

# Most Holy Trinity Parish

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December 3, 2017

**Mission:** We are a people, graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

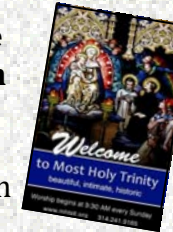
*Be watchful!  
You do not know...* Mark 13:33



wait  
anticipate  
we pause in sacred stillness  
expectant  
hopeful  
we hold the great pain of loss  
promise kept  
we are one with the mosque victims, their families, community  
WE ARE ONE WITH ALL WHO SUFFER VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION

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**We welcome those  
visiting our parish  
today!**



We invite you to join  
us every Sunday at  
9:30 AM.

#### Parish Mass Schedule:

**4 PM** Saturday Mass/ Eucharistic  
Prayer Service (in Rectory Chapel)  
**9:30 AM** Sunday (in Church)  
**9 AM** Wednesday School Mass  
during school year (in Church)

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#### Parish Leadership/Staff:

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR	Canonical Pastor
Fr. Rich Creason	Pastor Emeritus
St. Louis Abbey	Sunday Ministers
S. Janice Munier, SSND	Parish Life Coordinator
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Mrs. Carol Nowak	Mission Advancement/Business Mgr
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#### Food Pantry / Utility Assistance:

Provided by OLPH Food Pantry/St. Vincent de Paul. Serves residents of zip 63107. Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 9 AM - noon, located on 4335 Warne Ave. **314-535-9794. Note: phone answered only during operating hours.** For information on donating or volunteering, please go to [www.helpstlouis.org](http://www.helpstlouis.org).

#### Most Holy Trinity Catholic School and Academy (K-8):

1435 Mallinckrodt  
St. Louis, MO 63107  
Ph: 314-231-9014  
Mrs. Jessica Kilmade, Principal

**Theme of Today's Holy Mass**


Christ the King will judge between those who have lived their lives for others or those who have lived for themselves.

MASS  INTENTIONS

12/3	Sunday	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:30 AM		Agustin & Jesus Zuniga, Mary & Nick Welch
12/4	Monday	Advent Weekday (1)
12/5	Tuesday	Advent Weekday (1)
12/6	Wednesday	Advent Weekday(1)
9:15 AM		Joanne George
12/7	Thursday	St Ambrose, Bishop/Doctor
12/8	Friday	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
12/9	Saturday	Advent Weekday (1)
4:00 PM		Chris Robbins
12/10	Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:30 AM		Catherine Kelly

**Please pray for our sick . . .**  
 Helen Barber, Brian Britton (visitor), Father Rich, Jeanne Dobrynski, Mary Lee Howard, Beatrice Hudson, Willy Howard, Charles Jones, Sr. (Rocky's father), Bob Powers, Tillie Plouder, James Smith, Dorothy Schulte (Don McFarland's mom), John Towles and the needs of the Tracy and Usanga families.

**Liturgical Roles for Next Week**

December 9 & 10	
SATURDAY	S. Janice
Lector	Bob Schnell
	
SUNDAY	
First Reading	Elizabeth Hopkins
Second Reading	Rochelle Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	Doris Speed
	Hattie Towles
	Michelle Towles
	Sheila Bone
Cross Bearer	Rodney Buchek
Sacramentary	Patty Whaley

**Readings for This Week**

Monday	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

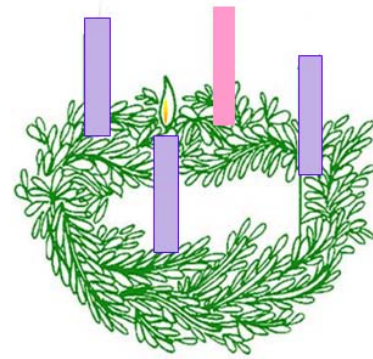
Last Collection: 11/26/2017	
\$ 622.00	Parishioner Tithes
57.00	Loose Contributions
30.00	Building & Maintenance
40.00	Holy Days/Special Collections
\$ 749.00	<i>Thank You!</i>

We extend our deepest condolences on the passing of parishioner Catherine Kelly ("Kate"), sister of Joe Tracy and good friend of Donna Lindsay. The memorial mass will be held here at 11 A.M. December 16. *Please pray for all.*

*We pray also for all of our parishioners who have been touched by loss and illness in these recent days. We entrust all to the loving arms of our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary.*

## First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017



### Advent Wreath Blessing

Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the candle light reflect the splendor of Christ, our Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples.

Amen

**TODAY**—This afternoon there will be a memorial service for Michael Woodson at 2:00p.m.. Mike and his wife, Judy, have been our neighbors for many years. May God give the Woodson family comfort in their time of loss.

Dec. 10- Retirement Fund for Religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priest need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals and parishes -often for little pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift provides funding for medications, nursing care, and long-term needs.

A special "Thanks" to all the Saturday volunteers whose work prepared us today to begin this season of Advent. With only a three week Advent this year, we appreciate that they have enabled us to begin prayer so well this morning.

Today, Sister Gail Guelker, SSND, representing Metropolitan Churches United, will be in back of church with two petitions. (1) to raise the minimum wage and (2) to limit campaign money.

## Gatherings this coming Week

Dec. 2 , Liturgy Meeting after Mass

Dec. 10, a short Parish Council Meeting after mass

**Friday, December 8, Holy Day Immaculate Conception**, Eucharistic Prayer Service at 12:10 pm in the Rectory chapel. Mary's "yes" has many consequences in our world; through her Jesus was born. Our own "yes choices" have consequences for humanity as well.

**Sunday, December 10, Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessors will be available following the Liturgy of the Word. There will be time for reflection to do an examination of conscience. Our merciful Savior says *Come to the water, be refreshed and renewed.*

### Upcoming December Activities

December 10, 4 pm Advent Prayer Service for Most Holy Trinity Catholic School and Academy.

December 17, Third Sunday of Advent, after mass, decorate church for the season of Christmas.

Sunday, December 24,

- celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent at 9:30 am in the morning; and
- begin Midnight Mass with caroling for all at 11:30 pm

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day with mass at 9:30 AM

Sunday, December 31, Feast of the Holy Family followed by potluck lunch in the Rectory afterwards.

Today we welcome the members of the Zuniga and Welch families, for whom this mass is being said.

## Wisdom Corner

"A Christian should always remember that the value of his good works is not based on their number or excellence, but on the love of God which prompts him to do these things "

St. John of the Cross \* Feast day, December 14th

Mary Simon



# The 12 DAYS OF SAFETY

Never use lighted candles near trees or boughs



2 Keep poisonous plants out of reach of children and pets



3 Keep trees away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources



4 Make sure your tree has a stable platform



5 Choose an artificial tree that is labeled fire resistant



6 If using a natural tree, make sure it is well watered



7 Check holiday lights for fraying, bare spots, gaps in the insulation or excessive kinking in the wire



8 Turn off all tree lights and decorations when not in use



9 When putting up decorations, use a step stool or ladder to reach high places



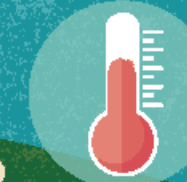
10 Designate a sober driver



11 When preparing a meal, wash hands, utensils, sink and anything else that touches raw meat



12 Reheat leftovers to at least 165°F



*Happy Holidays*



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