

# Holy Trinity Catholic Church

November 2014



**Rocky & Karen Gambon with their sons John and James**

Rocky and Karen Gambon have been proud members of the Holy Trinity family since their marriage in 1995. In fact, Rocky along with his parents, John and Rose, and brother Mark first came to Holy Trinity in 1974. Karen started attending Mass soon after moving here from Omaha Nebraska. Along with their boys, John and James, it has always been their belief that going to church should be a positive event. "We've never wanted our boys to see Sunday Mass as a burden. Our boys were baptized at Holy Trinity, made their first communion and reconciliation here as well. We can't help but be part of such a wonderful church family" says Karen. The boys frequently serve at Saturday Mass while Karen often serves as lector. Both Rocky and Karen have proudly served on the parish council and Rocky is involved with the Knights of Columbus and the altar servers. Rocky shares, "I started working with the servers in 1978 and still have the job today!" No matter how hectic life is, you know that someone will meet you with a smile when you come to Holy Trinity. We are blessed to be members.



We welcome and congratulate those recently baptized into our Catholic faith!

**Alexander Lee Rothenberger,**  
son of Christopher & Heather Rothenberger  
**Reagan Emily Graddy,**  
daughter of Adam & Sarah Graddy



### Welcome New Parishioners!

We are happy to welcome the following families to our Holy Trinity Parish Family:

Jackie McVay; Jackson  
Scot & Katie McElvaine  
Mark & Monica Pickens; Mallory, Meredith, Matthew  
Christopher & Heather Rothenberger; Alexander  
John & Paula Schnoebelen; Cate  
Timothy Silas & Miranda Newman; Timothy



Please pray for the repose of the souls of our parishioners who have recently moved from this earthly life toward the joy and peace of heaven, and for their loved ones who mourn their passing.

**Fran Curtis**  
**Norma Meyer**

### Fall Back!

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!

### Knitting & Crocheting Group

The Knitting & Crocheting Group will meet Monday, November 3 at 2:00 p.m.; Monday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m.; and Monday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m. We have a lot of fun, so come join us! New members are always welcome!



### Social Teachings: Constitutive To Our Catholic Faith By Mike DePue



Faith in Action moves along in our film series "The Faithful Revolution." In it, the actual participants in the Second Vatican Council discuss how the Council gave us Catholic guidelines to impact our troubled times. This series helps us appreciate the Council's lasting influence on the People of God throughout the world. Join us on Tuesday, November 4, 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Parish Center for film and discussion; just follow the signs.



### Relay For Life Team

Holy Trinity's Relay For Life Team will meet Monday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Father Allen Room. We will be putting the finishing touches on our fundraising project for the Fall Bazaar. Are you creative or do you want to fight cancer? Come join us!

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Holy Trinity's Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet on Thursday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Father Allen Room. Our focus is helping the less fortunate in the Springfield area with acceptance and compassion. We will be discussing our involvement in the Hope Connection on November 19, a day that is devoted to helping the homeless in our community.

For information about our organization and how to help, contact Karon Kessler at 417-827-5393.



### First Friday Rosary, Mass and Breakfast November 7

Join the men of our parish in the Day Chapel for the recitation of the Rosary at 6:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 6:30. You are then invited to a home cooked breakfast in the Social Hall. Mark your calendar and plan to join us Friday, November 7.



Start the day in prayer, reflection, reconciliation and gathering with friends, both old and new!



## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the First Friday of the month from September to May (*on Wednesdays during Lent*).

The next Exposition will be held on Friday, November 7. Exposition begins following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and continues until 12 noon.

Sign up sheets will be available in the chapel vestibule November 3 to November 6, for those wishing to dedicate a half hour or an hour in silent prayer.

## K of C Breakfast

In conjunction with the CCW Fall Bazaar, the Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, November 9, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Join us in the Social Hall for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, fruit, coffee and juice. Donations are appreciated!



## Health Ministry Blood Pressure Screenings

The Holy Trinity Health Ministry provides blood pressure screenings on the second Sunday of each month from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the parish center. Our next scheduled screening will take place on Sunday, November 9. We will be in the hall between the gym and the Social Hall. Come for breakfast and visit the Fall Bazaar!

## St. Anthony's Guild

Due to the last day of the Fall Bazaar falling on Sunday preceding our regular meeting date, St. Anthony's Guild will not meet in November. Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 8. Please see the weekly bulletin and the December newsletter for more information on our planned visits to homebound members, and our Christmas Luncheon.



**Wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving!**



## Senior Retirees

The Senior Retirees will meet Thursday, November 13 for the 9:00 a.m. Mass, followed by a continental breakfast and a morning of BUNCO in the Father Allen Room. Rich and Darlene Verheyen will host this month. Come join us for a fun morning!



## MADP

The Springfield Chapter of the Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (MADP) will meet Monday, November 3 at 7:00 pm in the Trinity Room. Those interested in helping to stop state-sponsored executions are urged to attend. For additional information contact Donna at 417-459-2960 or visit [www.madpmo.org](http://www.madpmo.org).

## Our Lady Rosary Makers

Our Lady Rosary will meet on Wednesday, November 12, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass, in the parish office workroom. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday we will not meet on Wednesday, November 26.



Our Lady Rosary is open to both women and men of all ages who wish to learn and make mission cord or chain rosaries. For more information about Our Lady Rosary Makers, please call Sharon at 314-504-3496.

Happy Thanksgiving! May you spend the day in the company of those you cherish most!



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



## St. Monica's Guild

St. Monica's Guild will meet Thursday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Father Allen Room. Hostesses will be Linda Cherry and Jeannette Sorey. We will discuss our annual Christmas Luncheon. The Newborns in Need items will be socks, undershirts, onesies, or any baby item of your choice. Please come join us. Any questions, call Pat Guyer at 883-4214.

Happy Birthday to Mary Ellen Howard!

## Parish Council of Catholic Women

Don't miss the CCW Fall Bazaar Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9. We are hard at work putting the finishing touches on displays, baked goods and candies, White Elephant booth, Silent Auction, etc. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Ladies, mark your calendar for "Spa Night" on Monday, November 17, a night of pampering for the ladies. We will have a pedicure and massage therapist, skin care specialists, and information about new nail decoration techniques. A short meeting will be held at 6:30, then let the pampering begin! Refreshments will also be served.

Sharon Nelson, CCW President





# Holy Trinity Catholic Church 2014 CCW Fall Bazaar

Saturday, November 8, 9 am-6:30pm  
Sunday, November 9, 9 am-12:30 pm



## Vendors & Parish Organization Booths:

**White Elephant Booth**  
**Gardening Booth**  
**Silent Auction**  
**Bakery Booth**  
**Homemade Candies**  
**Christmas Crafts**  
**Christmas Decor**  
**Religious Gifts & Books**  
**Mason Jar Gifts**  
**Enchanted Stones**  
**Fabric Art**



**Pottery & Ceramics**  
**Unique Jewelry**  
**Quilts & Afghans**  
**Candles & Scents**  
**Jordan Essentials**  
**Cookbooks**  
**Tupperware**  
**Mary Kay**  
**Global Crafts**  
**Quilt Raffle**  
**Lots More!!!**



**Join us all weekend for delicious meals served by our men's groups!**



Saturday morning, coffee & donuts

Saturday lunch, smoked meats & sides by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday evening, Spaghetti & Meatballs by the Men's Club



Sunday morning, Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday lunch by the Men's Club

**We hope to see you at our Fall Bazaar—Bring a friend!**

## Holy Trinity Parish Council Meeting Minutes October 13, 2014

Father Fergus opened the meeting with prayer.

Attendees: Fr. Fergus, Brian Stowell, Joan Heil, Tom Gray, Gerry Byers; Chris Janick, Rick Garand, Hannah Lowrance, Sister Jeanne, Mike Reinart, Terry Touhey.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Ministry: no report

Religious Education: All programs are up and running including PSR, RCIA and confirmation preparation. RCIA has 15 people involved and all have sponsors. There has been a positive response to Strong Catholic Families Strong Catholic Youth with approximately 25 adults attending the first session which took place on October 1st. Larger numbers are expected at the next 2 gatherings. Faith sharing opportunities such as The Bible Timeline study has roughly 60 attendees and other groups are active as well. The presence of confirmands ushering at masses was noted and positively reviewed.

Springfield Catholic Schools: School is off to a strong start. There was a Guardian Angel service at St. Agnes and on October 7th the Bishop visited the high school.

CCW: The parish bazaar will take place on November 8 & 9. A ladies spa night will take place on November 17th. The wine tasting event had a nice turnout.

Men's Club: During the month of October there will be a rosary every Friday at 3pm. Oktoberfest was a tremendous success with about 150 people attending. Men's Club will serve their spaghetti dinner during the bazaar and they are taking advance orders for meatballs \$10/dozen. They will also serve lunch on November 9th during the bazaar from 11:30-1:00.

Knights of Columbus: The Tootsie Roll drive is happening soon.

### OLD BUSINESS

Pittman Pals: The committee would like to extend a big thank you to the parishioner that generously covered the cost of some "Apples for the Teacher" that were not returned originally. Each month Pittman Pals brings in cookies for all the staff to celebrate birthdays. During Red Ribbon Week PP will provide big red plastic ribbon to tie around trees. Red Ribbon Week offers drug awareness learning opportunities to students. Tutoring begins soon. A question arose about the Backpack Program and whether there is a need for Holy Trinity to assist with that. It will be looked into but the need might be met by another area church.

Welcoming Committee: All newly registered parishioners will be welcomed to Holy Trinity with a letter, gift bag, and a special table at the monthly Knights of Columbus breakfast. Two welcome breakfasts have taken place so far. Discussion about how to get gift bags to new parishioners if they can't make it to the breakfast took place. Council members were also given the opportunity to look at the contents of the gift bag.

Garden Ministry: A workday will take place on October 18th.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Leaky Roof: Queen City will be out to investigate the leaky roof as soon as the rain stops.

Sealing the Parking Lots: Rick Garand suggested sealing the cracks in the parking lot soon to avoid patching in the warmer spring and summer months. He recommended Joey Manzardo. It was also noted that the curb near the rectory was crumbling and perhaps that could be fixed after the winter months.

Sinkhole: Fr. Fergus reported that the sinkhole has been filled with large boulders because the hole had been expanding. There was discussion about whether we could investigate the surrounding ground to see how far the sinkhole extends and whether there is anything detrimental to Holy Trinity property and structures.

Stepping Stones: It was suggested that perhaps we might put stepping stones in the grassy area in between the bell and the parking lot so that parishioners don't have to a) walk through the grass or b) walk all the way around to get back on to the sidewalk.

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Parish Council Minutes, cont.

St. Vincent De Paul Society: On November 19th SVDP will be participating in the Hope Connection at the Expo Center. This is a community wide event to bring resources to our homeless neighbors and provides a “one stop shop” for food, clothing, medical care, and other resources. SVDP will have a booth and will focus on foot care needs. Volunteers are needed to assemble the foot care kits, man the table, or to assist on a larger scale at the event. To assist with SVDP, Rick Garand, Michelle Garand or Tom Gray are contact people, or visit the Community Partnership of the Ozarks website to volunteer for the event in another capacity.

Make Me an Instrument: Father Fergus reported that the MMAI committee would be meeting soon. The one year anniversary of the campaign kick off is approaching. They will evaluate how to continue the movement and decide what if any changes need to be made. The campaign is in convergence with the Bishop’s vision to be better at evangelization. Participation at weekday masses has increased and we will continue to monitor attendance at Sunday Masses so that we can evaluate our efforts.

The November Parish Council meeting will take place on November 10, 2014.

Hannah Lowrance, Secretary

### Start Advent in a Special Way

The first Sunday of Advent is Sunday, November 30. Mark your calendar now for Holy Trinity’s Advent Communal Reconciliation Service on Monday, December 1 beginning at 7:00 p.m. What a wonderful way for us to begin the season of Advent, by receiving God’s mercy and peace at the beginning of our Advent journey!

### How Can You Help

#### Springfield’s Homeless?



Help us in our effort to end homelessness by volunteering your time at Hope Connection, an event that delivers needed services the homeless in our community.

November 19, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Springfield Expo Center  
635 E. St. Louis, Springfield MO.

Sign up at [www.commpartnership.org](http://www.commpartnership.org).

### Finance Report for Period Ended September 30, 2014

Assets & Liabilities as of September 30, 2014		Income and Expenses as of September 30, 2014		
ASSETS		INCOME		
			Actual	Budget
		Regular Weekly Collections	46,843.92	59,595.16
Checking Accounts	21,433.76	Web Site Transactions	13,821.50	14,211.08
Petty Cash Accounts	1,282.61	Building Maintenance Fund	7,124.00	10,352.28
Savings Funds	2,646.76	Special/Designated Donations	380.00	2,972.89
Building Maintenance Funds	38,270.23	<b>Total Parish Operational Income</b>	<b>68,169.42</b>	<b>87,131.41</b>
Endowment Funds	347,638.72	Other Parish Income	12,973.64	16,690.42
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>411,272.08</b>	<b>Total General Income</b>	<b>81,143.06</b>	<b>103,821.83</b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		EXPENSES		
		Operational Expense	24,323.45	49,876.26
		Maintenance and Repairs	3,648.50	8,757.25
Current Accounts Payable	892.06	Parish Program Expense	2,591.21	3,931.42
Current Loans Payable to Diocese	115,711.77	Schools/Other Assessments	44,392.71	39,332.53
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>116,603.83</b>	<b>Total Parish Overhead Expense</b>	<b>74,955.87</b>	<b>101,897.46</b>
Total Equity	294,668.25	<b>Total of Revenues Less Expenses</b>	<b>6,187.19</b>	<b>1,924.37</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>411,272.08</b>	<b>Net Income for Fiscal Year</b>	<b>6,187.19</b>	

# HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB



## SPAGHETTI DINNER SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014



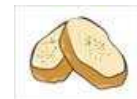
DINNER WILL BE SERVED BEGINNING AT 4 PM UNTIL?



***SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS***



***SALAD - GARLIC BREAD***



***COFFEE-TEA-WINE***



***DESSERT***



***On Sunday The Men's Club will have lunch available  
beginning at 11:30 AM until 1 PM!***

***DONATIONS ACCEPTED.  
TO GO BOXES AVAILABLE!***



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# The Giving Tree 2014

**St. Dorothy's Guild will host the "Giving Tree" again this year. We ask for your help in making this Christmas project a great success. The needs continue to be great. For your convenience the "Giving Tree" will be in the foyer Friday, November 21st and will remain up through Monday, December 8th.**

**Please take an ornament from the "Giving Tree," returning the suggested gift item no later than Monday, December 8th. Place your gift item unwrapped and under the "Giving Tree" in the foyer.**

**Your participation in this project allows the residents of the Kitchen to shop for their families. The guild thanks you for your generosity and your support.**

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## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AFFECTS SOMEONE YOU KNOW.

Have you been diagnosed as being in the early stages of Alzheimer's? Are you a caregiver for an Alzheimer's patient, or the relative of an Alzheimer's patient?

The Holy Trinity Health Ministry in conjunction with the Greater Springfield Alzheimer's Association is in the early phase of creating an "*Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group*." This support group is being formed to give any of the above listed persons the opportunity to meet with similar individuals to learn more about Alzheimer's disease, to help cope with, and converse with someone who has either "walked" in your shoes, or is currently "walking" the same path. Caregivers are encouraged to bring their loved one with them if they are able to come along. This group will meet once a month at Holy Trinity for an hour to an hour and a half.

Mary Schiman of the Holy Trinity Health Ministry will be our group Facilitator. Mary and her husband know first-hand the trials, tears, frustrations, and sorrows that Alzheimer's can bring to the family of a loved one who suffers from this disease.

If you would like to take part in this group, please complete the following form and return it either in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I PREFER TO MEET ON: TUESDAY – Morn. \_\_\_\_\_ Aft. \_\_\_\_\_ FRIDAY – Morn. \_\_\_\_\_ Aft. \_\_\_\_\_

I AM A \_\_\_\_\_ CAREGIVER \_\_\_\_\_ PATIENT

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL. ALL DISCUSSION AT THE GROUP MEETINGS WILL BE IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. WHAT IS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETINGS STAYS AT THE MEETINGS. IT WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED OUTSIDE OF THE GROUP SESSIONS.

YOU CAN E-MAIL MARY AT [mschiman@mchsi.com](mailto:mschiman@mchsi.com), OR BY PHONE AT 417-872-5155.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES TO MARY'S ATTENTION.  
THE PARISH OFFICE STAFF WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

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**ATTN: MARY SCHIMAN  
HOLY TRINITY HEALTH MINISTRY,  
  
PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.**

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# LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

## NOVEMBER 2014

	SERVERS	LECTORS	USHERS	GREETERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014					
5:00pm	T James Gambon	Don Ackerman	Mark Carron	Alicia Ackerman	JoAnn Clifton, Rod Clifton, Mike Denner, Sue Denner, Jana Hukriede, Malcolm Hukriede, Cindy Pearson
	B John Gambon	Beth Raidel	Sharon Carron	Cora Stenberg	
	C Michael Thurston		Dick Stenberg		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014					
8:30am	T Matt Byers	Mary Ann Donelson	Sam Allen	Lois DeToy	Bill Buron, Carolyn Buron, Tina Kile, Sandy Kremers, John Prugger, Lee Purcell, Ed Samek, Pat Samek
	B Matthew Brown	Dave Donelson	Pat Bramer	Irene Roth	
	C Grace Duff		Darryl Gates		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014					
11:00am	T Sam Schomaker	Nicola Mullins	Scott Buckman	Susan Jurgensmeyer	Sherry Bureman, Mary Collins, Kathy Griesemer, Gayle Hoogstraet, Greg Hoogstraet, John Leingang, Cathy Moore, Jim Moore, Peggy Sauer
	B Claire Griesemer	Joe Daues	Jim Bureman	Dathan McRedmond	
	C John Griesemer		Steve Hard		
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014					
5:00pm	T Stephen Kielhofner	Tammy Casey	Melissa Bondy	Brennan John	Don Ackerman, Murray Bearisto, Francie Bunch, Jim Gray, Diane Shanholtzer, Stephen Shanholtzer, Troy Shelangoski
	B Zach Shelangoski	Jana Hukriede	Kyle John	Garrett John	
	C Matthew Casey		Jerry Schiman		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014					
8:30am	T Jacob Gray	Warren Horine	Rick Garand	Daniel Morrison	Carol Blomgren, Dan Blomgren, Tuila Brown, Cathy Carter, Tom Carter, Tom Gray, Richard Kirkey, Kurt Larson
	B Madison Reece	Hannah Lowrance	Greg Griesemer	Michelle Morrison	
	C Matthew Pickens		Mike Parker		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014					
11:00am	T Lillian Hlimes	Julie Bentley	Tim Bentley	Connie Reinart	Patricia Atwell, Catlin Blaine, John Blaine, Charles Gallagher, Mary Gallagher, Susan Jurgensmeyer, Cathy Meyer, Sr. Pauline Nugent, David Pomerence
	B Michael Mullins	Jeff Bentley	Mike McManus	Mike Reinart	
	C Stella Birkenfeld		Terry Touhey		

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

## NOVEMBER 2014

	SERVERS	LECTORS	USHERS	GREETERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014					
5:00pm	T Elijah Ponder	Chris Janick	Rod Clifton	Judy Schroeder	Sharon Carron, Barb DePue, Michael Gray, Alice Mitchell, Mitch Mitchell, Spencer Redfern, Lisa Yoakam
	B Patrick Ponder	Carol Janick	Tom Dugan	Joan Walker	
	C Noelle Ponder		Bret Falcetto		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014					
8:30am	T Isaiah DeVoss	Ray McMenamy	Sam Allen	Sandy Kremers	Pat Bramer, Gerry Byers, Teresa Driver, Kay Green, Pat Higham, Sue Holtkamp, Carol Ann Lilley, Pat McKown
	B Andrew DeVoss	Mary Tilton	Ernie Kremers	Doris Otradovec	
	C Nate DeVoss		Bill Kristek		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014					
11:00am	T Cherie Sabini	Steve Schomaker	Michael Dressler	Sr. Pauline Nugent	Joyce Blades, Scott Buckman, Frank Floyd, Alyssa Gimlin, Kelly Gimlin, Gail Herbert, Nicola Mullins, Randy Mullins, Elena Piper
	B Robby Sabini	James Mwaura	Knial Piper	Terry Touhey	
	C Sam Schomaker		Brian Stowell		
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2014					
5:00pm	T James Gambon	Faye Swisher	Don Ackerman	Alicia Ackerman	Becky Bach, Bob Bach, Chris Louzader, Doug Massoth, Elizabeth Paddock, Judy Schroeder, Ken Schultz
	B Michael Thurston	Sharon Carron	Frank Stewart	Rod Clifton	
	C Matthew Casey		Patt Stewart		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014					
8:30 am	T Kenson Handley	Kay Green	Sam Allen	Cathy Carter	Dave Donelson, Mary Ann Donelson, Coral Lawler, Paul Lawler, Ray McMenamy, Don Mihalevich, Keith Seiwert, Bernie Stasiak
	B Matt Byers	Mark DeVoss	David Braeckel	Tom Carter	
	C Chase Griesemer		Bill Kristek		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014					
11:00am	T Sam Schomaker	Jim Moore	Mike Parker	Jim Bureman	John Griesemer, Steve Hard, Harriet Kosky, Scott Kosky, Cathy Moore, Brian Stowell, Debbie Stowell, Bob Vienhage, Joan Vienhage
	B Christian Musgrave	Meg Sabini	David Pomerence	Mike McManus	
	C Nikolaus Musgrave		Terry Touhey		



# LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2014

	SERVERS	LECTORS	USHERS	GREETERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2014					
5:00pm	T James Gambon	Karen Gambon	Mark Carron	Cora Stenberg	Don Ackerman, Jo Ann Clifton, Rod Clifton, Barb DePue, Jana Hukriede, Malcolm Hukriede, Cindy Pearson
	B John Gambon	Francie Bunch	Sharon Carron	Ralph Telscher	
	C Michael Thurston		Dick Stenberg		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2014					
8:30am	T Matt Brown	K of C	K of C	K of C	Knights of Columbus
	B Ariel Morrison	K of C	K of C	K of C	
	C John Brown		K of C		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2014					
11:00am	T Sam Schomaker	Roseann Bentley	Scott Buckman	Susan Jurgensmeyer	Sherry Bureman, Mary Collins, Frank Floyd, Gayle Hoogstraet, Greg Hoogstraet, Kathy Griesemer, John Leingang, Sr. Pauline Nugent, Peggy Sauer
	B Claire Griesemer	John Bentley	Steve Hard	Dathan McRedmond	
	C John Griesemer		Brian Stowell		

## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Our First Friday rosary, Mass & breakfast will be on November 7, with the rosary starting at 6:00 a.m. and breakfast following Mass in the Social Hall.

The "Oktoberfest" celebration on October 10 was a huge success. Many parishioners commented on how the enjoyed the food, music, dancing and just visiting with other parishioners. Plans are underway to make this an annual parish event!

We will have our spaghetti dinner at the Fall Bazaar on November 8 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., featuring "Ray's Famous Meatballs." We'll also serve lunch on Sunday beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Allen Room.

Please keep all of our sick and homebound parishioners in your prayers!

"Be strong in the Lord, and His mighty power."

Rod Clifton, President, Holy Trinity Men's Club



## Garden Ministry

Thanks to everyone who has helped with Garden Ministry this year. We can be proud of our beautiful grounds!

We will not have a work day in November. There will be a grounds clean up on Saturday, December 6. Details will be in the December newsletter.

We will sponsor the Gardening Booth at the Fall Bazaar November 8 and 9. Please contact Mary Gallagher if you have a couple of hours to work our booth.

Contact Mary Gallagher (881-0567) or Ernie Kremers (863-0501) if you have questions. See you in the garden!





## HOLY TRINITY HEALTH MINISTRY

### NOVEMBER 2014

#### Dear Friends:

As we look to the upcoming Thanksgiving season, we are humbled by the bountiful harvest our Lord has provided us, not just in food for our bodies, but food for our spirit and soul in the sacred liturgy of the Mass. He provides for all our needs (1Tim.6:17). This month we would like you to consider the **gift of memory**, and how use reminiscing enhances our lives. **Reminiscing is very “healthful” for people of all ages**, but it is especially therapeutic for our older friends and family.



**What are the benefits of Reminiscing?** Research has identified several very “healthful” aspects of reminiscing.

- ✓ **First**, reminiscing allows us to **recall previous life situations and re-experience them**. This helps us to integrate our life in the past with our current life.
- ✓ **Second**, it helps us to **make meaning out of our previous life experience**. If we are unable to find meaning in our life, we are unable to develop any new insights, or benefit from our experiences.
- ✓ **Third**, reminiscing can **strengthen our self-esteem and reduce feelings of isolation**. As we share our remembering’s with others we can develop a powerful sense of ourselves as survivors. The sharing of our life stories with another person reemphasizes our interdependence on other people and validates our life in a social context.



Kierkegaard remarked, “Life can only be understood backwards: but it must be lived forwards”

**How can I Benefit from the Gift of Reminiscence?** There are several different ways that you can benefit from this gift. You can consider remembering your own life story, retelling someone else’s story (i.e., your parents, children), or listening to another person’s story. Whether you are the story-teller or the audience for another’s story, you can reap the blessings of this life-giving gift!



In order to tell your story or the story of another, you only need to follow three simple steps:

- ☼ Remember it.
- ☼ Record it.
- ☼ Relate it to another person

Reminiscing is a useful companion to our life in the past, in our lives today, and for our life in the future!



**THIS THANKSGIVING CREATE NEW MEMORIES TO SHARE!!**





# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

November 2014

Holy Trinity Church

Reverend J. Fergus Monaghan, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Andrew Dung-Lac

St. Andrew could also be the patron of the persecuted. In 1785, he was born in Vietnam to a poor family. He converted, and became a Catholic priest assigned to the missions. He was swept up in the terrible religious persecution of the emperor, Minh-Meng. St. Andrew and his companions were arrested and tortured to force them to renounce their faith. They refused and were martyred. Today, such religious persecution continues in many parts of the world.



### Catholic Guilt

Popular culture often refers negatively to "Catholic guilt," implying that Catholics are weighed down by an unfortunate awareness of having done wrong. Sincerely acknowledging true guilt is the first step toward forgiveness.

### God, the Partner

When David faced insurmountable odds against the Philistines, he turned to God for help. He asked if he should fight, he followed instructions carefully, and he gave God credit for his victory.



## Stewardship is giving thanks

For many Catholics, we think seriously about stewardship when our parish or diocese raises money but real stewardship is about becoming more fulfilled and having a greater sense of purpose. It is giving back to God in gratitude for his gifts. And while it's not just about money, good stewards have all the money they need.

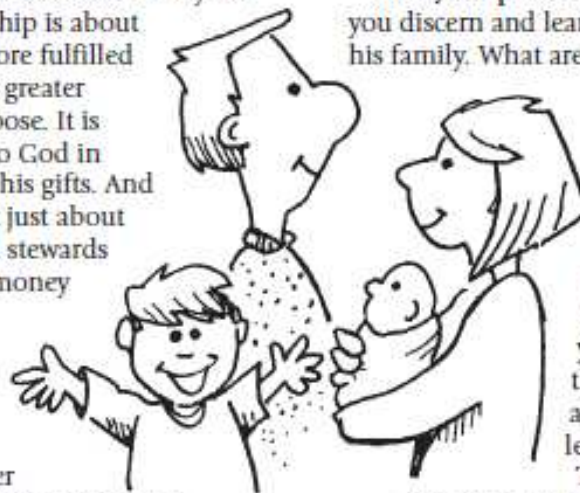
God's family comes first. All families come together in love to care for each other, enjoy each other, and support each other. In God's family, we come together in his love to care for each other, enjoy each other, and support each other. As good stewards, we meet the needs of God's family first, before

we spend time or money on anything else.

**Find your place.** Ask God to help you discern and learn your place in his family. What are you to do with your gifts?

**Take your seat at the table.** Find out where you can put your talents to work in your parish. Talk with your pastor, with the rectory staff, and with parish leaders.

**Think before spending.** Before you commit your time or money to any purpose, make sure you have taken care of the needs of God's family first. Everything we have and everything we are comes from God. He deserves the best we have to give in return.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics offer Masses for the dead?

Judas Maccabee ordered prayers and sacrifices for Jewish soldiers who died in sin (2 Maccabees 12:38-46). St. Paul prayed for Onesiphorus after his death (2 Timothy 1:18). Catholics believe that prayers and sacrifices benefit the dead.



When we die in God's friendship we eventually go to Heaven, but if we haven't properly atoned for certain sins we have to be purified in Purgatory first. We pray for the souls in Purgatory to help them pass through faster than they would otherwise.



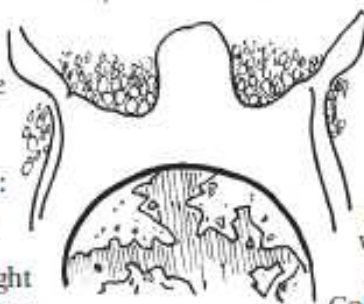
## The Catholic plan for world peace

Our world is often turbulent but the Church believes a just and fair world is possible when seven key principles are embraced:

**Life and dignity of the human person:** We were created in God's image, therefore all life is sacred. This belief is the foundation for a just world.

**Call to family, community, and participation:** People have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking the well-being of all.

**Rights and Responsibilities:** Everyone has a right to life and to what is necessary for human decency.



**Option for the poor and vulnerable:** We are to treat as urgent the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

**Dignity of work and workers:** The worker has a right to productive work, to decent and fair wages and to the protection of basic rights.

**Solidarity:** We are one human family. We are to love our neighbors as brothers and sisters and work for justice and peace everywhere.

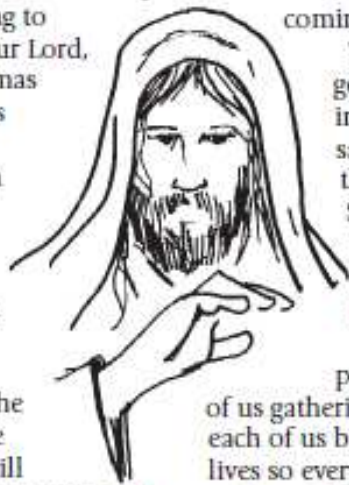
**Care for God's creation:** We show our love for God by protecting his creation.

### from Scripture

#### Mark 13:33-37, Be watchful, be alert

This gospel is from the first Sunday of Advent. We are preparing to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, his first coming. Christmas is a time of joy, for Jesus came to us in human form to redeem us from our sins.

But Advent is a time for us to prepare for when Jesus comes again. In the Creed we say, "...he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." We don't know when this will happen. It could be tomorrow; it will certainly be when we die. Jesus' message



is to be watchful and alert for his coming.

To be watchful involves getting our individual lives in order. Christ gave us the sacraments so we can do this, especially the Sacrament of Penance. Being in a state of grace means we are prepared to meet Jesus.

However, this preparation involves each of us gathering the harvest. It means each of us being a missionary in our lives so everyone may come to know and love the Lord when they come face to face with God.

### Q & A

#### Why does God make us suffer?

When the disciples asked Jesus whose sin resulted in a particular man being born blind, Jesus replied, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him" (John 9:2-3). God doesn't send it, but he uses our suffering to draw us to him.

Suffering comes from living in a world made imperfect by sin. Jesus points out that God doesn't want our needless suffering and will help us through it. "Which one of you would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf of bread, or a snake when he asks for a fish? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him" (Matthew 7:9-11)? And he leaves in his wake a trail of discarded crutches, bandages, and bonds to prove it.

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### Feasts & Celebrations

The first day of Advent falls on Nov. 30 this year and begins a new year in the Church calendar (Cycle B). The Advent wreath is lit in households all over the world as we anticipate the birth of our Lord.

**Nov. 1 – All Saints Day.** In the early Church, each saint and martyr was assigned a feast day. However, the persecution of the Christians became so great that there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Eventually Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All

Saints Day.

**Nov. 2 – All Souls Day.** This is a day when we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

**Nov. 23 – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King.** A solemnity that commemorates Our Father's promise to his people of a king who will triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under his kingship.





# Holy Trinity Calendar November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 All Souls Day</p> <p>8:00am Rosary in the Chapel</p> <p>9:30am Coffee &amp; Donuts</p> <p>9:45am PSR</p> <p>1:00pm First Reconciliation Retreat</p> <p>6:00pm Confirmation Prep</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2:00pm Knitting &amp; Crocheting Group</p> <p>6:00pm Relay For Life Team</p> <p>7:00pm MADP</p>	<p>4 Election Day</p> <p>9:45am Faith in Action</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Timeline</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Bible Timeline</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Group</p> <p>6:45pm YFF</p> <p>7:00pm Evangelization</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am Cornerstone</p> <p>5:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group</p> <p>6:00pm St. Vincent de Paul</p> <p>7:00pm RCIA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00am Men's Club Rosary, Mass &amp; Breakfast</p> <p>9:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>9:00am CCW Fall Bazaar</b></p> <p>10:00am Evangelization</p> <p>1 All Saints Day</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:00am Rosary in the Chapel</p> <p><b>9:00am CCW Fall Bazaar</b></p> <p>9:15am K of C Breakfast/Coffee &amp; Donuts</p> <p>9:45am BP Screenings</p> <p>9:45pm PSR</p> <p>6:00pm Confirmation Prep</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm Knitting &amp; Crocheting Group</p> <p>7:00pm Parish Council</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Timeline</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00am Bible Timeline</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Group</p> <p>6:45pm YFF</p> <p>7:00pm Our Lady Rosary</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am Cornerstone</p> <p>10:00am Sr. Retirees</p> <p>7:00pm RCIA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Confirmation Retreat November 14-16</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30am St. Francis DeSales</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:00am Rosary in the Chapel</p> <p>9:30am Coffee &amp; Donuts</p> <p>9:45 PSR</p> <p>Confirmation Retreat Nov 14-16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30pm CCW Spa Night</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00pm K of C Officers</p> <p>7:00pm Men's Club</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Timeline</p> <p>7:00pm First Reconciliation</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00am Bible Timeline</p> <p>12:00pm Finance Committee</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Group</p> <p>6:45pm YFF</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30am Cornerstone</p> <p>10:00am St. Monica's Guild</p> <p>5:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:00am Liernann/Atwell Wedding</p> <p>12:00pm Secular Franciscans</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:00am Rosary in Chapel</p> <p>9:30am Coffee &amp; Donuts</p> <p>9:45am PSR</p> <p>12:00pm Confirmation Practice/</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>8:00am Rosary in Chapel</p> <p>9:30am Coffee &amp; Donuts</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30pm Knitting &amp; Crocheting Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00pm Knights of Columbus</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Timeline</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00am Bible Timeline</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Group</p> <p>6:45pm YFF</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>Happy Thanksgiving</b></p> <p>Parish Center Closed for Thanksgiving</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Confirmation Retreat November 14-16</p>	<p>29</p>
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Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 6:30 AM  
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