

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship Schedule

Saturday November 30—St. Andrew, Apostle
 4pm SG + Harold Burkart

Sunday December 1—First Sunday of Advent
 8am HT + Living & Deceased Members of Holy Trinity Parish
 10am SG + Tom Ryan
 7pm HT + Volunteers in our Parish

Tuesday December 3—St. Francis Xavier, Priest
 8:15am HT + Communion Service

Wednesday December 4—Advent Weekday
 8:15am HT + Communion Service

Thursday December 5—Advent Weekday
 8:15am SG + Communion Service

Friday December 6—Advent Weekday
 8:15am SG + Fred & Isabelle Stiefvater
 Holy Hour following Mass

Saturday December 7—St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 4pm SG + Mary Elen Staszak

Sunday December 8—Second Sunday of Advent
 8am HT + Erwin & Alma Brost, Dennis Brost
 10am SG + Joseph P. Litz
 7pm HT + Theodore Bonde Family

Liturgical Ministers December 7 & 8

Greeters:
 4pm SG: N-Leon & Barb Lutzke
 M-Ed & Mary Olig
 8am HT: Dennis & Lois Albright
 10am SG: N-Alice Petermann
 M-Mary Ann Ristow
 7pm HT: Volunteer

Lectors:
 4pm SG: Connie Bell
 8am HT: Gary Mueller
 10am SG: Jean Blattner
 7pm HT: Miranda Schneider

Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
 4pm SG: Jill Riesterer, Pat Milligan, Allen Dietrich
 8am HT: Ruth Kleczewski, Carol Heinzen, Danielle Faust, Grace Salm
 10am SG: Deb Peterson, Theresa Zimmermann
 7pm HT: Volunteer

Ushers:
 4pm SG: Joe Weber, Frank Riesterer
 8am HT: Brian & Barb Hruby, Randy Neils
 10am SG: Jeff Schwoerer, Joe Litz, Paul Litz, Lyle Schwoerer
 7pm HT: Volunteers

Servers:
 4pm SG: Alex Koenig
 8am HT: Gretchen & Maddie Augustine
 10am SG: Alayna & Kayla Peterson
 7pm HT: Mason Schneider

Scrip:
 4pm SG: Connie Bell
 8am HT: Sandy Neils
 10am SG: Paula Emme

Parish News



SG & HT Advent Reflection 'Little Blue Books' are almost gone. There are only a few left at Holy Trinity. Get yours today at the scrip table or the parish office. Books cost \$1 each.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Ellen Broeckert, St. Gregory Parishioner, who passed away on November 21. May God grant her eternal rest and be with her family at this difficult time. On behalf of the St. Gregory Parish community, we offer our prayers and condolences to her family. The funeral Mass for Mary Ellen was on Saturday, November 30 at St. Gregory.

SG Choir will practice on Monday, December 2 at 6:30pm in church. New voices are welcome. Come join us as we practice for both Advent and Christmas!

Former parishioner, Alvina Wagner, will be 100 years young on December 8th. She is currently living in an apartment in Manitowoc. If you would like to remember her with a card, her address is: 1614 S. 30th St. Apt. 903, Manitowoc, WI 54220.

Food Pantry Advent Food Drive will begin in December. The following is a suggested list of items for the pantry.

Week One: paper products (paper towels, tissues) canned fruits, ketchup, mustard, chunks of cheese

Week Two: canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam, small hams, beef stew), summer sausage

Week Three: personal products (deodorants, shampoo, bar soap, hand soap) coffee, cookies

Week Four: cereals (any kind—small boxes best), canned vegetables (carrots, beets, peas, potatoes), peanut butter, jams or jellies

Collection boxes are located in church entries at both SG and HT. Thank you for your past donations and anticipated donations. Faye Riesterer (773-2422), Food Pantry Coordinator

SG Parishioners Allen & Linda Dietrich recently returned from a trip to Israel. They will be sharing pictures and stories of their experiences on Thurs., Dec. 12 at 9:15am in the SG Cafeteria. Everyone is welcome.

You are Invited ... An Evening of the Living Rosary on Wed., Dec. 11 at 6pm. Religious Education students and teachers will be praying the Living Rosary outdoors. In case of inclement weather, prayer will be held in the gym. Please join us.

HT Ministry Schedule for December & January are in back of church.

HT Christian Women Bake Sale Dec. 1, after 8am Mass.

HT Perch Fry is quickly approaching. When you're out shopping, look for raffle & silent auction items. We will also be having the 'Scrip Fish' again this year. ****Next Meeting Sun., Dec. 1, following 8am Mass.****

HT Sunday School is looking for an individual to lead Sunday School on December 15th. Please contact Jessica (920-645-1001) if interested.

HT Christian Women Calendar sales are off to a great start. Don't forget they make great stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts. We have plenty; if you would like some extras.

HT Bible Study will be starting Exodus the first week of December. Give a thought to join us Tuesday mornings following 8:15 Mass.

St. Gregory Stewardship: November 23 & 24, 2019

| | Weekly | Fiscal Year Budget |
|--|---------------------|--|
| Envelopes | \$ 2,252.00 | \$180,000.00 |
| Loose | \$ 211.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 2,463.00 | \$190,000.00 |
| Support Budget/Week | \$ 3,653.85 | \$ 60,281.22 <small>received for year</small> |
| Difference this Week | -\$ 1,190.85 | \$129,718.78 <small>needed by 6/30/20</small> |
| Total November Green Sunday: \$745.00 | | |
| Military Services: \$388.00 | | |

Holy Trinity Stewardship for November 24, 2019

| | Weekly | Fiscal Year Budget |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Envelopes | \$ 1,067.00 | \$85,000.00 |
| Loose | \$ 254.51 | \$12,500.00 |
| Total | \$ 1,321.51 | \$97,500.00 |
| Support Budget/Week | \$ 1,875.00 | \$37,297.93 <small>received for year</small> |
| Difference This Week | \$ -553.49 | \$60,202.07 <small>needed by 6/30/20</small> |
| Green Sunday: \$760.60 November Total: \$785.60 | | |
| Military Services: \$5.00 Total: \$544.00 | | |

December

Dates to Remember

- Sun., Dec. 1** HT Christian Women Bake Sale, following 8am Mass
Sun., Dec. 1 Perch Fry Mtg, following 8am Mass
Tues., Dec. 3 Christian Women Christmas Party Cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 6:45pm at HT
Thurs., Dec. 5 Setting a Place for Jesus—Ladies Advent Evening at SG
Thurs., Dec. 5 Fr. Tony returns today
Mon., Dec. 9 Caring Hearts & Hands 1pm at SG
Wed., Dec. 11 Knights of Columbus Mtg 6:30pm at HT
Thurs., Dec. 12 Penance Service 6:30pm at HT

Knightsly News

Knights of Columbus will be providing 'Keep Christ in Christmas' yard signs following the November 30 and December 1 Masses to display in your yards. These signs are being provided by the Knights of Columbus at no cost. Although, good will donations will be accepted.



Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. For more information about our Council contact Dave Christel at (920) 773-3113

Area Parish Events & Faith Formation Opportunities

- Mon., Dec. 2 & 10—Love & Mercy, St. Faustina Movie—**Sheboygan Cinema 7pm showing or 7pm at Green Bay Theaters. In 1931, Jesus appeared to Faustina Kowalska as the King of Mercy. The gripping new docudrama LOVE AND MERCY presents unknown facts and recently disclosed documents that shed new light on the vision of Faustina.
Sat., Dec. 7—Chili Lunch with Cookie & Candy Sale, Basket Raffle, White Elephant Sale, St. Michael's Church, Whitelaw, 9am-2:30pm; Chili Lunch with crackers, cheese, dessert, and beverage \$6, Hot dogs \$1.50, Carry outs available.
Sun., Dec. 8—Chili Lunch with Cookie and Candy Sale, St. Anne Parish, Francis Creek; 10am—1pm Chili, bread, cheese, dessert, and beverage; Adults \$6; Children 3-10 yrs \$2.50; Under 3 Donation; Carry outs \$6/quart.

Community Events

- Sun., Dec. 8—Christmas Craft Fair,** Chilton High School, 10am-3pm; For the benefit of "Bread of Life Assistance Center"; sponsored by The Salvation Army; Free Admission; Food & Refreshments; Door Prizes.
Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer at the Timm House, 1600 Wisconsin Ave, New Holstein; Celebrate the 80th Anniv. of the 1939 book by Robert Lewis May & 70th Anniv of Gene Autrey's song 1949. Dates, times, and admission information on bulletin boards.

Mass Readings for Week of December 2—December 8

| | <u>Readings</u> | <u>Gospel</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mon/Dec 2 | Isaiah 4:2-6 | Matthew 8:5-11 |
| Tues/Dec 3 | Isaiah 11:1-10 | Luke 10:21-24 |
| Wed/Dec 4 | Isaiah 25:6-10a | Matthew 15:29-37 |
| Thurs/Dec 5 | Isaiah 26:1-6 | Matthew 7:21, 24-27 |
| Fri/Dec 6 | Isaiah 29:17-24 | Matthew 9:27-31 |
| Sat/Dec 7 | Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 | Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 |
| Sun/Dec 8 | Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 | Matthew 3:1-12 |

Hear to Serve ...



COMPLACENCY KILLS

There's an old saying that "Complacency Kills." I first heard it from my son who is in law enforcement. In my son's application, it is to be taken literally. If officers becomes too comfortable, too relaxed, and stops looking for the unexpected they could literally become injured or killed.

Now, this saying of complacency kills has been adopted for many applications from the military, to business, to our personal lives. Isn't this what Jesus is really telling us when He warns us about the end times and tells us to stay awake? Jesus isn't talking about our physical life but our eternal life. Jesus is warning us of the choices we make. Because our lives are going well and filled with good things, we become complacent and sleepy. When we become complacent, we become like logs drifting downstream, and then we usually end up going down the wrong branch of the river. St. Paul tells us we will drift into drunkenness, promiscuity, lust, and jealousy. People, Jesus is telling us we cannot drift our way into Heaven. As this Advent Season starts, let us make the effort from the beginning to shake off that sleepiness. Let us fight to stay awake. Let us not become complacent.

Yes, it is always a fight to do what Christ calls us to. Already the holiday distractions are upon us. Advertisements and sales have started weeks before Thanksgiving. We worry about cleaning our houses, buying food, who's coming for dinner, and who's getting what gift. We forget about the real reason we have Advent.

Our Gospel reading today reminds us that Advent is all about preparing for the coming of Christ, not only for Christmas, but more importantly, for His second coming. Let us not worry about cleaning out our houses, but cleaning out our hearts, our minds, and our eternal souls. We shouldn't be worried so much if Great Aunt Ethel is coming to Christmas dinner, but if we have invited Jesus into our lives. Advent isn't about buying gifts for others, as much fun as that can be. Let's examine ourselves and see if we have given the gift of ourselves to the strangers, the poor, and the down-trodden of our communities.

Keeping Christ in Christmas takes more than just going to the Christmas Mass. If that's what we believe then we will find ourselves drifting aimlessly. Staying awake with Jesus and doing His work can be time consuming and costly. It can be something we don't understand or believe in. And sometimes we will get burned, it won't always turn out as we plan. But if we fail, if we die doing the work of Christ, we will certainly be numbered with the chosen few that Jesus invites into His House for eternity.

Advent is an opportunity for us to keep in mind what Jesus said. We do not know the time that He will come back for us. Let us believe St. Paul when he told the Romans that the hour is now for us to awake from our sleep and sober up. We have to stop drifting aimlessly because we cannot drift into Heaven. Let us take action for Christ, and stop being complacent. Only putting on our Lord Jesus Christ front and center in our lives will do that.

Remember: COMPLACENCY KILLS.

*Deo gratias,
Deacon Gary*

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 1, 2019

From December 2—December 8
the Sanctuary Candles are burning
in memory/honor of:

Holy Trinity:

Those on Pilgrimages
or traveling

St. Gregory:

Dennis Donovan
SG Parishioners

Pray for the Sick:

John E. Meyer, John Casper, Mary Mueller, Orville Bonde, Leon Mueller, Kay Binversie, Jasmine Bertschy, Tony Scharenbroch, Ken Kozminski, Wendy (Riesterer) Puddy, Roy Schuler, Monica Clark, Marie Koenig, Lucille Koenig, John Ryan, Jim Riesterer, and Deacon Jim Steffen, Wilfred Kleinhans.

To **add or remove** a name from this listing, a family member should call your Parish Office-SG: 773-2511 or HT: 773-2380 Thank you.



Legacy Gifts to St. Gregory Parish

Current projects for donation consideration:

- Main entry doors on the Parish Center
- Decorations for church environment (by liturgical seasons)
- Church ceiling rib repairs & paint

HOLY TRINITY SCRIP PROGRAM

Sold in office:
M, T, TH 8am –Noon & 12:30-4pm,
W 8am-Noon, F 8am-noon & 12:30-2pm
Before and after 8am Mass on Sunday

HT Scrip Coordinators~Betty Hardy & Sandy
Neils~920-565-4588

Back in inventory for limited time: Fleet Farm \$10/5%, Riverview \$10/10%, Walmart \$10/2.5%

Thank you to all who continue to purchase SCRIP!

Sales ending November 24 — \$2,475 (includes online sales)
Profits ending November 24 — \$96.65 (includes online sales)



Use Scrip cards for all your
Christmas shopping needs
(groceries, gas, gifts, etc) -
including Amazon purchases!

ST. GREGORY SCRIP

Scrip is sold in the parish office:
M-W 7-Noon & 12:30-4, Th & F 7-Noon
Scrip is also sold after all Masses

Scrip sales for week ending November 26: \$6,288.01
3% (average) profit to the parish: \$188.64

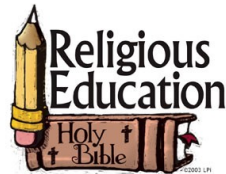
Scrip Coordinators:

Debbie Griem 773-2708 Marlene Zutz 775-4253

Thank you Scrip purchasers and volunteers!

HT Christian Women Calendar Winners are...

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|---------------|------------------------------|-------|
| Nov 17 - \$30 | Lonna Lange, Kiel | #1054 |
| Nov 18 - \$20 | Stacie Valukas, Kronenwetter | #1670 |
| Nov 19 - \$20 | Ethel Meyer, Newton | #860 |
| Nov 20 - \$20 | Linda Schmitz, New Holstein | #949 |
| Nov 21 - \$20 | Chuck Meyers, Chilton | #1695 |
| Nov 22 - \$20 | Jessica Fischer, Newton | #396 |
| Nov 23 - \$20 | Ronald Hickman, Kiel | #566 |



'The world can change any time we
offer someone the coat off our back,
the food off our plate, or the honesty
in our hearts.' Rev. Chris Kerwin

Wed., Dec. 4—6pm Class
Wed., Dec. 11—6pm Class
Wed., Dec. 18—No Class

** Mrs. Patty Wilhelm, Coordinator-
pwilhelm@stgregorycatholicsschool.org

** Mrs. Rita Steffen, Assistant Coordinator-
rsteffen@stgregorycatholicsschool.org



Thank you for
your generous gift!

God Bless You!

| | 2019 Goal | 2019 Donated | Percentage Met |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| St. Gregory: | \$20,952.00 | \$18,074.00 | 86% |
| Holy Trinity: | \$14,859.00 | \$13,502.50 | 91% |

Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Appeal!

The totals reflect the contributions made in the recent second collection.
The donated amount is current as of 11/25/19.



Legacy Gifts to Holy Trinity Parish

Current projects for donation consideration:
Rector Building-outdoor paint
Update Parish office computer
Liturgical Decorations in worship space (colored banners)
Upgrading stain glass windows-worship space

The following parish family members are serving our
nation in the **Armed Forces**:

Jesse Augustine, Kurt Binversie, Dustin Koenig, Matthew Koenig, Samuel Koenig, Brandon Mueller, Greg Mueller, Adam Satori, and Anton Simon.



Service
to your
country
is a gift
to us all.

Thank you!

Please contact the parish office to add a
family member.



SG Prayer Line: Lucille Heinzen at 773-2317

SG Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Melissa Frost
773-3270

SG Caring Hearts & Hands: Melissa Frost
773-3270

SG Food Pantry: Faye Riesterer at 773-2422

HT Prayer Line: Complete card by suggestion box in back of church
or call the parish office.

Would you like to receive Communion at home?

St. Gregory parishioners please contact: Mary Olig 775-4756,
Gene Riesterer 773-2585, or the parish office 773-2511.

Holy Trinity parishioners please contact: Dennis and Karen Graf
693-8700 or the parish office 920-773-2380.

OH, THE
WEATHER
OUTSIDE IS ...



St. Gregory Parish

Holy Trinity Parish

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Weekday Masses, Events, & Office Hours

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During the week, St. Gregory Parish will follow the Valders School District to determine cancellation of daily Mass, scheduled events and office closure. If the schools are delayed, our schedule will NOT change.

During the week, Holy Trinity Parish will follow the Kiel School District to determine cancellation of daily Mass, scheduled events and office closure. If the schools are delayed, our schedule will NOT change.

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Cancellation of weekend Masses and events will be on local TV and radio stations. If weather appears questionable, please tune in to a local station.

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Closures will be listed as: St. Gregory Parish, St. Nazianz

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TV Stations:

Channels 2, 5, 11, 26

AM Radio Stations:

WOMT (1240), WCUB (980),

FM Radio Stations:

WQTC (102.3), WLTU (92.1), WLKN (98.1),
WEMP (98.9)

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**Ladies and Friends of
Holy Trinity and St. Gregory Parishes**

You Are Invited ...

to the

*Christian Women
Annual Christmas Party*

**Tuesday, December 3
Holy Trinity Parish Hall**

6pm Cocktails
6:45pm Dinner

See poster and sign up
sheets in back of Holy
Trinity and St. Gregory Par-
ishes for more information.



Mark Your Calendars ...

*Celebrate the Feast of
St. Gregory Parish's Patron Saint
St. Gregory of Nazianzen*

**Thursday, January 2
6:30pm Mass**

*Mass with Bishop Ricken
Blessing of the Adoration Chapel
and Reconciliation Room
(Reception of Follow)*

**Sunday, January 5
10am Mass**

More information coming soon!