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December 24, 2023



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As of December 11, 2023

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- Faith Formation
- Marriage Prep
- Seminarian Education



BUILDING PROJECT NEWS

Phase 1A construction document review with Allstate Construction has been completed. We are ready for permit submission!



*For more information and to donate to the capital campaign,
visit bscbuildingproject.com or contact Mary Rose DiMarco
(850-222-1321 or mrdirmarco@bsctlh.com).*

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday:
8:30am & 5:30pm
(Mon.-Novena)

**MOBS First
Friday** of each
Month: 7:00am

Saturday: 8:30am,
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday:
8:00am, 10:30am,
12:15pm, 5:00pm, &
7:00pm

Sunday: Rosary
7:20am before Mass

BOOKS & GIFTS STORE

Sun: after 8am,
10:30am, and
12:15pm Mass
Wed: 2:30 pm-
5:30pm
Sat: 9am-1pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 12-1pm,
and after Mass by
appointment.
Contact the office @
(850) 222-1321.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

9:00am: Int. of the Members of Knights of Columbus Council 3521

Requested by Ferdie Francisco

12:15pm: Int. of the Francisco Family

Requested by The Francisco Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

St. Stephen, the First Martyr

8:30am: +Marie Rassam+

Requested by Lili Battles

5:30pm: +Michelle Ogden+

Requested by Barbara Badertscher

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30am: +Dermot O'Sullivan+

Requested by Blessed Sacrament Parish Family

5:30pm: +Larry Adkison+

Requested by Jimmy & Anne Elizabeth Williams

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30am: +Dermot O'Sullivan+

Requested by Blessed Sacrament Parish Family

5:30pm: +Sue Prince+

Requested by Barbara Badertscher

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:30am: +Calixto Lopez+

Requested by Mario Lopez

5:30pm: +Eugene Kahn+

Requested by Howard & Kathy Kahn

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:30am: +Omar Ferrer+

Requested by America Ferrer

5:00pm: Int. of Maurizio & Maria Bertoldi

Requested by St. Joseph Praying Husbands

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00am: Int. of the Members of St. Joseph Praying Husbands

Requested by Stephen & Beth Gesinski

10:30am: +Dr. Lorraine Martin+

Requested by Joyce Simmons

12:15pm: +Jose & Clavel Jakihaka+

Requested by Lili Battles

5:00pm: +Helen, John, & John L. Schultz+

Requested by BSC Parishioner

7:00pm: Int. of Maria Ramores

Requested by Maria Celon

Christmas Mass Times

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm,

8:00 pm, & Midnight

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th

9:00 am & 12:15 pm

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS WILL BE

HELD AT THE 4:00 pm AND 6:00 pm

MASSSES ON DECEMBER 24TH

The Adult Choir will present A MUSICAL
CHRISTMAS STORY at 7:30 pm preceding
the December 24th 8:00 pm Mass.

*Solemnity of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary,
the Mother of
God*



MASS TIMES

Monday, January 1st

8:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

LIFE TEEN

High Schoolers: December 24 and December 31, there is no Life Night.

There will be a Confirmation Preparation night on January 7, 2023, 6-8 pm.

Life Teen is offering Christmas cookies after the 4 pm and 6 pm Christmas Eve Masses. Donations will help Christians in Bethlehem. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Join us for Life Teen Mass Sundays at 5 pm



Christmas Cookies!

To Help Christians in Bethlehem

Cookies available after the 4p & 6p Christmas Eve Masses for donations!

 Blessed Sacrament LIFE TEEN



We will not have EDGE during the winter break. Stay tuned for announcements of our Spring kickoff & enjoy the holidays!



We extend prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Omar Ferrer.

His funeral Mass and Interment was held at Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, December 9th.

"Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."



We will not have classes December 24th & 31st. Classes resume Sunday, January 7th at 9:15 am.



LONG-SLEEVED SHIRT COLLECTION FOR FARM WORKERS IN QUINCY

Please deposit gently used men's and women's cotton, button-down, long-sleeved shirts in the box in the parish hall through the month of December.

LOOKING FOR GIFTS FOR YOUR LOVED ONES?

Visit the Blessed Sacrament Books and Gifts Store!



WE ARE OPEN:

Wednesdays 2:30-5:30 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Sundays after the 8:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:15 pm Masses.

FLOWER FUND ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

Please fill out an envelope and drop it in the offertory if you wish to donate.

MASS READINGS: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY *December 31, 2023*

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 (17B)
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Luke 2:22-40

MADE FOR MORE Visions of the Promised Land

With Christopher West, Music by Mike Mangione

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Co-Cathedral of Saint Thomas More

Tickets available at
<https://M4MTALLA.eventbrite.com>

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Thursdays Jan. 4-March 28, 2024

Good Shepherd Parish Center

Call or text Marguerite (850-322-3004) for more information. Register at <https://goodshepherdparish.org/divorce-recovery>

14th Annual 10 Commandments Hike

Saturday, January 6th, 8:00 am
Celebration Baptist Church



For registration information, please visit TACCOS.org. Contact Mr. Paul Palmiotto, Hike Coordinator with questions at srpaulpalmiotto@yahoo.com.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

February 16th-18th



For more information, visit our website wwme.org or email applications@FLCN-wwme.org or contact Walt & Viv Paskowski at waltviv.wwme@gmail.com.



RCIA

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for those interested in becoming Catholic. If you have not received Confirmation or know someone who wants to join the faith, please contact Dcn Lou Feté fetel@clergy.ptdiocese.org or (850) 222-1321.

Merry Christmas from the Blessed Sacrament clergy and staff!

Our Parish office will be closed
Monday, December 25th &
Tuesday, December 26th.

Due to earlier deadlines during the holiday season, we request that all bulletin announcements be submitted no later than **two Wednesdays before** you would like it published. Please submit to office@bsctlh.com as a pdf file.



**New to the
Parish?
Remember
to register!**

Visit bsctlh.com/registration to access our online registration form. Paper forms can be found in the vestibule and outside the books and gifts store. Once registered, you will receive parish communications.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adorers are needed for the following hours:



Mon. 1-2 pm

Tues. 12-1 am, 4-5 pm

Wed. 10-11 am,
11 pm-12 am

Thurs. 10-11 pm

Fri. 3-4 am, 8-9 am,

2-3 pm

Sat. 4-5 pm, 7-8 pm

Sun. 7-8 pm, 8-9 pm

Many other hours can use more Adorers, so please sign up for a time that works for you. We also need subs. To sign up, or if you have questions, text or call Jean Nixon Coordinator @ 850-445-3793.

LOOKING TO SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION?

YOU CAN SCHEDULE

- In the bookstore
- In person at the parish office
- By contacting the parish office



GIVE ONLINE

Help the environment and reduce paper usage! Contact the Church office at (850) 222-1321 for more information on how to set up online giving.



Scan the QR code to visit our online giving site.



BUILDING OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY TOGETHER



Taxwise Ways to Support the Building Project

The following strategies may fit your plans to give to the ***Building Our Catholic Community Together Capital Campaign*** and save you money on income taxes.

IRA Rollover Gifts: Distributions from your IRA typically increase your taxable income, creating income tax for you. However, if you reached the age of 70 ½ before January 1, 2020, you may escape the income tax on direct IRA distributions, called Qualified Charitable Contributions (QCDs) made to the campaign. QCDs may be made up to \$100,000 annually and count toward any required minimum distributions you must make per IRS regulations. Your IRA rollover gift must be made before December 31st to benefit this year.

Gifts of appreciated stock or property: Gifts of appreciated stock or property (i.e., real estate, art, collectibles) benefit the building project, while you can avoid paying capital gains tax and receive an income tax deduction equal to the current market value of your property.

Gifts from a Donor Advised Fund: If you have a Donor Advised Fund (DAF), making significant contributions to it will gain an immediate tax deduction. Then, you may make charitable grants from your DAF to the campaign. Please speak with your financial advisor or brokerage firm representative to establish a DAF.

Gifts of Cash: Visit the secure Vanco website (<https://secure.myvanco.com/YPV0/home>) to set up your gift via Direct Debit ACH from your bank account or credit card. If you prefer to make your gift payable by cash or check, please contact the parish office at 850-222-1321.

For more information, please call Mary Rose DiMarco, Building Project & Campaign Administrator, at (850) 222-1321 or email mrdimarco@bsctlh.com.

Note: These taxwise strategies were updated on 11/06/2023. They are not considered definitive tax advice. Please consult your professional advisors to discuss your specific situation.



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Frequently Asked Questions

- **Will my contribution be used for other parish or diocesan purposes?**

No. All donations received go into a separate, special account, already authorized to be used only for this construction project. Every single penny.

- **Of the money already donated for the project, how much has been spent?**

All project donations are held in reserve for construction. All bills paid to date have been paid from cash on hand at the parish. This includes project costs for architecture, engineering, civil engineering water management and site design, construction management fees, and amending the PUD.

- **Is my contribution in addition to my regular tithes and offerings?**

Yes. Your contributions to this project are in addition to regular offertory. Please continue your regular giving to fund ongoing parish and school operations.

- **Are all Blessed Sacrament families asked to give?**

Yes. Each parish family is asked to make a sacrificial financial commitment. The total amount of your Faith Promise may be paid over a three-year period and, in most cases, is fully tax-deductible.

- **Are all Trinity Catholic School families asked to give?**

Yes. Each school family is asked to make a sacrificial financial commitment similar to that of the parish families. We are truly Building our Catholic Community Together!





**TRINITY
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

- **Join Us for our Open House!** January 28th from 1:00-3:00 pm. Learn more at trinityknights.org/openhouse.
- **Catholic Senior Citizen Spaghetti Luncheon:** January 29th from 11:30-1:00 pm.
- **Annual Auction and Gala: A Knight at the Disco** February 10th. For more information, visit trinityknights.org/auction. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact Ginger Boyd at gingerboyd@gmail.com.
- **Substitute Teaching Positions:** We are accepting applications for substitute teaching positions. Please send resumes to bechtols@trinityknights.org.
- **Adopt a Student Scholarship Fund:** Donate to make a difference in the life of a student. Learn more at www.trinityknights.org/giving.



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for students All families are eligible to apply for private K-12 state scholarships regardless of income. Visit stepupforstudents.org to learn more.



St. John Paul II Catholic High School

We are still accepting applications for the 23-24 school year, and inquiries are open for the 24-25 school year! Contact our Office of Admissions by calling (850) 201-5744 or emailing admissions@jpiichs.org to receive more information.

Save the Date
JPII Open House

February 3, 2024

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-Anonymous Parishioner

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