

Blessed Trinity Catholic Community + Spirit of Christ Mission



# The Bulletin

## Easter 2024

Easter Vigil / Easter Sunday March 30/31

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 7

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O splendor of the Father's light,  
that makes our daylight lucid bright;  
O light of light and sun of day,  
now shine on us your brightest ray.

**"DO NOT BE AFRAID!"**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
**SPIRIT OF CHRIST MISSION LOLO**

**SUNDAY EUCHARIST**

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday Morning : 8:00 am at Spirit of Christ in Lolo**  
**10:00 am at Blessed Trinity**  
Friday Eucharist @ 10:00 am:  
First and third Fridays, Parish Mass at Village Health Care Center  
Fourth Friday, Parish Mass at Village Senior Residence

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

**ADULTS seeking Baptism:** Please call the parish office for further information regarding **INQUIRY GATHERINGS**, designed to meet the needs and questions of each inquiring person.  
**BAPTIZED ADULTS** from another Christian tradition who wish to consider full communion with the Roman Catholic Church: Call the parish office for information.  
**PARENTS** who seek Baptism for a newborn baby or an older child please call the parish office for scheduled Preparation Process.  
**CONFIRMATION / FIRST COMMUNION / RECONCILIATION:**  
Preparation process offered periodically throughout the year.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Please contact parish office at least eight to six months prior to the expected date of the wedding. Preparation process is designed to support the couples love for one another and to assist in the formation of a stronger bond needed to live the commitment and covenant of Sacramental marriage. Preparation team includes trained sponsoring married couples, pastor and parish staff.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Reconciliation is Saturday at 4 pm or by appointment.  
Please call Fr. Ed @ 721-2405.  
Preparation Guide available. Sacrament is celebrated in the Chapel of Reconciliation.  
Communal Celebration during Advent and Lent

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Celebrated at the time of sickness, mental stress, prior to surgery and/or hospitalization. The sacrament may also be celebrated periodically during an extended illness.

The Sacrament is celebrated with family, friends, and/or parishioners present; or with the parish community at daily Mass or when necessary at Sunday Mass.

**CONTACT PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.**

**ALWAYS CALL THE PARISH  
PRIOR TO HOSPITALIZATION OR SURGERY.**

If a hospital or care center visit is desired, notify the parish office upon admittance.

**HOLY COMMUNION  
TO THE HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED**

Call the office 721-2405.

**SACRAMENT OF THE DYING**

**HOLY VIATICUM: FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY**

The Last Rite of the Church for the dying is Holy Communion.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood can be administered during the dying process.

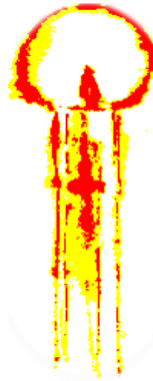
When death already occurs the Prayers for the Dead are prayed.

Always remember to be in dialogue with the parish during these times.

At the time of death contact the parish as soon as possible.

Prior to making any funeral arrangements please be in dialogue with the parish.

When cremation is chosen, it ordinarily follows the funeral mass.



**TWO WEEKS AHEAD  
PASTORAL OFFICER HOURS**

**Monday—Thursday  
9-am—5 pm  
Closed Friday**

**PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed  
the week after Easter and there is no daily mass.**

**MON, Apr 1: Monday within the Octave of Easter**  
*Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 / Mt 28:8-15*

**TUE, Apr 2: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**  
*Acts 2:36-41 / Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 / Jn 6:22-29*

**WED, Apr 3: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**  
*Acts 3:1-10 / Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 / Lk 24:13-35*

**THU, Apr 4: Thursday within the Octave of Easter**  
*Acts 3:11-26 / Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 / Lk 24:35-48*  
**7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting**

**FRI, Apr 5: Friday within the Octave of Easter**  
*Acts 4:1-12 / Ps 118:1-2 & 4, 22-24, 25-27a / Jn 21:1-14*  
**10:00 am: Mass at the Village Health Care Center**

**SAT, Apr 6: Saturday within the Octave of Easter**  
*Acts 4:13-21 / Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 / Mk 16:9-15*  
**4:00 pm: Reconciliation**  
**5:00 pm: Sunday Mass Vigil**  
*Mass Intention for Shirley Barnum r/b Connie Pribyl*

**SUN, Apr 7: Second Sunday of Easter**  
*Acts 4:32-35 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31*  
**8:00 am: Mass at Spirit of Christ**  
**10:00 am: Mass at Blessed Trinity**

**MON, Apr 8: The Annunciation of the Lord: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Ps 40:7-11 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38**  
**1:00 pm: Monthly Grief Support Group**

**TUE, Apr 9** *Acts 4:32-37 / Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 / Jn 3:7b-15*  
**7:00 pm: Pastoral Council Meeting**

**WED, Apr 10** *Acts 5:17-26 / Ps 34:2-9 / Jn 3:16-21*  
**12:10 pm: Daily Mass**  
**7:00 pm: Choir**

**THU, Apr 11** *Acts 5:27-33 / Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 / Jn 3:31-36*  
**12:10 pm: Daily Mass**

**FRI, Apr 12** *Acts 5:34-42 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Jn 6:1-15*

**SAT, Apr 13** *Acts 6:1-7 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 / Jn 6:16-21*  
**4:00 pm: Reconciliation**  
**5:00 pm: Sunday Mass Vigil**  
*Mass Intention for Del Kaiser r/b Sandy Tritz*

**SUN, Apr 14: Third Sunday of Easter**  
*Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 / 1 Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 24:35-48*  
**8:00 am: Mass at Spirit of Christ**  
**10:00 am: Mass at Blessed Trinity**



## 50 days of feasting

**W**e often think of Easter as one Sunday, but in truth it is a season of FIFTY DAYS! For fifty days the Church rejoices in the ultimate good news:

**JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!  
WE DIE NO MORE.**

Within the fifty days there are special moments to focus the season. Easter Sunday is followed by its own “octave.” The Easter octave is a period of eight days following Easter Sunday. Each day of the octave holds the rank of a solemnity in the church calendar.

The Easter season is also marked by two other solemn feasts: the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost. The Ascension reminds us that not only did Jesus walk the journey of our lives here on earth, but he also leads our way into the future. As the opening prayer for the Ascension states: “May we follow him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope.”

Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter, and it signals the end of the Easter Season. Pentecost was originally a Jewish feast day which occurred fifty days after Passover, commemorating the arrival of the Jewish people at Mt. Sinai where Moses received the ten commandments. The first Christians who were Jews gathered for the celebration of Pentecost, and like their ancestors, they received a gift from God, the gift of the Spirit. As Eucharistic Prayer IV puts it so beautifully, “(Jesus) sent the Holy Spirit...as his first gift to those who believe, to complete his work on earth and bring us the fullness of grace.”

### Sights, Sounds and Smells of Easter time

The fifty days of Easter are joyful days. During this time, our senses are called to rejoice. We hear again the sounds of the Gloria and the Alleluia which have been omitted for all of Lent. St. Augustine says that we are an Easter people and alleluia is our song. The term alleluia is difficult to translate; it is more like a sound than a word. It is an expression of joy, a cheer, which expresses a feeling of jubilation from way down deep. Songs and acclamations of the Easter season are often filled with “alleluias.”

Visibly, the color of the vestments and other liturgical appointments are gold or white. An item of great significance during this season is the Easter candle. Each year, the church blesses a new Easter candle at the Easter Vigil service of light. This large candle is to be kept near the ambo for the entire fifty days so that it will be easy to see by the entire assembly. It should be lit for every Mass during the season of Easter. The lit candle is a powerful sign of the risen Christ’s presence among us: “a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God” (The *Exsultet* at the Easter Vigil). It is the light that shatters the darkness and



leads us on the way to salvation. After Easter, it is placed by the baptismal font and lit for baptisms and funerals. Of course, the church is filled with the fragrance of flowers, replaced as needed throughout the entire fifty days to remind us that Easter is a season, not just a day. Incense is often used at Mass during this time especially on Easter Sunday and Pentecost adding reverence and a feeling of prayer that invades all of the senses.

### Signs of the Season

As with Christmas, many of the symbols associated with Easter have become secularized and often lose their religious meaning. In fact, one may be surprised to learn that such things as Easter eggs, Easter baskets and even rabbits have deeper meaning for this season. The baby chick breaking its way out of the egg has been seen as a reminder of Christ's emergence from the tomb. The prolific rabbits are a springtime reminder of life in abundance. The Easter basket, today filled with candy, once contained the Easter meal which was brought to church for a blessing. Recall that in past times, no meat was eaten for all of Lent and people fasted more extensively, so the Easter basket was a joyful sign of the end of a forty day fast. Perhaps we could also add the sight of joyful children running in search of hidden eggs or Easter baskets as a reminder of that first Easter race, when Peter and the beloved disciple ran with hope to the tomb, saw it empty and believed.

# He is risen!

## Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia



Blessed  
Trinity  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY

# *Blessed Trinity † Spirit of Christ*

*Our Easter environment  
is in loving memory of...*

*Frank & Kathryn Lobbell  
Hettie and Takeo Yamasaki*

*Eva Bond*

*Edward (Jim) Pribyl*

*Marge Davis*

*Dan Conway, Bea Conley*

*Audrey Parenteau & Family*

*Paul & Stella Murphy*

*Ed & Marie Mares*

*T.J. Furshong*

*Charlie Gibson*

*Ian McDonald*

*Jerry Lemieux*

*Margaret Nason Miller*

*Jim Nason, Frank Miller*

*Parents of Beth and Dick Stone*

*Agnes Hughes, Eunice Amaya*

*Michelle Stillwell, Evelyn Hennen*

*Ludwig & Juletta Wandler*

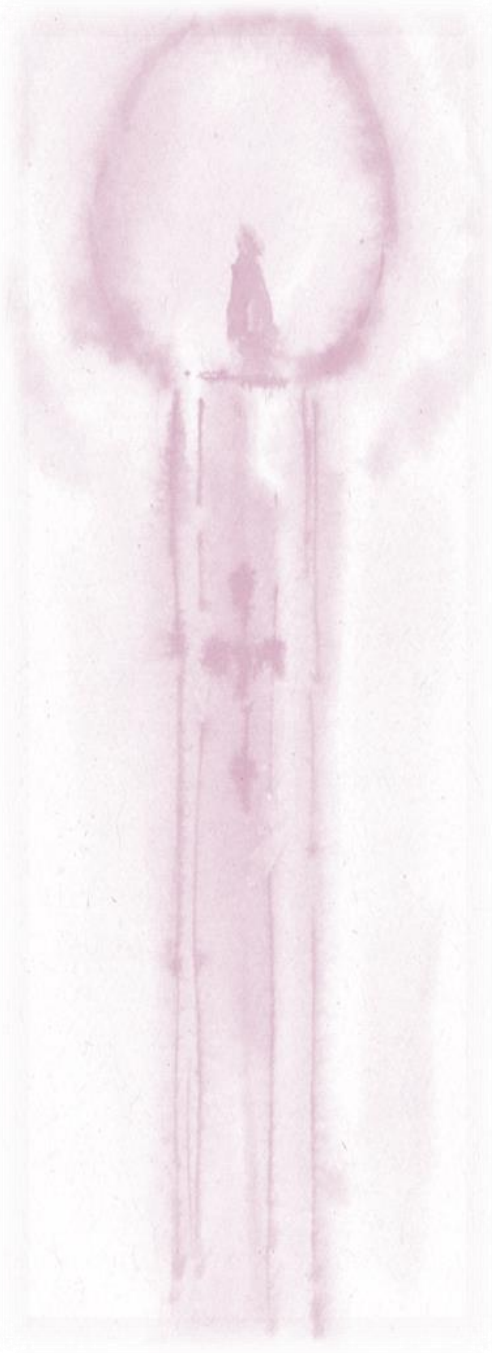
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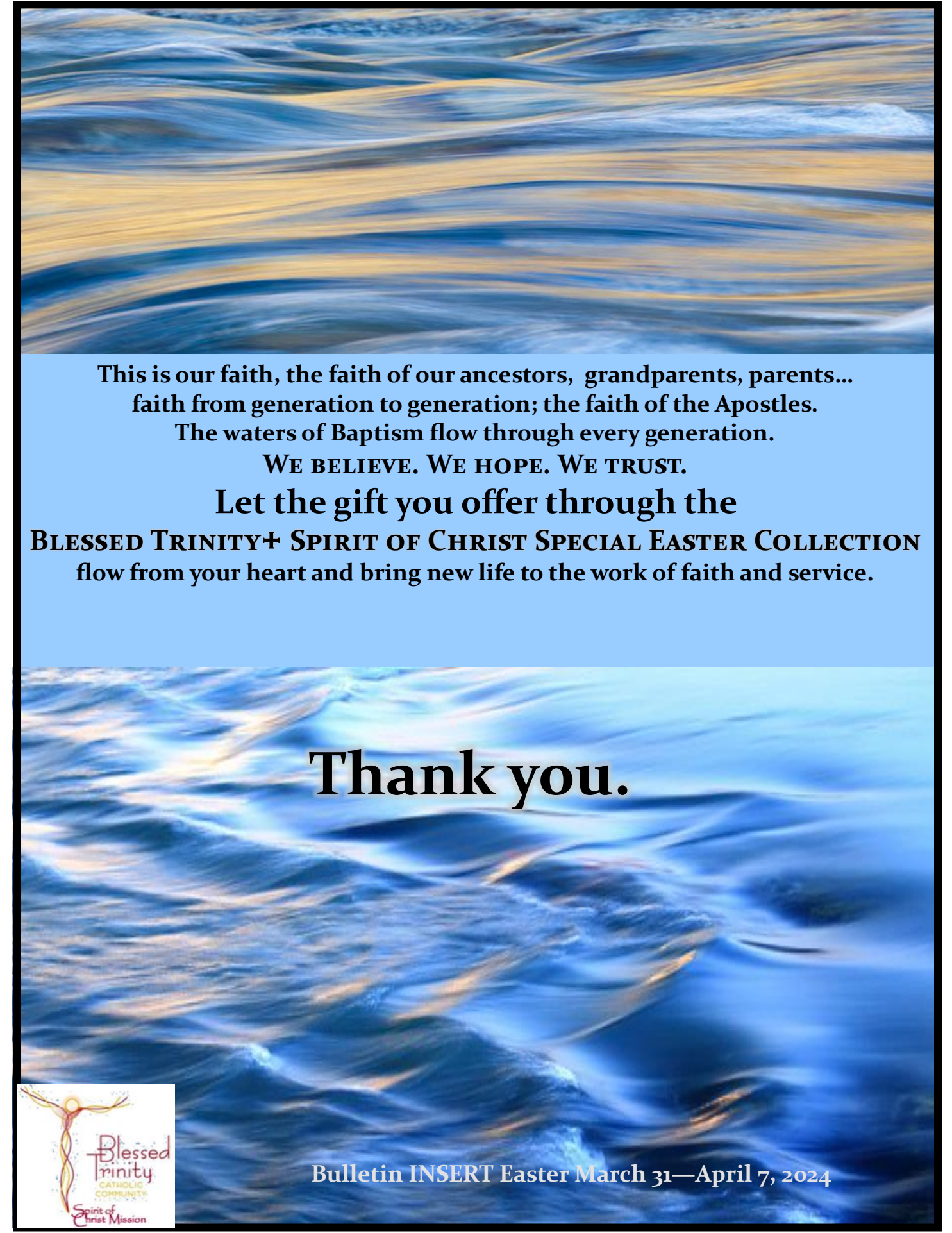
*Mary Lou & Ed Quinn*

*Edward and Louise Horkey*

*Kay Riska*

*Jerry Logan*





**This is our faith, the faith of our ancestors, grandparents, parents...  
faith from generation to generation; the faith of the Apostles.  
The waters of Baptism flow through every generation.**

**WE BELIEVE. WE HOPE. WE TRUST.**

**Let the gift you offer through the  
BLESSED TRINITY+ SPIRIT OF CHRIST SPECIAL EASTER COLLECTION  
flow from your heart and bring new life to the work of faith and service.**

**Thank you.**



Bulletin INSERT Easter March 31—April 7, 2024





“The Lord stirred up the people, so they set to work on God’s House.”

Haggai 1:14

# March 31, 2024 Blessed Trinity Renovation Project UPDATE...

## LAND SALE PROGRESS

The developers continue their planning process as we await the full implantation of the Buy/Sell agreement executed on November 9, 2023 with ROLAND, LLC, for the sale of the western portion of our property. This includes a portion of the West side parking lot. Access to this development project will be from Eaton street on the Southern side of church property. This “access easement” agreement, including its location, is expected to be executed soon. The buyer is engaged with the City of Missoula for the required “Boundary Change” between the “sold portion” of our land and our remaining property. The final sale of the property is contingent upon the City’s boundary change approval and execution. Our architects, PARADIGM 3 ARCHITECTURE, are currently in the process of meeting with our contractor Jeremiah Wendell of SUMMIT BUILDERS GROUP; and our Liturgical Consultant, Ken Griesemer, to determine the estimated costs of each portion of the renovation and construction.

When all the necessary information is available we will schedule a FULL PARISH GATHERING (hopefully before mid-May) to review project plans, costs, expectations and our WAY FORWARD.

## Blessed Trinity Capital Campaign PROGRESS...

Our three year Capital Campaign concluded one year ago, on March 31, 2023  
As of March 24, 2024 we have received \$384,514—98%  
of the \$391,153 committed (our goal was \$500,000). THANK YOU.  
(40 Households have exceeded their committed contributions. Thank you.)

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED YOUR COMMITMENT, YOU ARE WELCOME TO CONTINUE OFFERING YOUR GIFT WEEKLY OR MONTHLY TO REACH YOUR GOAL.**

**64%** of parish households are participating.

*50 parish households are participating who have not formally pledged support —those families have thus far contributed \$74,750. THANK YOU.*

*63 parish households have not, thus far, participated in the campaign. PARTICIPATION STILL WELCOME!*

# THANK YOU!



# Welcome

to Blessed Trinity + Spirit of Christ!



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Thank you for becoming a part of our faith community!

Have you registered as a parish member?

When you register in a parish it says, *"We choose to belong and desire to be known as part of a particular Catholic faith community."*

## IF YOU ARE NEW

you are invited to REGISTER in the parish. Forms are available at church entrances or online at [blessedtrinitymissoula.org](http://blessedtrinitymissoula.org)

The LINK is found on the opening page of the site.

*Download the page, fill it out and either drop it in the collection at Mass or mail it to the parish office.*

OR stop by the parish pastoral offices any time.

We want to know you! We want to welcome you. If you have been worshipping at Blessed Trinity or Spirit of Christ for some time and are not sure if you are registered, call or stop by the office and Carol will assist you.

# Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

# YOU belong here!





# O u t r e a c h



## Our next week to host Family Promise

is SUNDAY April 7 thru SATURDAY, April 13, 2024.

If you have an interest in helping out with this ministry and are new to Family Promise please contact Cathy Burleson, cell: 406-240-7484 (voice only), or email: [burlesonCL3@yahoo.com](mailto:burlesonCL3@yahoo.com).



Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. That's why Blessed Trinity is on a mission to help save lives by hosting a blood drive on Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm In the Parish Hall. We're looking for 20-30 donors, not limited to parishioners, so invite your friends and neighbors.

To sign up or for more info, contact Phil Carlos 406-543-0502 or [Phil.c.carlos@gmail.com](mailto:Phil.c.carlos@gmail.com).



**MISSOULA FOOD BANK** **PROTEIN PRODUCTS** are always welcome: canned meats, peanut butter, and beans. Also, anything that provides some variety for the things we purchase regularly, canned soups and canned vegetables in particular.

For the **month of February** Blessed Trinity contributed **294 pounds of food, diapers, paper products, and personal care items**. **Thank you parishioners**. And thanks to Hal and Rose Pulling and Michael Knepp for gathering and delivering it all to the Food Bank. We are grateful for your continued help. **THANK YOU!** The collection baskets are at the church entrances.



*Whole Parish  
Faith Formation 2023-24*

**The Resurrection  
and the Life**  
*Sunday, April 14*

We have just entered and experienced in a new way the Paschal Mystery of Christ—the suffering, death, and resurrection— in the great three days of Easter. By the light of Easter, we reflect on the words of Jesus to his friend Martha after the death of her

beloved brother, Lazarus, “I am the resurrection and the life.” Come to share your Easter joy and hope in the resurrection.

*All are Welcome!*



**Lectionary  
Scripture Study**

*Is on Easter Break*

*We will return Thurs. April 18, 11 am*

**Youth Group**  
*Wed., Apr. 17, 7-8:30 pm*



We will be doing our annual Safe Environment lesson on April 17. But never fear, there will be food, fun, and friends as well. **Thank you for all who part in the celebration of Palm Sunday and the Triduum.** You make our celebration complete!



**Children's Liturgy  
of the Word**  
*Sunday, April 21 & 28, 10 am*

Children ages 3-10 are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10 am Mass. They are dismissed at the beginning of the liturgy of the word. We gather in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to hear the readings and Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. A reflection on the Gospel is given at their level of understanding, followed by prayers of the faithful (during which pets and grandparents receive much attention). Children return to the main assembly during the offertory procession. Parents and/or older siblings are invited to accompany young children if desired.



**VIRTUS Safe  
Environment**

**Lesson for children grades K-5 is Sunday  
April 14 at 11:30 am**

**Lesson for youth grades 6-12 is  
Wednesday April 17 at 7:00 pm**

**Contact Judy Cooney for more information.**



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My Parish App today!**

# Thank You Knights of Columbus

**for that magnificent  
St. Patrick's Day breakfast!  
And thanks to all of you who  
supported it.**



**The Knights have sent \$400 in proceeds to the St. Patrick House.**



**Lunch  
Bunch  
@  
Liquid Planet  
2922 Brooks  
Wednesday  
April 17, 1 pm**

The April Lunch Bunch will gather at an old/new location in Missoula, Denny's at 2922 Brooks is now home to Liquid Planet Brooks. Reservations have been made for Wednesday, April 17th at 1 pm. Join us to welcome this newly renovated eatery. Contact Joan to reserve a spot: [kingsburyinmt@gmail.com](mailto:kingsburyinmt@gmail.com) or 406 239 0930. Bethany, the manager, said she looks forward to meeting our group. Hope to see you there.



**HAPPY  
EASTER!**

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. **Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate online at [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).**

## **St Anthony of Padua Franciscan Fraternity**

Join us for fellowship and potluck. We meet the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Contact: Cathy Burleson  
406-721-4686".





# GIVE HOPE THIS SPRING.

Give blood.



## **Blood Drive** **Blessed Trinity** **Catholic Community**

**Blessed Trinity Church- Social Hall**  
1475 Eaton St  
Missoula, MT 59801

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: BLESSEDTRINITY



**Spring into action: Come give blood April 8-28 for a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice. PLUS, automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$7,000 gift card, there will be two lucky winners! Terms apply: [rcblood.org/spring](http://rcblood.org/spring)**



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**APRIL 17, 2024**

# MISSOULA INTERFAITH GATHERING TO HONOR THE EARTH

## DETAILS:

- **Featuring: Montana's Poet Laureate, Chris La Tray**
- **Gathering at 6:30 PM**
- **Social time to follow gathering**
- **Milltown State Park Confluence Area**
  - **7363 Juniper Dr., Missoula, MT 59802**
  - **Take Hwy 200 from Missoula toward Bonner. Turn RIGHT onto Tamarack Rd, then continue for 1 mile. Follow the signs to park.**

**Bring a Chair!**



**Sponsored by:**







**CSSM**  
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES  
*of Montana*

**Montana's FIRST-EVER  
Statewide  
Fishing Tournament**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>–June 9<sup>th</sup>**



17 Lakes, 5 fish species, 9 days of fishing!  
Big and small fish pots and other competitions available,

Visit [www.cssmt.org/fishing-for-families/](http://www.cssmt.org/fishing-for-families/) to register and view information about the event, including rules, lakes, fish species, and prizes.

- Register by May 24<sup>th</sup>. Entry fees- \$40 for adults, \$20 for youth.
- Participants can fish on any of the 17 lakes between 8:00am on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 8:00pm on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers.
- This fundraiser supports the charitable ministries of Catholic Social Services of Montana.

***Scan this QR code to  
be taken to the  
tournament website!***





# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



## Beacon of Light

Lord God,  
you who conquered the darkness of evil,  
also vanquish the fear in our hearts.  
We rejoice that your resurrection,  
frees us from the slavery of sin  
and leads us to eternal life.  
Grant that we may follow the path  
that your light shines for us  
and share with others  
the love that you have given us.  
You live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

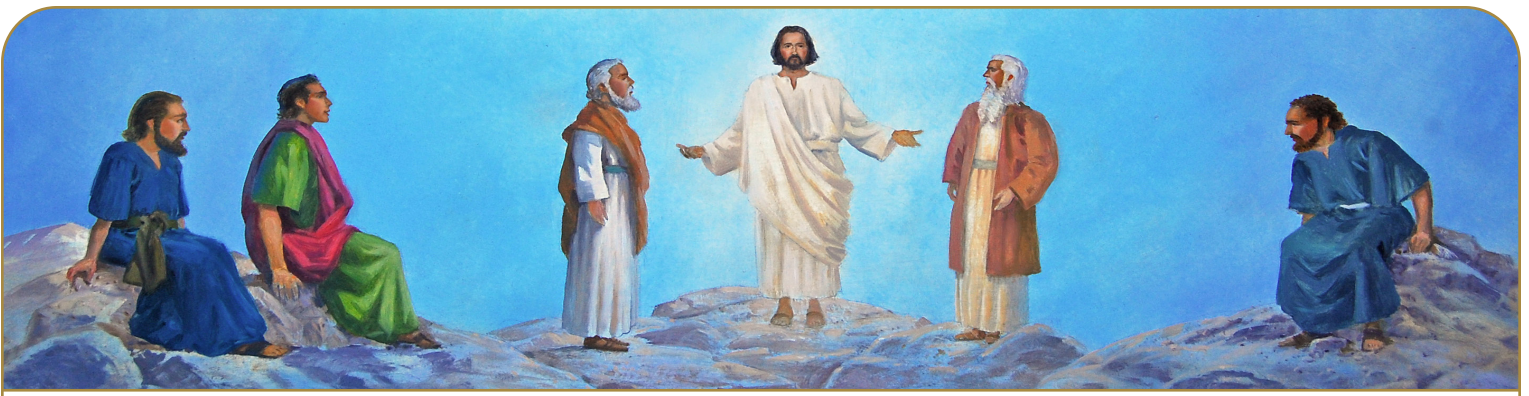
**Sunday, March 31, 2024**  
**He Has Risen!**



*Today's readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4; John 20:1–9.* The Lord has risen! Alleluia! Our rejoicing at Easter Time acknowledges that Christ's light has conquered darkness. Jesus came to do God's will; he paid the ultimate price, and now we proclaim with joy his resurrection. Our Lord prepared his disciples for his death and resurrection, telling them, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me" (John 16:16). Jesus' rising from the dead should have come as no surprise to the disciples, yet they were surprised. As today's Gospel proclaims, "They did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even though we understand, we still need to be open

to seeing with the eyes of our hearts so that we can embrace the resurrected Christ.

After the forty days of penitence of Lent, we celebrate the light defeating the darkness for fifty days. During Easter Time, we are invited to meditate on how our actions allow us to be light for others. How do you aid others to dispel the darkness surrounding them? Do you carry the message that Jesus is alive? Are you willing to shout it? When we share the light of Christ that permeates our lives, we show appreciation for the faith that we have been given. Through Jesus Christ, God has fulfilled his promise and given us eternal life. Let us not be afraid to rejoice in the new life we have been given.



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 1

#### Trust

This week the Gospel shows Jesus encountering his disciples in varied settings. As we pray with these readings, we might see ourselves reflected in the encounters. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were fearful yet overjoyed upon seeing the empty tomb. How many of us have been stopped by our fears? These women trusted what the angel told them about our Lord. When we allow fear to overcome and paralyze us, problems are created. When afraid, seek the help of God, who has given you new life. *Today's readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.*

### Tuesday, April 2

#### Conversion

Many of Jesus' followers are like Mary of Magdala and do not recognize the risen Lord. They continue to seek the Jesus they had known before he fulfilled his mission. To recognize the resurrected Jesus, we ought to rely on the eyes of our hearts, which are filled with faith and trust in the Lord. Allow your heart to have a true conversion leading God to dwell within you. *Today's readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; John 20:11–18.*

### Wednesday, April 3

#### Bread of Life

Imagine that, as one of the apostles, you followed Jesus and broke bread with him just before his death. Then he was nowhere to be found, or so you think. After Jesus' death, the disciples began to feel alone and disillusioned. When have you had an encounter with someone and realized it had been Jesus? At Mass, Jesus becomes the Bread of Life for us. He has not abandoned us; he remains within us, offering spiritual sustenance. *Today's readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.*

### Thursday, April 4

#### Agents of Peace

While the disciples spoke of how Jesus had become known to them in the breaking of the bread, he appeared, saying, "Peace be with you." Rather than being overjoyed, the disciples were scared. Jesus had to show them his wounds for them to believe it was he who had returned. Reflecting on this scene, consider whether you are at peace. Do you bring peace to others? Is there someone with a restless heart who needs your offering of peace? *Today's readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab, 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.*

### Friday, April 5

#### Moving Forward

Jesus' followers have gone back to their old lives. Many people do the same today. After we experience a genuine encounter with Christ, it can be easy to return to our former ways. The harder path is to continue to move forward in the faith journey. As easy and as comfortable as our old life might have been, Christ calls us to a new life in which we surrender ourselves to God. *Today's readings: Acts 4:1–22; Psalm 118:1–2, 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.*

### Saturday, April 6

#### Is It Really He?

At the end of this first week of Easter, consider how you allowed yourself to be transformed. When have you recognized the presence of Jesus in your faith journey and opened yourself to change? Are there times that Jesus could rebuke you for your unbelief and hardness of heart, as he rebuked the apostles? As you read of the encounters Jesus had throughout his glorious day of resurrection, ponder how you have been the living Christ for others. Take to heart the message of light and hope brought about through the resurrection. *Today's readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:24; Mark 16:9–15.*





# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



## Loving and Merciful

Eternal Father,  
in you we find mercy,  
compassion, and love.  
May your Spirit work within us,  
calming our fears  
and opening our hearts  
so that we might greet others  
with peace.  
Grant us wisdom to put aside  
our doubts  
and like Thomas profess our  
belief in you.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 7, 2024  
Ever Merciful



*Today's readings: Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 John 5:1–6; John 20:19–31.* On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Church also celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. The readings today reveal some of the many facets of God's mercy. The psalm proclaims that "his mercy endures forever," and in the Gospel, Jesus enacts that mercy as he greets the disciples in peace. In a loving manner, Jesus helps the group of disciples overcome doubt about the resurrection. Though his followers do not recognize him, he is gentle, beginning both visits with the greeting, "Peace be with you."

During the homily on the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter

would be called Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina had shared her visions of Jesus appearing to her dressed in a white garment and with rays of light emanating from his heart. Jesus asked her to share the word of his mercy for a day to celebrate his mercy. St. Faustina trusted her vision.

The disciples to whom Jesus first appeared and whom he showed his wounds also trusted the man standing before them. At the sight of Jesus, these followers surrendered themselves completely to God. Think about your first encounter with Jesus. What was that moment like for you? How has your relationship changed over the stages of your life? Have others come to know Christ through your belief?





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 8 Say Yes!

God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son and chose Mary as his mother. Though Mary was a young girl, she did not waver in her response to God, replying to the angel, “May it be done to me according to your word.” How hard is it for you to say yes to God? Do you need to practice an affirmative response to God? As we continue to celebrate Easter, pause for a moment to acknowledge the opportunities in your life to say yes to God’s will. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 7:10–14, 8–10; Psalm 40:7–8a, 8b–9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4–10; Luke 1:26–38.*

### Tuesday, April 9 Invitation to Give

Imagine being told you need to rid yourself of all your possessions and give them to those in need. Many saints eschewed lavish lives and gave their wealth to the poor. These men and women stood in solidarity with those in need. God invites us to be in relationship with both him and others. Just as Jesus emptied himself for us, we must empty ourselves in service to others. How can you empty yourself for members of your community? *Today’s readings: Acts 4:32–37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd–2, 5; John 3:7b–15.*

### Wednesday, April 10 Forgiving Yourself

Not only does God hear the cry of the poor, as the psalm proclaims, but he sent his Son so that all who believe might have eternal life. It is especially heartening to hear that “God did not send his Son into the world to condemn.” Pray to God that he might help you forgive yourself for shortcomings. Should you not show yourself the same forgiveness that God shows you? *Today’s readings: Acts 5:7–26; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 3:16–21.*

### Thursday, April 11 Power to Speak

“We must obey God rather than men,” Peter tells his persecutors in today’s reading from Acts. On this Memorial of St. Stanislaus, the Church honors a bishop who was not afraid to speak out against the evil in the king’s deeds. As a Christian, are you committed to the work of fighting injustice and asserting the dignity of all people? Are you ready to be pointed out because you speak the truth? Pray to God that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you are bestowed with strength and courage to denounce injustice and suffering. *Today’s readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2, 9, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36.*

### Friday, April 12 Trust in God

Have you ever discovered that you were “fighting against God,” as today’s first reading cautions? Why is it so hard for you to trust in God and let something be? After all, God will more than provide for our needs just as Jesus did when he multiplied the loaves and fish for the people who came to him. Humbly ask God to bestow upon you a gentle heart that listens to his Word and is open to his will. *Today’s readings: Acts 5:34–42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; John 6:1–15.*

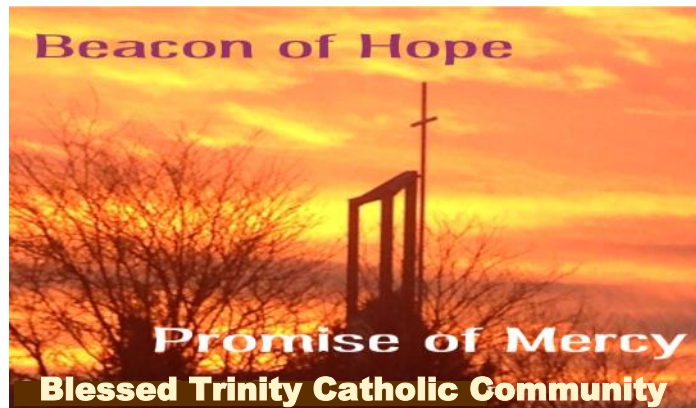
### Saturday, April 13 Surrender

“It is I. Do not be afraid,” Jesus says to his disciples. Over and over, Scripture instructs not to be afraid and yet fear keeps a hold on us. God requests his followers to put their complete trust in him. God is always with us. Pause to feel his presence. When feeling alone or afraid, pray that the Holy Spirit fills you with courage to surrender to God. *Today’s readings: Acts 6:1–7, Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19; John 6:16–21.*



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Year-to-date as of 3-24-24 is:	Last year at the same time:	
Amount Received:	199,770.18	175,153.86
Budget needed::	<u>182,872.56</u>	<u>153,309.00</u>
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