CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

ST. GREGORY PARISH HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Mass Schedule

Monday	8:00am	Holy Trinity
Tuesday	8:00am	Holy Trinity
Wednesday	8:00am	St. Gregory
Thursday	8:00am	St. Gregory
Saturday	4:00pm	St. Gregory
Sunday	8:00am	Holy Trinity
-	10:00am	St. Gregory
	7:00pm	Holy Trinity

* Rosary begins 30 minutes before each Mass *

Confessions

Saturday Sunday 3:00pm S 7:30am H 6:30pm H

St. Gregory Holy Trinity Holy Trinity

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Sacraments

Baptism, Marriage: Call the Parish Office Anointing of the Sick: Call Fr. Bill Brunner

Holy Trinity Council Members

Parish Council: Scott Faust, Ruth Kleczewski, Nancy Augustine, Miranda Schneider, Jan Bennin, Karen Graf—Secretary Trustee

Finance Council: Paul Binversie, Jim Augustine, Wayne Bennin, Mike Herzog, Doug Schneider, Pamela Post—Treasurer Trustee

St. Gregory Council Members

Parish Council: Tre Waldren, Jean Blattner, Theresa Zimmermann, Melissa Frost, Julie Galien, Steve Noworatzky—Secretary Trustee

Finance Council: Jan Reindl, Tom Kopanski, Steve Lenzner, Tom Hoban, Allen Dietrich, Liz Kenneke, Ken Riesterer—Treasurer Trustee

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship Schedule

Saturday Dec 16—Advent Weekday 7am SG Ken & Jean Binversie 4pm SG + Dale Schuler

Sunday Dec 17—Third Sunday of Advent 8am HT People of Holy Trinity & St. Gregory Parishes 10am SG + Binversie Family 7pm HT + Bob Swita

Monday Dec 18—Late Advent Weekday 8am HT + Sandy Riesterer

Tuesday Dec 19-Late Advent Weekday 8am HT + Fr. Philip Hoffmann (LBA)

Wednesday Dec 20—Late Advent Weekday 8am SG + Eugene & Betty, Gary Lee Schmidt

Thursday Dec 21—Late Advent Weekday 8am SG People of Holy Trinity & St. Gregory Parishes

Saturday Dec 23-Late Advent Weekday 4pm SG + Ron Christel

Sunday Dec 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent 9am HT Schill & DeLong Families

Sunday Dec 24—Christmas Eve

4pm HT + David Bartel, Norman & Delores Schad, Donna Basler

9pm SG + Barb Lutzke

Monday Dec 25—The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 8am HT + Deceased Members of the Koenig & Schneider Families 10am SG + Stephen Wagner

December 18—December 24 Sanctuary Candles

are burning in memory/honor of:

HT: Ashley & Laura Wagner SG: Ron Christel, Randy Riesterer

Liturgical Ministers December 23 & 24

(Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Masses can be found on page 3)

Greeters:

4pm SG: Cecelia DeBruin 9am HT: Dennis & Lois Albright

Readers:

4pm SG: Roseann Schuchardt 9am HT: Gary Mueller

Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

4pm SG: Deacon Gary, Allen Dietrich 9am HT: Deacon Gary, Mary Jo Grube

Ushers: 4pm SG: Tom & Amy Kopanski 9am HT: Bob & Clara Salm, Glenn Neils

Servers

4pm SG: Landon Herzog 9am HT: Cody Joas, Adam Faust

Scrip:

4pm SG: Meg Post 9am HT: No scrip sales

Parish News



End of Year Reminder: Just a reminder, there are only a few weeks left until the end of the calendar year. Any contributions to be recorded for this calendar year must be in the parish office by December 29. Offices will be open Fri., Dec. 29 8am-noon.

HT & SG December Hospitality will be this weekend. Plan to stay for Advent refreshments after Mass.

December Green Sunday Collection will take place December 16 & 17 (this weekend). Since Christmas Masses are on a weekend, the collection will take place one week earlier.

HT Christian Women Calendars are available for purchase at both parish offices. Get yours today! They make great Christmas gifts! If you need more to sell, there are extras. Thank You!

<u>2023 Missalettes</u> are available at the back of church at Holy Trinity. Last year's Breaking Bread book had the largest insert of prayers.

Christian Women would like to say Thank You

- to everyone who brought their delicious baked goods. Profit of \$531 will be given to Kiel School District's "Angel Account".
- for all the grocery items brought to the Christmas Party. The donations will be going to the St. Gregory Food Panty.

HT Christmas Decorating will be Wednesday, December 20 starting at 9am. Many hands make light work.

Parish Office Hours: Offices will be CLOSED December 25 & 26 & January 1 & 2 for Christmas and New Years. Offices will be OPEN Friday, December 29 and January 5 from 8am-noon. Thursday, December 21: Offices will close at 11am for a staff Christmas lunch.

Bulletin Deadline Bulletin submissions must be received the Tuesday two weeks prior to the date of print. December 30 & 31 Bulletin Submission Deadline is Tuesday, December 19



Holy Trinity Stewardship for December 10, 2023

Envolopeo	Weekly \$ 2.313.00	Fiscal Year Budget \$101,220.00
Envelopes	· · · · · · ·	. ,
Loose	<u>\$ 335.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,200.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,648.00	\$115,420.00
Support Budget/Week	\$ <u>2,220.00</u>	\$ 58,076.31 received for year
Difference This Week	\$ 428.00	\$ 57,343.69 needed by 6/30/24

Green Sunday: \$0.00 Christmas Flowers: \$1,573.00 Immaculate Conception: \$424.50 Retirement Collection: \$1,729.00

St. Gregory Stewardship: December 9 & 10, 2023

	Weekly	Fiscal Year Budget
Envelopes	\$3,025.00	\$186,500.00
Envelopes Loose	<u>\$ 204.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
Total Env. & Loose	\$3,229.00	\$206,500.00
Support Budget/Week	<u>\$3,971.15</u>	\$ 76,370.80 received for year
Difference this Week	- \$ 742.15	\$130,129.20 needed by 6/30/24

Total December Green Sunday: \$60.00 Christmas Flowers: \$1,025.00 Immaculate Conception: \$409.00 Retirement Collection: \$932.00



<u>Dates to</u> <u>Remember</u>

Sat Dec 16
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Mon Dec 16 & 17Rorate Mass 7am SG
Youth Choir Practice 9am HT
Dec 16 & 17
HT & Second Collection: Green Sunday
HT & SG Hospitality Weekend (3rd Sunday Advent—Rejoicel)
Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 4—7:30pm at HT
Tues Dec 19
SG Finance Council 6pm; Pastoral Council 7pm
Wed Dec 20
Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 4—7:30pm at SG
Dec 25 & 26
Parish Offices ClosedFri Dec 29
Jan 1 & 2Parish Office Closed



Thoughts for Today's Readings

To the Point: John the Baptist gets so much of our Advent airtime—but why do we have him at all? He is not the main event; he is very clear about this from the beginning. What he offers is incomplete revelation, a

promise yet to be fulfilled, a lesser baptism than the one who is to come. Why does God work in this way? Why not send us Christ directly and immediately and get right down to the work of salvation? We may not ever know why, but we can take a cue from John the Baptist in accepting the partial nature of what we see of God's work. John knows his place and accepts it in humility. He embodies the prayer by Bishop Ken Untener that reminds us: "We are ... ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." Like John, we each play some small but irreplaceable role in revealing and announcing Christ. The partial nature of this work can be frustrating, but God's ways are not our ways, and God's timing cannot be rushed.

To Experience: John the Baptist is at first identified by what he is not—he is not the light, not Elijah. The laity of the church is often described in similar ways; laypeople are not ordained, not priests, cannot preside or preach at Eucharist. But John's interlocutors push for positive identification, and perhaps we should too. The laity is not just what it is not; it has a special call to bring the sacred in touch with the more mundane occupations of workplaces and friendships and childrearing. Every place where there is a layperson is a place the church is present.

- 1. John the Baptist is not the Christ but plays a unique role in revealing and reflecting him to the world. How do you reveal and reflect Christ in the world?
- 2. John shows true humility, knowing he is not Christ but not shying away from the role of leadership to which he has been called. What can you learn from his self-knowledge?

Source: Living Liturgy 2024, Liturgical Press

Retirement Collection

Thank you to all who gave generously last weekend through the Retirement Collection. On behalf of our retired sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, and our own diocesan priests, thank you for your generous care!

Mass Readings for Week of Dec 18-Dec 24

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Mon/Dec 18	Jeremiah 23:5-8	Matthew 1:18-25
Tues/Dec 19	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a	Luke 1:5-25
Wed/Dec 20	Isaiah 7:10-14	Luke 1:26-38
Thurs/Dec 21	Song of Songs 2:8-14	Luke 1:39-45
Fri/Dec 22	Samuel 1:24-28	Luke 1:46-56
Sat/Dec 23	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24	Luke 1:57-66
Sun/Dec 24	II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a, 16	
	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38



"The dawn from on high shall break upon us and shine on those who dwell in darkness and guide our feet in the way of peace." Luke 1:78-79

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's Gospel, we hear the testimony of John the Baptist. That he came to testify to the light.

His days were days of confusion and darkness. There were wars and rumors of war. His nation was quickly dividing into various factions. Many people were feeling oppressed. The hopes, dreams, and aspirations of the "small guy" were getting lost in the midst of all this confusion. Most people did not know what to believe or who to trust.

Does any of this sound familiar?

But in the midst of this darkness, John the Baptist testified to the light. That light is the Light of Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In Christ's preaching and ministry, people heard the Good News that they were first of all called to be sons and daughters of God the Most High. The voice of Christ was clear in calling people to goodness and holiness. They were challenged with these words, "If anyone would like to be my disciple, he must take up his cross and follow me." The challenge of the Cross does call us to sacrifice, but in giving our lives to a mission that is larger than ourselves, we find meaning and purpose.

Finally, in his final sacrifice on Calvary, Christ showed our value, when he offered his Body and his Blood to redeem us from sin and death. Sin and death are the deepest darkness that we experience, and in the Resurrection of Christ, we see that his Light drives out the dark.

Our days are not much different from the days of John the Baptist. People in his day found meaning, purpose, and hope when they turned their hearts and minds towards Christ, who is the true light of the world. So in our day, Christ can and will drive out the darkness. It is our mission as Christians in these confusing times to follow the model laid out for us by John the Baptist. Just as he testified to the light, so we too should testify to the light.

> Blessings, Father Bill

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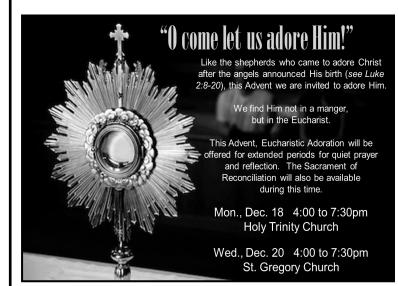
The Annual Advent Food Drive is quickly approaching. The following is a suggested list of needs for the Food Pantry.

Weekend of Dec. 16 & 17:

Canned vegetables (carrots, beets, potatoes) Weekend of Dec. 23 & 24: Canned fruits, cookies

Boxes are at all church entryways at Holy Trinity & St. Gregory. Thank you for your anticipated donations.

Faye Riesterer (773-2422), Food Pantry Coordinator



Third Week of Advent

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Liturgical Ministers—Christmas Masses December 24 & 25

Greeters:

4pm HT: Randy & Sandy Neils **9pm SG**: Alice Petermann **8am HT**: Dennis & Karen Graf **10am SG**: Jeff Satori

Readers:

4pm HT: Nancy Augustine **9pm SG**: Isaac Isselmann **8am HT**: Mary Valukas **10am SG**: Pat Milligan

Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

4pm HT: Deacon Gary, Volunteer
9pm SG: Deacon Gary, Meg Post
8am HT: Cindy Roeck, Joleen Bonde
10am SG: Deb Peterson, Steve Noworatzky

<u>Ushers:</u>

4pm HT: Glenn Neils, Kraig Binversie, Jim Augustine
9pm SG: Rene Jelinek, Ken Riesterer
8am HT: Joseph Meyer, Randy Neils, Dennis Graf
10am SG: Kieth Biese, Mark Sukowaty

Servers:

4pm HT: Maddie Augustine, Paul Faust
9pm SG: Alex Koenig, Vince Shimek
8am HT: Bryce Valukas, Jessica Hruby
10am SG: Kayla Peterson, Decklan Stier, Sawyer Pitz, Sydney Ptiz



Plan to arrive early for Christmas Masses!

The choirs will be singing hymns and carols prior to the start of Masses. Arrive early, enjoy the music, and prepare your heart for the celebration of Christ's birth!

Holy Trinity 23rd Annual Perch Fry February 16, 2024

Raffle Donations Due December 15 to be acknowledged on the raffle ticket. Donations received after December 15, 2023 will not be printed on the raffle ticket, but will be acknowledged on signage and winner notifications. Cash, gift cards, or gift certificates are preferred. Donations can be given to any committee member or dropped off at the parish office.



Thank you for giving of your time and talent to make our Annual Perch Fry a success!

 Dennis & Lois 894-2895
 Dennis & Karen 693-8700
 Mary Beth 920-946-9205

 Brian & Barb 693-8330
 Dave Hartlaub 565-2193
 Kim Schad 920-464-0347

 Tim Schad 920-286-1722
 Billy O'Neil 920-773-2952
 Parish Office 773-2380



Returning to Holy Trinity January 21, 2024!!

"Little Saints" Sunday School

Ages 2-6 Please gather in Classroom #2 by 7:55 am.



Little Saints will meet the third Sunday of the month during the 8am Mass. Children will join their parents after the homily.

Indoor Walking Available SG Parish Center is open for walking. Hours are Mon-Thurs 8am-noon and Mon-Wed 12:30pm-4pm (please call in advance for the afternoon to guarantee access).



Area Community Events

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays Dec 1-17 Toyland at the Timm House Christmas, New Holstein (1600 Wisconsin Ave) Selfguided tours at this Victorian home. Toys of many different kinds invade the rooms and brighten spirits. Come see how many toys from over the years you can find. Adults: \$5; Children: \$3 See bulletin board for hours. Sponsored by New Holstein Historical Society.

Adult Faith Formation Series

Living the Works of Mercy Corporal and Spiritual

Sr. Pam Biehl, Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity

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Wednesday, January 3 5:45—6:15pm Light Supper 6:15—7:00pm Speaker



Free Event for Adults

Sponsored by Holy Trinity & St. Gregory Parishes

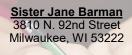
Adult Faith Formation Night Meals

If you are interested in helping to organize or to bring something to share for the meal at one of the upcoming Adult Faith Formation events (January 3, February

28, or April 17), please email sgfaithformation@gmail.com or call the SG parish office (773-2511). Any and all help is appreciated.

Thank you in advance!

Remember these important people who have served our parish in the past with a Christmas card!



Fr. Patrick Nelson St. Margaret Mary Parish 3970 North 92nd St. Milwaukee, WI 53222

<u>Fr. Anthony Ibekwe</u> 4636 Tigerland Ave #14 Baton Rouge, LA 70820



St. Gregory Parish

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Weekday Masses, Events, & Office Hours

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

Weekend Masses & Events

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.

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

Weekday Masses, Events, & Office Hours

Holy Trinity Parish

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

Weekend Masses & Events

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Closures will be listed as: Holy Trinity Parish, School Hill

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



The song comes from the O Antiphons that are prayed by the whole Church during the seven days preceding Christmas Eve. These O Antiphons start on December 17th with O Wisdom and end on December 23rd with O Emmanuel.

No one knows the exact origin of the O Antiphons, but Christians have been singing them since at least the fifth century. You might recognize some of the words, because the O Antiphons are the basis of the popular hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

Each antiphon begins with a title of Christ taken from the Old Testament. Do a little detective work to figure out what they mean, using the Scripture references as clues.

December 17

O come, Thou Wisdom, from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. *(Refrain)*

December 18

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes of Sinai's height In ancient times didst give the law In cloud and majesty and awe. (*Refrain*)

December 19

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem, From ev'ry foe deliver them That trust thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *(Refrain)*

December 20

O come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. *(Refrain)*

Scripture References

Wisdom:Isaiah 11:2-3, Isaiah 28:29Lord:Isaiah 11:4-5, Isaiah 33:22Root:Isaiah 11:1, Isaiah 11:10Key of David:Isaiah 22:22, Isaiah 9:7, Isaiah 42:7Morning Star:Isaiah 9:2King of Nations:Isaiah 2:4, Isaiah 28:16Emmanuel:Isaiah 7:14

December 21 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadow put to flight. *(Refrain)*

December 22

O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all humankind; Bid thou our sad divisions cease, And be thyself our Prince of Peace. *(Refrain)*

December 23

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. *(Refrain)*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.



An offering from the 🐺 AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 16 & 17, 2023

Pray for the Sick:

Mary Mueller, Kay Binversie, Fritz Koeppen, Mary Jo Koeppen, Tom Pelk, Jim Riesterer, Ken Schmidt, Kylie Cox, Julie Binversie

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



Legacy Gifts to Holy Trinity Parish

Current projects for donation consideration:

- Replace candelabras
- Regilding of the Chalice
- Vestments (priest, altar servers)
- Sponsor flowers for Sunday Mass

St. Gregory Parish Boiler Project Update as of 12/17/2023

Mannenbach Mechanical was scheduled to begin onsite preliminary work this past week. A sign that the actual installation is getting closer will be two large holes core drilled through the north wall of the boiler room. The condensing style boilers being installed will not use the existing chimney, but instead will be vented through the north wall.

HOLY TRINITY SCRIP PROGRAM

SCRIP is sold in parish office: Monday—Thursday 8am-Noon Before and after 8am Mass on Sunday

Scrip Coordinator questions~920-773-2380

Sales ending December 10 — \$2,715 (includes online sales) Profits ending December 10 — \$91.78 (includes online sales)

> Thank you to all who continue to purchase SCRIP! No Scrip sales at 9am Mass on December 24.

ST. GREGORY SCRIP

Scrip is sold in the parish office: Monday—Thursday 8am-Noon After Masses Saturday and Sunday

Scrip Coordinators: Marlene Zutz 775-4253

Sue Popp 773-2319

Scrip sales for week ending December 10: \$8,855.86 3% (average) profit to the parish: \$265.67

Thank you to our Scrip purchasers! Don't use it? Start by purchasing a card for gas or groceries.

HT Christian Women Calendar Winners are...

Dec Dec Dec Dec Dec	4 - \$20 5 - \$20 6 - \$20 7 - \$20 8 - \$20	Mary Jo Grube, Kiel Veronica Evenson, Valders Eugene Weiskopf Jason Binversie, Newton Pam Hartlaub, Kiel Fay Binversie, Kiel Jim Feld, Sheboygan	#1061 #1760 #1888 #009 #583 #467 #476
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Learning the Mass

The parts of the Mass are displayed in the main hall for classes to use. Students may be asked about what happens during the Liturgy of Word or Liturgy of the Eucharist. They may need to identify prayers or common words with the Mass. The display can be used by the

youngest students to the oldest students. How well would you do?

It's never too late to enroll for the 2023-2024 year. Call the office (773-2511) for information.

St. Gregory Kitchen Stand Mixer

We are facing a year with a very tight budget. The purchase of the mixer is an unexpected expense and was not part of the 2023-24 budget plan. Donations are being accepted to help defray the cost to the parish budget line and can be brought to the office or placed in the collection basket at Mass.

Cost of Mixer:	\$3,554
Donations to Date:	\$1,900
Balance:	\$1,654

Thank you to those who have donated!



The following parish family members are serving our nation in the <u>Armed Forces</u>:

Jesse Augustine, Kurt Binversie, Sydney Binversie, Connor Faucett, Dustin Koenig, Matthew Koenig, Samuel Koenig, Adam Satori, Anton Simon

Please contact the parish office to add or remove a family member.



<u>SG Prayer Line</u>: 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: Call the parish office.

Would you like to receive Communion at home?

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

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

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