

Most Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas, and Sts. Teresa and Bridget

TWENTYSIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 1, 2023

A householder has two children and asks them to work in the vineyard.

One says “yes” and does not show up.

The other says no, repents and decides to go.

Matthew 21:28-32



what motivates me to act?

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SELF-EMPTYING LOVE

I once was preparing for a Wedding Mass when the father of the groom, a friend and spiritual mentor to me, asked if he could pray over me. His wisdom struck me that day, twenty years ago, and remains central to my ongoing prayer. Jim prayed, "let Mitch be as hollow bones that your Spirit might move through him..." My prayer is that we all might become hollow bones.



Paul, Ezekiel, and Jesus, all teach self-emptying love. We practice all the virtues, so we become more and more the sons and daughters of God we are created to be. A life of prayer leads to a gradual letting go of ways, which are not God's ways. We sometimes cling to our way, until grace and circumstance awaken us to our true life in Christ: "I never knew Jesus was all I wanted until Jesus was all I had." We are all on a journey, assisting one another on the pilgrim way; we become hollow bones, letting God's Spirit work ever more powerfully through us. We are becoming holy.

St. Nicholas, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Bridget, you are with us; may the Triune God be glorified in us.

– Father Mitch

COLLECTION: 9/24/23 - \$8,024.75 THANK YOU.

LITURGY MEETING: Thursday, October 5,
6:00 – 8:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

DAY OF PRAYER: October 7, 10:00 – 1:00 pm, Sts. Teresa and Bridget. This morning is an opportunity to connect with one another through prayer, faith sharing, and dreaming together. Come and share in the various gifts and the depth of experience which each brings to our new parish and to the whole Church.

ENTERED THE ETERNAL EMBRACE OF OUR LOVING GOD:

Ruth Robinson: Funeral Mass at 11:00am, Thursday, Oct. 5 at St. Teresa and Bridget

Kimberly Thomas Ingram: Funeral Mass at 11:00am, Friday, Oct. 6 at St. Teresa and Bridget

Ms. Dolores Peterson: Visitation, Saturday, October 7 at 10:00 a.m followed by Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m., both at St. Nicholas Church.

MASS SCHEDULE

Noon Mass: Monday-Friday, St. Nicholas

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00am Mass, St. Nicholas

First Reading: to be announced

Second Reading: to be announced

Eucharistic Minister: to be announced

11:00am Mass, Most Holy Trinity

First reading: Gus Lewis

Second Reading: Adrian Stillman

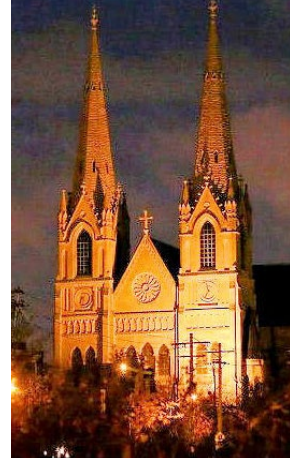
Eucharistic Minister: Doris Speed

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:00am Unity Mass, Sts. Teresa and Bridget

CELEBRATE OUR FOUNDING CHURCHES:

The Village of New Bremen grew quickly and in 1855 was annexed into the city of St. Louis. As the area grew, **HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH** was founded in 1848. As the parish grew, so did its mission. A new church was constructed on the corner of 14th and Mallinckrodt and consecrated 1858. The current church was designed by architect Joseph Conradi in the Neo-Gothic style and was built in 1898. In 1899, celebrating the parish's 50th anniversary, the beautiful, newly completed, limestone, twin-spire church that is seen today, was consecrated. The Papal Blessing was given in 1899.



Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

In 1859, a school for girls and a convent was completed on Mallinckrodt and Blair streets. By the end of 1859, the first Franciscan Sisters arrived from Oldenburg, Indiana, to teach the children. In 1871, a new boy's school building was constructed on 14th and Mallinckrodt, across the street from the Church. This building housed 300 students as well as provided space for meetings and social gatherings. The school became the longest continually operating Catholic elementary school in the city of St. Louis. For more than 150 years, the Franciscan Sisters, School sisters of Notre Dame, and Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, educated students to become peacemakers, to develop their potential, and to be people grounded in faith.

Since 1992 neighboring parishes were consolidated with Holy Trinity, with concerted effort to retain the former parishes' identity into the new combined parish.



Festival of Ministries - As we journey together becoming one parish community, we, the Transition Team, realize we have many ministries in common, such as, Angel Dusters (church cleaners), Liturgy, and Music. We notice we have a few ministries that are distinctive, such as, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parish (Lending) Library, and Martha's Club.

At our upcoming **Festival of Ministries** event on **Sunday, October 15, 2023, following the 10:00 Unity Mass at the Sts. Teresa & Bridget campus**, each ministry will have a representative(s) available to give information to prayerfully discern what ministry provides the opportunity to share the wonderful gifts God has given you.

Come, see, and sign up! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn something new, and connect with others to help lay an essential foundation for our emerging parish.

ALSO the Festival features attendance prizes and refreshments!

For more information, contact Pam White at 314.496.5120.



FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, October 4.

This feast marks the closing of the 2023 Season of Creation. St. Francis's great love of God's creation, commitment to peace, ecumenical and interfaith importance all combine to make him an inspiration for the Season of Creation.

In union with all creation, we reflect. All creatures come forth from the heart of the Creator, filled with holy presence and tender love. Through Mary, Christ Jesus became of this Earth, gazing upon the world with human eyes. The Holy Spirit guides this world towards the Creator's love and accompanies creation as it longs for healing.

In union with all creation, we pray. Creator, awaken our praise and thankfulness for every creature. Christ, bless us with eyes to see you alive in every creature. Holy Spirit, inspire all to do what is good, care wisely and lovingly for earth, our common home. Triune God, bless us with justice, peace, love, and beauty. Amen.

– "A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation"
Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: We offer appreciation to Darlene Elston, Gus Lewis, and Kenneth Patterson for the leadership in helping us reach our ACA goals. Gratefully we acknowledge the generosity of everyone contributing to the ACA. Our new parish has exceeded its goals. What a wonderful way to say thanks for the benefits we have received through grants from this campaign.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: October 3, 5:30 – 8:00, Salisbury and 21st street. Come, support this annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnership. Together we make the community a safer, more caring place to live.

WORKING TOWARD A LISTENING CHURCH: The Synod of Bishops with its delegates opens October 4. Their first week will involve prayer and study, and a deep reading of a document drafted by experts from five continents, which invites the people of God into "the radical nature of Christianity. The church is more boldly articulating what the Church is supposed to be like."

– Julia McStravog, theologian and coordinator of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' team for this phase of the synod.

One of the questions for discernment is, What steps can a synodal church take to more closely imitate Christ, who walks with all in unconditional love and proclaims the fullness of the gospel of truth?

"Participants will consider ways to proclaim the Gospel with courage the authentic teaching while offering a witness of radical inclusion and acceptance. I am impressed by the hopefulness, and courage with the willingness to touch on topics Catholics may find difficult to discuss: outreach to the marginalized, LGBTQ communities, Catholic who marry outside the church, divorced Catholics, the elderly, the young, interreligious dialogue."

–Richard Coll, coordinator of the Catholic bishops' continental phase team.

ST. CHARLES LWANGA BIBLE STUDY: 1:00 p.m., St. Nicholas Church, 701 N. 18th St., St. Louis 63103. Noon Mass precedes the session. Come join us for liturgy. Please bring a Bible, New American Edition preferred. Sessions are free. Free will offerings are welcome. For more information, please call St. Nicholas phone 314-231-2860 ex. 24

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ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SERVICES

Most Holy Trinity

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food/Utility Assistance
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 9:00 – noon
4335 Warne Ave, 63107
314-535-9794 (during operating hours)

St. Nicholas

Food Pantry sponsored by Ascension SVDP
Mondays (except holidays): 10 - noon
701 N 18th St., 63103
314.289.6101

St. Nicholas (Off-site)

Food Pantry sponsored by Immacolata SVDP
First and Second Tuesdays: 9:00 – 11:00
Hot meal, snacks, fellowship; Dine in or carry-out
1414 N. Taylor Ave, 63110
314.289.6106 ext, 1171

Sts. Teresa & Bridget

Food Pantry/Utility Assistance/Store Vouchers
Tuesday, Thursday 9 – noon
Bag Lunches for homeless
Sts. Teresa & Bridget Hall
2431 N. Grand Blvd., 63106
314.531.1169