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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 am–8 pm
Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am–5:00 pm
(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00 pm)
Saturday: 1:00–3:45 pm

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am
Children’s Liturgy of the Word: 11 am
Monday: see worship calendar for time & location
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 3:00—3:30 pm
Other times by appointment

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
Blessed Trinity Parish is an open and welcoming Catholic community, centered in the Eucharist and celebrating God’s gift of Diversity. We bring God’s love to one another and support one another in responding to the challenge of living the Gospel. We strive to deepen participation and encourage all parishioners to take ownership for the everyday life of their church, especially Spiritual Growth, Community Life, the Building of a Just Society, and Service to All God’s People.

Psalm 40: Here I Am

Refrain
Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.

Refrain trans. @ 1969, ICEL Music: Rory Cooney; @ 1971, 1991, North American Liturgy Resources. Published by OCP Publications.
From Fr. Doug’s Desk...

Ordinary Time is Magic

Today we celebrate the second Sunday of Ordinary time. If you were paying attention you might be asking yourself, “what happened to the first Sunday in ordinary time?” And you’d be right!

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of Epiphany. Usually the Sunday following the Epiphany is the Baptism of Our Lord. This year, because of the way the calendar falls, the feast of the baptism of the Lord is moved to the day after the Epiphany, January 8. But if you went to Mass on Tuesday of last week, you celebrated the Mass of Tuesday of the first week of the year. it all depends on how you count.

Look at it this way. How old was Jesus on his first birthday? The answer of course is one. But in what year was Jesus born? The answer is also year one. Jesus birthday (and ours) concludes with the celebration of the year completed. The day after his first birthday he started his second year.

So it is with ordinary time. It’s not week one of ordinary time. It’s the first week of ordinary time. If I have you sufficiently confused, you can ask me after Mass.

At any rate, the question arises, what exactly is ordinary time, anyway? Ordinary Time is that liturgical season in which we reflect on the words of Christ and implement them into our lives in this present day and age.

This year, the readings during ordinary time are from cycle B. Cycle B draws heavily from the Gospel of Mark. There are several common themes running through Mark’s Gospel. Mark emphasizes John the Baptist and his prophetic voice. Mark focuses on the miracles of Jesus. Mark emphasizes Jesus’ humanity. And Mark tells us that the Son of Man must suffer and die.

As we reflect on the Gospel and of Mark in the next few weeks before Lent (and pick him up again after the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ) there is much to reflect on in implementing Mark’s Gospel into our lives throughout the year ahead.

In Mark, John the Baptist announces Christ’s coming and Jesus himself is hailed as a prophet. This gives us a chance to reflect on our own prophetic voice in the world. Prophets are not fortune tellers or soothsayers. Prophets are known for speaking the truth, such as, ‘if you sin, you will incur the wrath of God.’ Mark’s Gospel calls us to speak the truth, to refute false facts and to see the truth of ourselves in Christ. We do this as individuals and as church.

Mark speaks of Jesus the miracle worker. Miracles remind us that there is always hope. When things look impossible, God is with us. In times of darkness, look to Christ who sustains us.

Mark portrays the humanity of Jesus more than the other Evangelists. Jesus gets hungry, feels lonely, asks questions, has doubts, gets annoyed, suffers, and wonders like the rest of us. Mark’s Gospel is a chance to celebrate our humanity, our commonality with all the people of the earth and proclaim that we are one human family.

Mark paints a picture of Jesus as one who must suffer. That suffering is a result of sin. In ordinary time this year we might reflect on the world’s suffering and ask ourselves, how much of that is caused by sin?

It has been said that Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. How true! Let us begin today to see the extraordinary around us and within us.

P.S. The Ignatian retreat that we are offering right here can help you do that!
Thank you for your generous donations to the Saint Vincent DePaul Society during the Advent collections. It is sincerely appreciated!

WINTER RETREAT: PRAYING WITH ST. IGNATIUS We have an opportunity to join in a scripture-based retreat, offered through the Jesuit Retreat House, Tuesdays, Jan. 30 – Mar. 27, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., on our campus, in the rectory basement. Cost $5. We will be guided in personal prayer designed to foster heartfelt knowledge of Jesus. Will you accept this invitation and let God move your heart? Register by 1/21, forms at the back table in church and at the rectory.

LENTEN FISH FRIES WILL SOON NEED YOUR HELP Looking for disciples (experienced or new) for food prep, set up, orders, check out, cooks, servers, runners, station workers, end of the night clean up at 7:30p, and dessert bakers. Please consider how you can participate. 2018 Fish Fry dates: Fridays, Feb. 16 – Mar. 23. Volunteer signup begins next week.

Please pray for:

Thank you for your generous support!
January 7 $ 5,737.87
Special Gifts $ 1,530.00
CPO $ 201.91

Please pray for all who are serving in the military, especially the men and women connected to our parish:
* Robert A. Fago (Army), son of Tony & Shirley
* Gunny Raymond Gustavo Hazelton (US Marine Corps), brother of Cristina Snodgrass
* Brook Robinson (Navy), son of David & Michelle and grandson of Dolores Coleman
* Kyle A. Riley (Air Force), nephew of Robert Hollowell
* Greg Koch (Air Force), nephew of Nancy Koch
* James Ashenhurst (Navy), stepson of Stephen Flynn and son of Jenny Simons

COMMUNITY MEAL TODAY 12:30 - 1:30pm in Fogarty Hall. All are welcome. Come enjoy a free meal and wonderful hospitality! If you are able to help take down tables after today’s meal, your help will be greatly appreciated!

An office volunteer is needed at the rectory for Tuesday evenings from 5 -- 8 pm. Great working conditions! Please call the rectory at 216-671-5890 if you are interested.

DISCIPLES NEEDED to help unload the food delivery at the Bountiful Basement on Mondays about 10:30 a.m. The team is in need of people who can help on a weekly basis. The need is urgent. Your help will be greatly appreciated! Please contact the rectory to be added to the team.

During the month of January the Haiti Committee will be collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste (any size), floss and cash donations for a dental clinic in Haiti. Donation containers will be available at the church entrances or you may drop off your donation at the rectory. Thank you!
### This Week at Blessed Trinity

#### Sunday, January 14
- 9:00am—10:45am  CGS Level I (Atrium)
- 9:00am—10:45am  PSR Grs 1-3 (Atrium)
- 11:00am—12:00pm  Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- 12:10pm—1:30pm  Confirmation Preparation (Joseph Ctr)
- 12:30pm—1:30pm  Community Meal (Fogarty Hall)

#### Monday, January 15
**All Day**  
**Martin Luther King Day**  
- **Rectory Office Closed**

#### Tuesday, January 16
- 9:30am—12:00pm  Bountiful Basement (BB)
- 10:30am—12:00pm  AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
- 1:00pm—2:30pm  Social Cmte. Planning Mtg. (Rec. Lib)
- 7:00pm—8:30pm  NATR Volunteer Mtg. (Fogarty Hall)
- 7:30pm—10:00pm  Holy Name/Men’s Ministry (Jos. Ctr)

#### Wednesday, January 17
- 5:00pm—6:45pm  Bountiful Basement (BB)
- 7:00pm—8:30pm  Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 8:00 pm—9:00 pm  AA Meeting (Joseph Center)

#### Thursday, January 18
- 9:30am—12:00pm  Bountiful Basement (BB)
- 11:00am—12:00pm  AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
- 6:00pm—7:30pm  Bell Choir (Church)

#### Friday, January 19
- 6:30pm—7:30pm  AWE Team Mtg. (Rec. Living Rm.)
- 8:00pm—10:00pm  AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

#### Saturday, January 20
- 8:30am—10:30am  Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fogarty Hall)

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**PAPER RECYCLING**  
This week will be our Bonus Days: Jan. 15-19. Blessed Trinity receives an additional $5/ton. Thank you for helping the earth and our parish!

Holy Name Society Meeting: Our Guest Speaker on Tuesday Jan 16th @ 8pm will be Rev. Jason Thompson from the West Park United Church of Christ sharing with us about the history, structure and such of the West Park United Church of Christ. All Women and Men are welcome.

**MEN’S MINISTRY PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
will be held on Saturday, January 20 from 8:30am—10:30am in Fogarty Hall. The cost for breakfast is $3 or two for $5. Sounds like you should bring a friend!

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:**

*Brian Kazy—Ward 16 Councilman*
WORSHIP

Saturday, January 13 (1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19, 10:1
Mk 2:13-17)
4:00pm Madeline McMahon (Family)

Sunday, January 14 (1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a,
17-20; Jn 1: 35-42)
9:00am Jean Delattre (Men’s Ministry)
11:00am Blessed Trinity

Monday, January 15
11:00am Men’s Ministry (Men’s Ministry)
@ West Park Neuro & Rehab Center
4401 W. 150th St.

Tuesday, January 16
8:30am Joseph Vercheck & Robert Burdeau
(Family)

Wednesday, January 17
8:30am Dorothy Cooney (Thomas Cooney)

Thursday, January 18
No Mass

Friday, January 19
8:30am Julia & George Barnett
(Ron & Kathy Mickler)

Saturday, January 20 (2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;
Mk 3: 20-21)
4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, January 21 (Jon 3: 1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7: 29-31;
Mk 1: 14-20)
9:00am Margaret Kovachik (Kovachik Family)
11:00am Ma-an Samonte (Family)

SAVE THE DATE: NIGHT AT THE RACES
Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018. Plan to enjoy this fundraiser with friends. Tickets ($20) and horses ($10); on sale after masses and from the rectory. Even if you cannot attend, your purchase of a race horse can help make this a successful fundraising event! Volunteers can sign up at the back table in church. Volunteer meeting Tues., Jan. 16, 2018, 7pm, Fogarty Hall.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2017
To request the amount of your annual contribution to Blessed Trinity, please complete the following information and return to the rectory via collection basket, mail or drop-off.

NAME ____________________________________________

ADDRESS __________________________________________

PHONE __________________________________________

Check one of the following:
___ I will pick up my statement at the rectory.
___ Please mail my statement.
___ Email to: _______________________________________

5 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME