madonna Buhr

*Eucharistic Minister:* Sister Georgina Schumacher

*Mass Intention:* Priest's intention

# WHAT ABOUT HOLINESS and PRAISE?

*Thomas Merton, monk, poet, spiritual, and social activist, is widely acclaimed as one of the most influential spiritual leaders of the twentieth century. His writing is a source of contemplation and prayer.*

The forms and individual characters of living and growing things, of inanimate beings, of animals and flowers and all nature constitute their holiness in the sight of God.

The special clumsy beauty of this colt on this day in this field under these clouds  
Is a holiness consecrated to God by God's own creative wisdom.

The pale flowers of the dogwood outside the window are saints.  
The little yellow flowers that nobody notices on the edge of the road are saints looking  
up into the face of God.

The leaf has its own texture and its own pattern of veins and its own holy shape, and  
the bass and the trout hiding in the deep pools of the river are canonized by its beauty  
and strength.

Nothing else in the world ever did or ever will imitate God in quite the same way.

## *REFLECTION:*

How does God's creation  
— each of us, and all —  
give God praise?





### SEASON OF CREATION CELEBRATING WEEK 3

#### LOOKING AT OUR LIFESTYLES:

Reflecting the gospel of forgiveness, Pope Francis encourages the transforming of our hearts so that we become more aware of our planet cherished by Christ as a sacred gift from our Creator.

Pope Francis in his opening statement on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, asks all to repent of “ecological sins.” He says, let all adopt lifestyles marked by less waste and unnecessary consumption, especially where the processes of production are toxic and unsustainable. The Pope continues his plea asking all to be mindful about habits and economic decisions so that all thrive. He encourages all to cooperate in God’s ongoing creation through positive choices: using resources with moderation and disposing and recycling waste and making greater use of products and services that are environmentally and socially responsible.

– Pope Francis, September 2023

**FESTIVAL OF MINISTRIES:** As we approach the end of summer and signs of autumn appear, it seems a natural time to reflect on our daily living of stewardship. During this season we each reflect on our time, talent, and treasure. Where will we volunteer our efforts this year? Whether Liturgical minister or in a leadership role, committee member, or service as a volunteer, our new parish is grateful for each contribution supporting growth in faith and mission.

#### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:

**ART FESTIVAL**, Saturday, September 23, 10-4, Epiphany of Our Lord 6593 Smiley Ave, St. Louis  
[www.catholicartfest.com](http://www.catholicartfest.com)

**KATY TRAIL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE:** October 9–13.  
[www.katyTrailPilgrimage.com](http://www.katyTrailPilgrimage.com)

**PILGRIMAGE:** Walking the Way: Following in the Footsteps of Our Black Catholic foremothers in Faith May 2-7. [futurechurch.org/pilgrimage/](http://futurechurch.org/pilgrimage/)



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#### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SERVICES

##### Most Holy Trinity

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food/Utility Assistance  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 9:00 – noon  
4335 Warne Ave, 63107  
314-535-9794 (during operating hours)

##### St. Nicholas (Off-site)

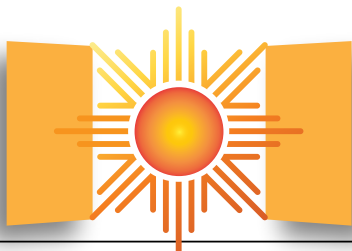
Food Pantry sponsored by Immacolata SVDP  
First and Second Tuesdays: 9:00 – 11:00  
Hot meal, snacks, fellowship; Dine in or carry-out  
1414 N. Taylor Ave, 63110  
314.289.6106 ext, 1171

##### St. Nicholas

Food Pantry sponsored by Ascension SVDP  
Mondays (except holidays): 10 - noon  
701 N 18th St., 63103  
314.289.6101

##### Sts. Teresa & Bridget

Food Pantry/Utility Assistance/Store Vouchers  
Tuesday, Thursday 9 – noon  
Bag Lunches for homeless  
Sts. Teresa & Bridget Hall  
2431 N. Grand Blvd., 63106  
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