

# BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC PARISH



Saint Patrick, Lodi

Saint Michael, Dane

August 2, 2020  
The Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



**LOVE  
BEGINS  
HERE**  
LOCAL, LIFE CHANGING MISSION TRIPS

This summer a few teens from our parish served right here in Lodi on Love Begins Here (LBH). Normally we go out and serve with 80 other teen missionaries from around the Diocese. With all that is going on, LBH was moved to each parish. We virtually served alongside other teens who served at their own parish communities. The day began with Mass, followed by lunch, and then we headed out to serve. We helped around the parish and school, as well as bringing some joy to the residents at Divine Rehab. We ended the day with some fun activities, a talk from the LBH core team over Zoom, and time in prayer. We took St. Mother Teresa's words to heart, "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the action that we do." We served our parish community with great love.



**LOVE BEGINS HERE**

**Middle School**

**June 21 - 24, 2020**

**High School**

**July 12 - 16, 2020**



## From the Pastor's Desk

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, August 1

4:30 pm † Terri Turner (SP)

#### Sunday, August 2

8:00 am † Bob Kopp (SM)

10:00 am People of Blessed Trinity Parish (SP)

#### Tuesday, August 4 - NO MASS TODAY

#### Wednesday, August 5

9:00 am In Thanksgiving Jim & Kay Kalschauer  
45th Wedding Anniversary (SP)

#### Thursday, August 6

9:00 am † Antoinette Sowa (SP)

#### Friday, August 7

9:00 am † Betty Pomeranek (SP)

#### Saturday, August 8

4:30 pm † Thomas Clark Sr. (SP)

#### Sunday, August 9

8:00 am † Joe Clemens (SM)

10:00 am People of Blessed Trinity Parish (SP)

(SM) Saint Michael • (SP) Saint Patrick

### Adoration & Benediction

Friday 9:30 - 10:30 am Lodi (Confessions)  
Devotion to Sacred Heart

## THE CATHOLIC HERALD

### Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald

This week, the *Catholic Herald* features the Retirement Living section with resources and articles of interest for those in retirement or nearing retirement age. This issue will also include a County Connection section focusing on Lafayette County and will feature the new Catechesis and Evangelization section prepared in cooperation with the Diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Learn more about your Catholic faith by reading the Catholic Herald. If you do not subscribe but wish to receive the Catholic Herald print or e-Edition in your home, contact your parish office.

Complimentary issues of the Catholic Herald are available in the entryways of Saint Patrick Church in Lodi and at Saint Michael Church in Dane. Feel free to take one home with you!

**Sign-up for Masses:** Starting next weekend, parishioners no longer need to sign-up to attend Mass. We will still block off every other pew, but seating will be first-come first-serve. Relying on the use of common sense to maintain social distancing, this should simplify everything. In a particular way, our ushers have requested that we streamline the process. This is already how we've been doing things for daily Mass, so I am confident that it will work. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Teaching at school:** As I mentioned in the past, I have always loved Catholic schools and believe wholeheartedly in the value of Catholic education. Wanting to be more involved in the school, this year I have decided to teach P.E. It should be a great opportunity to get to know our students and be present at the school.

**School staff:** Before Fr. Scott left, he and Dcn. Michael were able to fully staff the school. We hired three new teachers – Meg Shonsey (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>), Mary Miller (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>), and Alicia Zepp (4K & K). They seem poised to bring their enthusiasm and passion for teaching into their classrooms. In the coming bulletins, I have asked each of the new teachers to share a little about themselves. Great things are in-store for Blessed Trinity School!

**Open enrollment:** The number one way we get new students enrolled is through the recommendation of others. This is a pivotal year for our school. We need your help continuing the 140-year tradition of Blessed Trinity School! Especially during the pandemic, our ability to safely offer in-person schooling sets us apart. If you know any interested families, please direct them to Dcn. Michael at 608-592-5711, ext. 7 or [mpiptone@btcatholic.us](mailto:mpiptone@btcatholic.us).

**Live-Streaming:** Last week we got the live-streaming of Masses at St. Patrick's going again. A special word of gratitude to David Munz for all his hard work installing and fine-tuning the new system. We are also streaming Masses to YouTube, which makes it easier to watch on your smart TV.

**Parish Festival:** While we won't be able to have the normal activities, we're still planning on holding a carry-out Swiss Steak and Ham Dinner. Likewise, we'll still have the raffle, although it will need to be slightly modified. These are two important fundraisers that help support the parish. Look for more details soon.

**Reminder:** Because I will be out-of-town on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be no Mass that morning.



We are in the process of preparing for our Religious Education Classes this year. Please watch your mailbox for Registration information coming very soon.







## Reach Out Lodi - Food Distribution

Reach Out Lodi has partnered with Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin and Lodi Elementary School for a food distribution program. This food is for EVERYONE who might need a little help during the COVID-19 pandemic. No questions asked. The USDA purchased the food to help farmers and Second Harvest has acquired the food and needs to distribute quickly. This farmers-to-families program is helping the farmers, the folks that have lost their jobs, or had their hours cut, etc. Anyone who needs a little help. The food will be distributed at the Lodi Elementary School located at 101 School Street, Lodi on Fridays from 10:30 am to 11:30 am or until all distributed. There will be a distribution every Friday until further notice.

Folks can drive up, open their trunk and volunteers will place the food in the trunk and let them know when it is safe to pull out. It consists of Dairy, frozen foods (including meat) non-perishable items and produce.



## Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Blessed Trinity Catholic Parish offers electronic giving as a way

to automate your regular weekly offering.

Electronic giving offers convenience to you and your family while providing much needed donation consistency for our parish.

Online Giving lets you go to our parish website at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, or make a one-time donation. To access, go to [www.btcatholic.us](http://www.btcatholic.us) and click on the "Online Giving" button on our parish home page.

For more information or assistance, please contact Chris Taylor in the Parish Office at 608 592-5711 ext. 5 or [ctaylor@btcatholic.us](mailto:ctaylor@btcatholic.us)

Thank you to so many for your generosity of treasure that allow us to operate many vibrant ministries.



***"Everything is a reminder of the Cross. We ourselves are made in the shape of a cross."***

- Saint John Vianney  
Feast Day - August 4th.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.

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July 16, 2020 - July 22, 2020

	Weekly Income	Weekly Needed Offertory	Weekly Over (Short)
Offertory Income	\$9,280.95	\$8,250.00	\$1,030.95

July 1, 2020 - July 22, 2020

	YTD Income	YTD Needed Offertory	YTD Over (Short)
Offertory Income	\$20,215.95	\$24,750.00	(\$4,534.05)

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