

November 24, 2024

# Church of the Most Holy Trinity

*The Parish that We Dream  
is the Parish that I Help to Build*

## Thanksgiving

Each year Americans gather to celebrate one of the most traditional holidays they have. I am talking about Thanksgiving. According to *The History Channel*, “Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2024 occurs on Thursday, November 28. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn’t until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.” <https://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving>

However, Thanksgiving celebration is not celebrated only once a year, but every day of the year. Why? Because each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are having a Thanksgiving celebration. The word “Eucharist” comes from the Greek word εὐχαριστία (eukharistía), which means “gratitude” or “giving of thanks”. Therefore, we come to the Eucharist not because it is an obligation and is part of the Ten Commandments, but because we want to have a personal encounter with the Lord. We want to say to God “thank you” for everything He has done for each one of us. The Lord God has given us many things, and our way to express our gratitude to Him is through the celebration of the Eucharist.

Let us celebrate the Eucharist always in attitude of Thanksgiving.

What do you have to say ‘Thank you’ to the Lord for?

### Thanksgiving Prayer

We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus your Son who came to our Earth and lived in a simple home. We have a greater appreciation of the value and dignity of the human family because he loved and was loved within its shelter. Bless us this day; may we grow in love for each other in our family and so give thanks to you who are the maker of all human families and our abiding peace.

— from *The Catholic Prayer Book*, compiled by Msgr. Michael Buckley (<http://www.catholicdigest.com/faith/201611-07five-prayers-to-say-on-thanksgiving/>)

Remember, *The parish that we dream is the parish that I help to build.*  
God Bless you, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary be with you always.  
Fr. Jorge Ramírez



**PASTORAL EMERGENCIES:** If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours; please call **(315) 604-8070**.

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:** Saturday (vigil) **4:30 p.m.**  
Sunday **8:30 a.m.** and **10:30 a.m.**

**DAILY MASS TIMES:** Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Call Tricia Kull, Faith Formation Coordinator at 265-4750.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. or by appointment with a priest.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** The Eucharist and Sacramental Anointing are available to the homebound and those in need. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** Please call the Parish Office in advance, if possible.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**FAITH FORMATION:** See our website or contact Tricia Kull for more information at (585) 265-4750 or [Tricia.Kull@dor.org](mailto:Tricia.Kull@dor.org)

- Religious Education Classes offered for Grades 1-7 in our Sunday Program or Family Program.
- Sacrament Preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion (two-year program) for Grades 2 and over.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays (October - June) during our 10:30am Mass for Grades Pre-K - 3.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** - See our website or contact Michelle Schultheis for more information at (585)265-4750x328 or [michelle.schultheis@dor.org](mailto:michelle.schultheis@dor.org)

- Confirmation Preparation (two-year program) for Youth in Grades 8 and over.
- OCIC to prepare children ages 7-17 to enter fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism.
- Children, Youth, and Family opportunities to gather in fellowship throughout the year. Watch our monthly newsletter for more information.

## Becoming Catholic

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a spiritual journey for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church through Baptism or in completing the Sacraments of Initiation. For more information, please contact Fr. George or Mary Kramer.

### Stewardship by the Book

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service* of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

# STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure



**Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:**

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in loving memory of John Toscano, req. by wife, Kim.

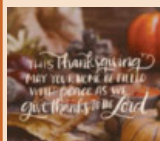
**Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle** will burn in loving memory of Catherine Krowl, req. by Robert Krowl and family.

**St. Joseph's Altar Candle** will burn in loving memory of Joseph Malahosky, req. by Betty Malahosky.

**If you would like a candle lit in memory of a loved one or for special intentions, please call the parish office.**

**A REMINDER:** If you need a devotional candle lit immediately for a loved one, a special occasion, or special intentions, you are invited to light the small votives that are on the side altars of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. They will burn for about 4-5 hours.

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



The Parish Office will close on Wednesday, November 27th at 12:00 p.m. and all day on Thursday and Friday, November 28th and November 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

On behalf of the Parish Staff, we wish everyone a blessed, safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

## Ornaments And Save Around Books



Once again, Christmas Ornaments and Coupon Books will be available for sale. These make GREAT gifts, and your purchase will be supporting multiple charities. Proceeds from the sale of ornaments fund St. Damien's Pediatric Hospital in Haiti and St.

Michael's Woodshop in Rochester. Proceeds from the sale of the coupon books are directed to St. Damien's Pediatric Hospital.

This year's ornaments are beautifully made locally by city youth at St. Michael's Woodshop in Rochester. The ornaments are \$7 each or three for \$18. Coupon Books are \$25 per book.

Both the Coupon Books and ornaments are available at Holy Trinity's office. Ornaments are also available at the Goodie Shop located at 83 North Avenue in Webster (during their normal business hours).

Thank you for your continued generous support!



Women's Faith Group  
Kick off Meeting  
December 14, 2024  
Gathering Space  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Women coming together to share in faith and community.

Please join us on Saturday, December 14th at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Space at Holy Trinity Church for a kick off to discuss ideas for future meetings. Our plan is to follow the schedule of the Men's Group, meeting the 2nd Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

All are welcome!



Legion of Mary

Our Legion of Mary is an association of Catholic men and women under the leadership of our Blessed Mother and the influence of the Holy Spirit.

The Legion's work consists of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, homebound and nursing home visits, assistance at funerals and any other assignment given by our Pastor. The Legion meets every Tuesday at 9:45 a.m. in the Marian Room

The Legion also uses a **Prayer Chain** dedicated to those with special needs. **If you have a loved one or yourself who may be in need of prayers, please call the parish office** to be placed on their prayer chain.

**October 2024 Totals**

Blessings to all who donated through the mail, on line and dropping off at the Parish Office. We continue to strive to maintain our goals for the month. Holy Trinity is grateful for your continued support.

GOAL:	\$ 68,120.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:	\$ 51,849.52
LOOSE COLLECTION:	\$ 3,718.69
HOLIDAY:	\$ 255.00
CHILDREN'S OFFERING:	\$ 26.87
ONLINE GIVING:	\$ 24,480.50
VARIANCE:	\$ 12,210.58

Attendance for November 16/17: 943



The Holy Trinity Children's Choir is starting up in time for the Christmas season! The children will have two opportunities to sing this December.

On Dec 15, we will sing at the Advent Music Celebration & Children's Christmas Pageant at 3:00 PM in the church. Additionally, the Children's Choir will also sing at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass.

Please don't hesitate to have your child join even if they can only participate in one of the events.

All children in grades 2-6 are welcome to join us! Our first rehearsal is Sun, Dec 1 at 12:00 PM so sign up soon!

There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space with more information and the full rehearsal schedule.

Please contact Lauralynne at [lauralynne.davis@dor.org](mailto:lauralynne.davis@dor.org) with any questions. Thank you!

2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**Extending Christ's Mission**  
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



We thank those who have given generously to the CMA. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways.

**Join our appeal and give back what you can, so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!**

**If you wish to give to the CMA, there are envelopes at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space.**

GOAL:	\$192,000.00
TOTAL TO DATE:	\$ 96,493.22
DONORS:	300
% TO GOAL:	50.26% (as of November 18th)

**A CHANGE TO OUR CHRISTMAS STAR PROGRAM**

**RATHER THAN COLLECTING CASH DONATIONS THIS YEAR, WE ARE REQUESTING DONATIONS IN THE FORM OF**

**\$25 GIFT CARDS  
FROM ALDI, WALMART, OR TOPS**

**THIS WEEKEND, WE WILL COLLECT GIFT CARDS (NOT CASH) IN OUR PENNY SUNDAY COLLECTION. GIFT CARDS CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE THROUGH 11/29. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE STAR PROGRAM BUT ARE UNABLE TO PURCHASE GIFT CARDS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**AS ALWAYS THANK YOU FOR YOUR OVERWHELMING GENEROSITY WITH THIS PROGRAM!**



## FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE

**The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) will take place on November 20-22, 2025 in Indianapolis and Holy Trinity is going!**



### **2025-2026 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (current grades 8-11)**

NCYC is an amazingly unique opportunity designed specifically for high school students. Join us in Indianapolis, Indiana for a three-day diverse exploration of your faith! Experience prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for YOU along with thousands of Catholic teens from across the country for a life-changing encounter with Christ.

- *WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?* 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders during the 2025-2026 school year
- *WHEN IS NCYC?* Thursday – Saturday, November 20-22, 2025
- *WHERE IS NCYC?* Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, Indiana
- *HOW ARE WE GETTING THERE?* We will go by chartered bus all together with the entire Diocese of Rochester!
- *HOW DO I SIGN UP?* Have your parent email Miss Michelle for more information or to register!

We cannot wait to share the exciting details with you! If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Miss Michelle at [Michelle.Schultheis@dor.org](mailto:Michelle.Schultheis@dor.org) or (585)265-1616 x328.

## Mass Intentions:

**November 23 - December 1, 2024**

All weekday and weekend Masses will be live-streamed.

### Saturday - November 23, 2024

12:00 noon - Wedding - Brian Bell/Mary Bell  
4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

### SUNDAY - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

#### November 24, 2024

8:30 a.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Donald Klee, req. by Mary & Jim Klee  
10:30 a.m. † Pat Micali (birthday mass), req. by Micali family

### Monday - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

#### November 25, 2024

9:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of Serwon & Waldow families, req. by Jeannine Waldow

### Tuesday - Weekday

#### November 26, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Horst Merkl, req. by Dan and Nora Craft

### Wednesday - Weekday

#### November 27, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Anthony Graff, req. by wife, Theresa

### Thursday - THANKSGIVING DAY

#### November 28, 2024

9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

### Friday - Weekday

#### November 29, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Nubia Velasquez, req. by Father Jorge  
12:00 noon - Wedding - Joseph Ugoe/Ugochi Okekpu

### Saturday

#### November 30, 2024

4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) † Herbert Dietrich, req. by Irene Dietrich

### SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### December 1, 2024

8:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased  
10:30 a.m. † Father Tim Horan, req. parishoners and staff of Holy Trinity

## This Week at Holy Trinity Church

### Tuesday, November 26

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cursillo - Wing Room  
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Legion of Mary - Marian Room  
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Confession - Church

### Wednesday, November 27 - Parish Office Closes at Noon

### Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass

### Friday - November 29 - Parish Office Closed

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church

### Saturday, November 30

3:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Confession - Church



## Holy Trinity Parish Staff

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. &

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Website: [www.holytrinityweb.com](http://www.holytrinityweb.com)

Email address: [wholytri@dor.org](mailto:wholytri@dor.org)

### MASS TIMES:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.. (Oct. - June)

(no Tuesday confessions during the summer)

If you find that you are unable to attend Mass in person, you may view our live-stream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/18862485/events/5598269>

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel at 585-328-3228, ext. 1555 or  
1-800-388-7177 ext: 1555 or email to  
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