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ST. PATRICK'S / HOLY TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT

To share the good news of Jesus in word and deed; to gather in prayer, worship, and the celebration of the Eucharist; to facilitate life-long faith formation; to serve the larger community especially the poor and marginalized; and to sustain parish ministry through the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

ST. PATRICK'S:
4:30 PM SATURDAYS
HOLY TRINITY:
8:00-8:15 AM
2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS
ALSO BY APPOINTMENT

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

CALL THE OFFICE IF POSSIBLE
WHEN HOSPITALIZED.

BAPTISM

CALL THE OFFICE DURING
PREGNANCY FOR PREPARA-
TION CLASS.

MARRIAGE

CALL THE OFFICE AT LEAST
NINE MONTHS TO ONE YEAR
AHEAD TO PLAN MARRIAGE
PREPARATION. WEDDING
DATE SHOULD NOT BE SET
UNTIL PREPARATIONS HAVE
BEGUN.

ANNULMENT/

MARRIAGE VALIDATION

CALL THE OFFICE TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT THIS PROCESS
WITH DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL IF
YOU ARE DIVORCED AND RE-
MARRIED OR NEVER MARRIED
IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

RCIA

CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN LEARNING
MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH OR THE RCIA PRO-
CESS.

MEMBERSHIP/ REGISTRATION

IF YOU ARE NEW, WELCOME
TO OUR PARISH. PLEASE
REGISTER BY CALLING THE
OFFICE. IF YOU ARE MOVING
AWAY, PLEASE CONTACT THE
OFFICE TO NOTIFY US BEFORE
MOVING.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY NOON

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2025

What if all the apostles had been in the locked room and seen the risen Lord on that first evening? Without one who had missed the opportunity and who doubted what he didn't experience himself, we would not have had the practical effect of hearing Jesus "prove" his bodily existence after his death. We also would not have been directly blessed by the Lord as ones who have believed without having seen. Unlike Thomas, we do not have the opportunity to see Jesus in the flesh at all. However, we do have opportunities to see his presence again and again: in each other, in the Eucharist, in those in need, or when we receive the gift of divine mercy.

John's Gospel does not tell us why Thomas wasn't there the first time. Perhaps he was grieving in his own way and wished to mourn Jesus alone. Everyone responds to grief differently. He may have imagined that seeing the others would make the loss more real. Or perhaps he was more fearful of the religious authorities than the others and felt that even a locked room wasn't safe. Perhaps he was so discouraged that he wanted to abandon his faith just as he had abandoned Jesus on the that fateful day. What we do know is that he came the following week and without even making good on his challenge to feel Jesus' wounds, he believed.

It is significant that Jesus returned with his wounds intact. Not only hadn't they healed, they were just as visible and palpable as on the day he was taken from the cross. Even after he had been raised from the dead, brought to heaven and returned to appear to the disciples in his resurrected body, he retained the wounds inflicted upon him on the day he was crucified. The Body of Christ, which we receive in the Eucharist, which is made manifest in the Church, is also physically wounded, remains physically wounded. These very real wounds continue to be present today in our sinfulness, in our suffering, and in those in need. How necessary is the gift of divine mercy we receive from one who remains wounded himself!

Question of the Week: Where and when do I recognize Christ's wounds in the body of Christ? What can I do to heal those wounds?

DAILY READINGS:

Monday

April 28
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

April 29
St. Catherine
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

April 30
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

May 1
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

Friday

May 2
St. Athanasius
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

May 3
St. Philip & James
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 4
Acts 5:27-32,
40b-41
Rv 5:11-14
Jn 21:1-19

Mass Schedule

Monday, April 28:

9:00 a.m.—Cup of Grace

Tuesday, April 29:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Marjorie Schultes]

Wednesday, April 30:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Lucille Wittrock]

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [For the People]

4:30 p.m.—R.E. (Grades K-8)

7:00 p.m.—R.E. (High School)

7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice

Thursday, May 1:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Bob Briggs]

3:00 p.m.—Holy Hour @ SP

Friday, May 2:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Brian Nieland]

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT []

Saturday, May 3:

4:30 p.m.—Reconciliation/Adoration

5:00 p.m.—Encounter Mass at SP

[Fred & Lucille Wittrock]

3rd Sunday of Easter, May 4:

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT

[Carl, Betty & Craig Simonsen]

10:30 a.m.—1st Communion Mass at SP

[Joey Wanninger]

11:30 a.m.—1st Communion Reception



Happy Anniversary

Tom & Brenda Muhr

40 Yrs. ~ April 27, 1985



Sunday, May 4

St. Patrick's at 10:30 AM

Please pray for our 1st Communicants and their parents as they prepare for this blessed sacrament.

April 20 Giving

	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Tithes	\$1,603.00	\$750.00
Plate	\$248.00	\$168.00
Building Fund	\$1,550.00	
Holy Thursday	\$189.00	\$103.00
Holy Land	\$345.00	\$95.00
Total	\$3,935.00	\$1,116.00

Lord Barin Colon	son of Maybelle Colon
Aiden Griffith	son of Andy & Heather Griffith
Emmalyn Gross	daughter of Katie Boehm & Jade Gross
Lennon Muhr	son of Willy & Mykel Muhr
William Muhr	son of Matt & Ashley Muhr
Zayne Nalley	son of Adam & Karlie Kerkhoff
James Wilkerson	son of Megan Wilkerson
Eli Wittrock	son of Kevin & Robbi Wittrock
Emmet Wittrock	son of Kevin & Robbi Wittrock

****Mass times will be swapped on this 1st Sunday of May.**

2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



St. Pat's Goal:	\$32,292.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$15,325.00	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$14,075.00	29	104
Needed:	\$16,967.00		

Holy Trinity's Goal:	\$9,138.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$2,460.00	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$2,460.00	8	31
Needed:	\$6,678.00		



Cup of Grace Ladies' fellowship, coffee and rosary every Monday at 9:00 a.m.
Children always welcome!



Holy Trinity's goal \$40,000.00

Pledges & Gifts	\$30,936.00	Donor	Yet to
Payments Rec'd	\$26,435.98	Households	Donate
Needed	\$9,064.00	19	20

BECOMING THE BEST DISCIPLE

The quote for this week that also appears on the whiteboard in the front of the church is:

"This King's tomb is empty-----
He is risen!"

Take time this week to sit quietly, or perhaps as you drive to your destination, to reflect on this message.
REMEMBER TO LISTEN FOR GOD'S RESPONSE.

HOLY TRINITY SHIRTS

Holy Trinity Parish "God is Good All the Time" screen printed T shirts and embroidered logo polo or sweat shirts are available to order. Sign up in the back of Holy Trinity Church or call 712-268-2803 for ordering information.



✠All those involved in serving our country in any capacity.
Special prayers to those on our prayer chain: Caleb Deist, Kellen Hemmingsen, LeAnn Hoffman, Ivan Blocker, Bill Ryan, Tina Madsen, Mirra Wolff, Ellie Bennett, Jim Arnold, Kenny Hess, Rosemary Hess, Joe Schulte, Lauren Bock, Larry Petersen, Jared Schliecher, Kris Pilcher, Dawson Truitt, Lilly Hankemeier, Peggy Sowden, Eleanor, Emilin & Enastatia Clark, Robbi Wittrock, Jenny Brabham, Oliver Turnbull, Vern Wagner, Ava Weitzl, Fred Miller, Dash Burr, Randy Clausen, Connie (Fox) Hawthorne, Sheri Jo Porsch, Don Heller, Joyce Grabill, Leonard Baumhover, Larry O'Tool, Tom Grote, Bill Fankell, Dave Sextro, Mary Sextro Schneider, Joey Wanninger, Phil Mennenoh, and all those who are facing very difficult situations and suffer in silence.

All those who are suffering and their families remain in our thoughts and prayers. Please contact the office if your loved one's status changes.



We at the St. Patrick's and Holy Trinity family of churches value parishioner feedback. In an effort to better hear the needs of the Church, a dedicated email has been established for parishioner comments, concerns, and general feedback. If you have feedback to submit, send an email to: spht_feedback@outlook.com or you can leave comments in the wooden box located in the church entrance on the bulletin table. Thank you!

The Lions Club has a project to collect shoes for third world countries. It is called SOLES FOR SOULS. They can be new, or slightly used, any type, any size. They will also accept high heels, sneakers, etc. Also, if you have only one shoe, that is ok too.

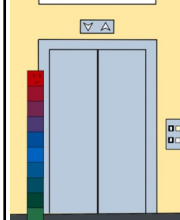
There is a box in the basement northwest entrance for collection.



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC WOMEN NOTES:

We would like to have fresh flowers each week by the Statue of Mary. Lori's Flowers have agreed to deliver them for us. They would be \$10/week. If you would like to sign-up for a week or a month, please let the office know for the bulletin. Please pay at Lori's Flowers.

ELEVATOR



St. Patrick's Elevator UPDATE!

Soil borings took place this week. We continue to wait for drawing completion to present final plan to parish.

When donating, please be sure to note on your donation that it is for "Building Fund" or "Elevator Project". On the front of the yellow pew prayer cards, there is a QR code for super easy donations.

St. Patrick's Finance Council :

Tom Chambers	Charlotte Fett
Michelle Griffith	Marty Hanson
Don Mosinski	Doug Sorensen
Kevin Wittrock	

Holy Trinity Finance Council:

Judy Bintner
Paul Christensen
Jean Madsen
Mark Richards
Hugh Rossell

Corpus Christi Pastoral Council:

Bob Blomme	Lynda Best
Aaron Kerkhoff	Ben Hansen
Brooke Klocke	Jennifer Brabham

Our beloved Pope Francis has died, what to expect in the days and weeks ahead.

The death of Pope Francis has triggered a period of mourning in the Vatican and signals the start of a millennia-old process of picking a new pontiff.

It is a procedure steeped in tradition, but one which has been subtly updated for the modern world.

Cardinals – senior church officials appointed by the pope – from around the world must gather for the conclave in which Francis' successor is selected. It typically takes between two and three weeks for a pope to be chosen, though it can stretch slightly beyond that if cardinals struggle to agree on a candidate.

The voting process is kept secret but will take place with the eyes of the world on the Vatican and amid intense scrutiny of the Catholic Church – an institution whose reputation has been stained by the scandal of child sex abuse within its ranks, overshadowing the legacies of successive popes.

In the interim, a cardinal from the United States has become acting head of the Vatican until a new pope is elected.

Cardinal Kevin Farrell, who was born in Ireland and who became a naturalized American citizen after spending many years ministering in the United States, holds the position of “camerlengo,” or chamberlain.

Later on Monday, Farrell sealed the Papal Apartment of the Apostolic Palace, the traditional residence of the pope, to mark the beginning of the mourning period. The apartment was not used by Francis, who lived in Casa Santa Marta. It symbolizes the formal end of the Francis pontificate.

Here's what you need to know about the coming days and weeks.

What happens during the mourning period?

The “Papal Interregnum” – the period between the death of one pope and the election of another – began when Francis passed away. Francis, who was 88, died of a stroke and heart failure at Casa Santa Marta, his residence in the Vatican, on Monday.

Cardinals must now decide exactly when the funeral can take place, and after that, when conclave can begin. But much of the timeline is predetermined; the pope's death includes nine days of mourning known as the Novendiales, and the pope must be buried between the fourth and sixth day after death.

In the interim, the pope will be placed in a coffin, after which he will lie in state for several days until the funeral.

Pope Francis' body could lie in state in St. Peter's Basilica for people to come and pay their respects as soon as Wednesday, a Vatican spokesperson said Monday.

Mourners lined up for miles to see the body of Pope John Paul II, the last serving pontiff to die, in 2005.

It is likely that unofficial events will take place in tandem in Buenos Aires, where Francis lived before becoming the Bishop of Rome. In Warsaw, more than 200,000 gathered at the site where John Paul II, then Karol Wojtyla, returned as the new pope in 1979.

Then, at the end of the period of mourning, a large funeral Mass will take place at St. Peter's. This is historically a huge event, with dignitaries expected from around the world. John Paul II's funeral was attended by then-President George W. Bush and his two predecessors, Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush.

Francis declared his wish to be buried in a “simple” tomb in the ground at Rome's Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore, a significant Catholic church and papal basilica. He had arranged for an unnamed benefactor to cover the expenses of his burial, according to his will released by the Vatican.

“The tomb must be in the earth; simple, without particular decoration and with the only inscription: Franciscus,” the statement said.

Pope Francis will be the first pope in over a century to be buried outside the Vatican.

Most popes are buried in Vatican City, but Pope Francis has chosen the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome where seven past pontiffs are buried.

When does the election of a new pope begin?

When a pope dies, the dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals calls for a meeting of all cardinals eligible to vote – those under the age of 80. They must all travel to the Vatican to do so. There are currently 135 eligible cardinals. But it's worth remembering that in 1996, John Paul II set the maximum number of cardinals allowed to participate at 120.

Conclave is not expected to begin earlier than 15 days, nor later than 20 days, after the pope's death – though it could get underway sooner if all the cardinal electors arrive in Rome quickly.

Inside the Sistine Chapel, the codified home of conclave, paper ballots are passed out to each cardinal, who writes the name of their chosen candidate below the words “Elijo in Summum Pontificem” (Latin for “I elect as supreme pontiff”).

Technically, any Roman Catholic male can be elected pope. But the last pope not chosen from the College of Cardinals was Urban VI in 1379. If a cardinal has received two-thirds of the vote, he becomes the new pope.

As many as four votes a day - two in the morning and two in the afternoon - can be held on the second, third and fourth days of the conclave. The fifth day is set aside to break for prayer and discussion, and then voting can continue for an additional seven rounds. After that, there's another break and the pattern resumes.

St. Patrick's May Liturgy Schedule

Date	Ushers	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	Servers
Saturday, May 3 5:00 PM		Ann Carter	Ann Carter	Gary Keller Aaron Kerkhoff	Brylynn Petersen Gavin Carter Claire Kerkhoff
1st Communion Sunday, May 4 *10:30 AM*	Darrell Wittrock Matt Wilder	1ST COMMUNION STUDENTS	Lisa Sorensen Nancy Wittrock Kalli Wilder	Jo Beane Tom Mennenoh	McKenna & Avery Wilder Huxley Gross
Saturday, May 10 5:00 PM	Gary Macke Tony Hoffmann	Judy Wagner	Matt & Kalli Wilder	Jo Beane	Paxton Beane McKenna & Avery Wilder
Senior Recognition Sunday, May 11 10:30 AM		SENIORS	Sara Kerkhoff Aaron Kerkhoff Alice Lauridsen	Linda Blomme Blane Kerkhoff	Lucy & Ella Stanerson Wyatt Henkle
Saturday, May 17 5:00 PM		Aaron Kerkhoff	Jon & Alice Lauridsen	Gary Keller Deanna Kerkhoff	Alex Henkle Autumn & Kara Klocke
Sunday, May 18 8:30 AM	Marty Hanson	Lora Anthofer	Virginia Mennenoh April Brand Kathy Kerkhoff	Tom Mennenoh	Izik, Jocelyn, Jordyn Sorensen
Confirmation Saturday, May 24 5:00 PM	Roger Griffith Tom Chambers	CONFIRMATION STUDENTS	April Brand Aaron Kerkhoff	Gary Keller Blane Kerkhoff	Emma, Mason, Grace Brand Karleigh Henkle
Sunday, May 25 10:30 AM		Jennifer Mosinski	Don & Jennifer Mosinski	Linda Blomme Rosemary Williamson	Brayden, Camden, Trinden Sporrer
Sacristan: Saturday: Don Mosinski Sunday: April Brand					

Holy Trinity's May Liturgy Schedule

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May 2025 St Patrick-Audubon and Holy Trinity-Exira

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4 8:30 Mass @ HT 10:30 1st Communion Mass @ SP - Heaven Cent 11:30 1st Communion Reception	5 9:00 Cup of Grace	6 10:30 Mass @ Friendship Home	7 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT 4:30p RE (K-8 grades) 7:00p RE (9-12 grades)	1 7:30 Mass @ SP 3:00p Holy Hour @ SP	2 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT	3 4:30p Reconciliation/Adoration @ SP 5:00p Encounter Night Mass @ SP
11 Mothers Day 8:30 Mass @ HT 9:30 Coffee & Rolls @ HT Honoring 1st Communicant, Confirmand & Graduate 10:30 Baccalaureate Mass @SP - Reception following	12 9:00 Cup of Grace	13 7:30 Mass @ SP	14 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT	15 7:30 Mass @ SP	16 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT	17 4:30p Reconciliation @ SP 5:00p Mass @ SP
18 8:30 Mass @ SP 9:30 SPCW Meeting 9:30 Coffee & Rolls @ SP 10:30 Mass @ HT	19 9:00 Cup of Grace 7:30p Knights of Columbus Meeting	20 7:30 Mass @ SP	21 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT 7:00p Confirmation Class - practice	22 7:30 Mass @ SP	23 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT	24 5:00p Confirmation Mass @ SP
25 8:30 Mass @ HT 10:30 Mass @ SP	26 9:00 Cup of Grace	27 7:30 Mass @ SP	28 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT	29 7:30 The Ascension of the Lord Mass @ SP	30 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT	31 4:30p Reconciliation @ SP 5:00p Mass @ SP