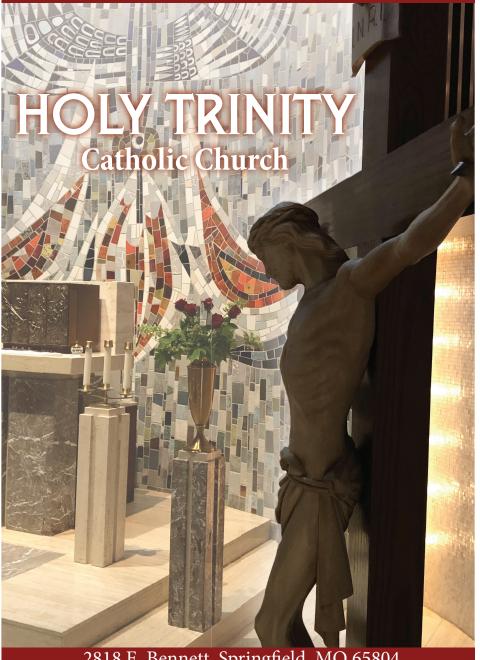
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MISSION STATEMENT

"We the Holy Trinity Parish community, seek to live the gospel of Jesus Christ by sharing our faith through committed efforts to know, love and serve God."

PARISH LITURGIES

Sunday Mass Schedule Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

> Daily Mass Schedule Monday-Friday Noon Mass Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Pastoral Visits
Please notify the Parish Office
if your loved ones are ill and desire a pastoral visit.

PARISH STAFF

Reverend Patrick Ike Nwokoye, PhD . fatherpatrick@htscatholic.com	Pastor
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Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday Please check the website calendar for holiday closings.

PARISH HISTORY

Holy Trinity Parish was founded on August 17, 1966 to serve the growing Catholic population in southeast Springfield. Bishop Ignatius Strecker appointed Fr. Richard Rolwing as first pastor. Liturgical celebrations and religion classes for 325 families began immediately in the Elks Lodge, ten blocks west of the present church site, until the church building was dedicated by Bishop Strecker in 1969. The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau provided land and ground was broken on East Bennett Street on June 9, 1968 with the laying of the cornerstone on October 6th of that year. The first Mass was celebrated in the new Holy Trinity Church on May 25, 1969.

Fr. Mark Ernstmann was appointed second pastor in 1972. Under his leadership and previous experience as Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools, the Parish School of Religion flourished. Fr. Thomas Allen became Holy Trinity's third pastor in 1977. Construction soon began in 1978 to include a parish gymnasium/social center and seven classrooms. Bishop Bernard Law dedicated the new facilities on May 11, 1979. Fr. Paul McLoughlin was appointed fourth pastor in 1987. Continued generosity of the parishioners enabled the mortgage of the church and building additions to be paid off years ahead of schedule.

Msgr. Thomas Reidy became our fifth pastor in 1991, precipitating a multiphase expansion of parish facilities beginning in 1994 to meet the growing needs of the families of Holy Trinity. Fundraising began and Phase One construction got underway with the building of a new chapel, library and support facilities. The church itself was renovated receiving a new carpet, ceiling, improved accessibility, and improved heating and air conditioning systems. Four new classrooms were added to the parish hall along with much needed storage areas.

The church and parish center were connected by an enclosed walkway in 2000. The parish center was expanded to include parish offices, a multipurpose social hall, kitchen, a remodeled meeting room and improved restroom facilities. Additional parking space was also provided. A beautiful prayer garden complemented and completed construction. Bishop John Liebrecht dedicated the renovations and new constructions on November 3, 1996 and September 9, 2001.

In 2003 the parish rectory was remodeled in order to be more functional and to accomplish necessary repairs and maintenance.

Fr. Fergus Monaghan became our sixth pastor in 2004, leading a vibrant faith community of 875 families who are active in a variety of ministries, organizations and social engagements.

In 2012 the parish replaced the heating and cooling pipes under the slab upon which the church is built. These repairs provided an opportunity to also open up the gathering area, with the addition of a 600 square foot addition for larger restroom facilities, etc. At the same time the baptismal font and tabernacle were replaced.

In August 2016, Holy Trinity proudly celebrated 50 years as a parish in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

In July 2019, Fr. Patrick Ike Nwokoye became the seventh Pastor of Holy Trinity.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Preparation is required. Attendance by parents is necessary and godparent attendance is encouraged. Please contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Communal Services are announced.

First Eucharist: All second graders of the parish are prepared to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist each year in the spring.

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred on 8th and 9th grade students every two years. The two year preparation period consists of faith formation classes, retreats, and works of service. Catholic adults who have already been baptized, received the Sacrament of Eucharist, and made their Profession of Faith may arrange with the pastor to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Adults wishing to become members of the Catholic faith enter the Church through baptism or a Profession of Faith and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter Vigil. Year-long participation in the RCIA process is required.

Matrimony: Please contact the pastor six months in advance to schedule weddings and for enrollment in marriage preparation classes.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Pastor or Parish Office at (417) 883-3440.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation provides the catechetical instruction and spiritual formation of children and youth in our parish. Children attending non-Catholic schools in grades K-8 meet on Wednesday evenings from September to May.

Youth Ministry offers ongoing catechetical instruction, faith formation and fellowship opportunities for all high school youth.

Vacation Bible School is offered during the summer.

RCIA (**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**) is for those seeking familiarization with the Catholic faith and/or membership through profession of faith or Baptism. Those interested meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 with their sponsors from the parish for faith sharing on Scriptures, and instruction.

ADULT LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Lectors proclaim the Scriptures at Sunday and daily Masses. The lector ministry requires scriptural prayer and reflection and basic speaking skills. Training is provided. Confirmation is required.

Eucharistic Ministers assist with the distribution of communion. New Eucharistic Ministers must be confirmed and commissioned before they can be scheduled. A brief training is provided.

Greeters are men, women and children who welcome people to Mass. They work alongside the ushers 15 minutes before Mass to serve as Holy Trinity's smiling face warm welcome, staying aware of the general demeanor of the group in order to alert an usher or the pastor of an unusual possible safety threat or need. Greeters assist with distribution of bulletins after Mass.





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- **Ushers** work as a team of three or four to prepare for and support an orderly Mass service. Women and men ushers are welcome. They assist with seating and help make parishioners and guests feel welcome. Ushers organize presentation of the gifts, gather collections, count attendance and help with any special needs. Ushers will be oriented as to how to respond to the general public safety aspects of our facility in case of a medical emergency, fire, severe weather, or suspicion of a disturbed or potentially violent visitor or situation. Awareness and "in the moment" presence of our ushers assures a reverent and uplifting Mass experience for all.
- **Eucharistic Ministers** for the Homebound take communion to the sick or homebound of the parish on a long-or short-term basis. Confirmation is required.
- **Traditional Choir** members are men, women, and youth who provide music and lead the singing during the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, and occasionally for special events. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m., and 8:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. New members are always welcome.
- **Resurrection Choir** sings and provides prayerful support for families during funerals.
- **Musical Accompaniment** is provided by individuals who support our singing with various musical accompaniments. All instruments are welcome.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

- **Altar Servers & Cross Bearers** assist the priest during Mass.

 Participation includes weekend liturgies, holiday Masses, funerals, weddings, and other special occasions. Training is provided.
- **Greeters** welcome people to Mass and assist with the distribution of bulletins after Mass.
- **Ushers** prepare for and support an orderly Mass service, assist with seating and welcoming of parishioners and guests, gather the collection, organize presentation of the gifts and help with any special needs.
- **Child Care** Youth may assist with babysitting during the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses and during parish functions throughout the year.
- **Singers and musicians** are encouraged to become members of one of our parish choirs.
- **Lectors** proclaim the Scriptures at Sunday and daily Masses. The lector ministry requires scriptural prayer and reflection and basic speaking skills. Training is provided. Confirmation is required.
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

- **The Parish Pastoral Council,** together with the pastor, is concerned with the total mission of the parish, including its spiritual, educational, and temporal needs. It is an advisory board responsible to the pastor. Members are elected to three-year terms and attend regular meetings on the second Monday of each month.
- **The Finance Committee:** The Pastor and the Finance Committee set the annual parish budget. Meeting regularly, the group also monitors cash flow and financial activities by reviewing financial reports. The Finance Committee is also called on to approve major expenditures and to assist with special fundraising projects. It is an advisory board responsible to the Pastor.
- **The Stewardship Committee** supports and promotes involvement in parish ministries and organizations. The Committee assists with Stewardship Sunday sign-up, parish stewardship membership lists, parish directory content, and information to newcomers. The committee meets as needed, more frequently as Stewardship Sunday approaches.
- **The Welcoming Committee** plays a vital role to visitors and new members of our parish family. New parishioners who complete a parish registration form are invited to join members of the Welcoming Committee before or after Mass usually once a month in the gathering space. Each new family receives a packet of welcome materials from the committee. The time commitment to this committee is small, but important and lasting.
- The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) The purpose of PCCW is to develop spirituality, encourage fellowship, and foster leadership among the women in our parish, region, and diocese. PCCW is a spiritual and service organization comprised of all adult women of the parish. The PCCW meets on the third Monday of the month. Special programs on a variety of subjects are offered several times a year. PCCW serves the parish and community on several levels, assisting with the parish picnic and with various receptions. Annual events include the Fall Bazaar. We welcome and encourage all women of the parish to become active participants in the PCCW. PCCW events are announced in the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter.
- **St. Monica's Guild** is a group of women who actively participate in many parish functions and community needs that include the following: Sweet Shoppe booth at the Fall Bazaar, regular support of Newborns In Need by donating baby items, responding to and supporting CCW needs, hosting a brunch after the Mass of Anointing, assisting with preparing and serving funeral dinners, preparing and serving lunch twice a year for the Association for the Blind, hosting a Christmas Luncheon for parish staff, and supporting St. Joseph's Academy. The Guild meets the third Thursday of each month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.



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- **Men's Prayer and Study Group** meets on Wednesday evenings following the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the parish center. This group is open to men 18 years and older.
- **Our Lady Rosary Makers** is open to any woman or man wishing to make mission rosaries, either cord or chain style.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** helps the needy in the Springfield area in a variety of ways, including distributing funds donated by parishioners to families and individuals in the form of utility assistance. We support LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home by providing a meal several times a year. Our group participates in quarterly special projects, such as preparing and distributing toiletries kits to veterans and homeless individuals, and providing foot care kits to homeless individuals at the Hope Connection event.
- **The Moms' Group** was formed to support mothers, to foster motherhood in the Catholic faith, and to provide a forum for discussion. The group meets on Tuesdays during the school year, and children are welcome.
- **Youth Group (Grades 9-12)** meets weekly on for prayer, faith sharing, and socializing. Volunteers support our youth by helping provide spiritual, social, and service opportunities within the parish. Activities include pizza parties, game nights, retreats, and field trips.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- **Parish Library** is a collection of spiritual books (religious, meditations, biographies, seasonal, family life, etc.), CDs, and videos suitable for adults and children available for use by any parishioner. Volunteers assist with maintaining resources and adding/cataloging new materials, working individually on a rotating basis. Occasional team work days are scheduled as needed.
- **Child Care** is provided during the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. There are openings for those interested in volunteering to help in this area.
- **Coffee and Donuts -** Coffee, juice and donuts are served during fellowship after the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve and clean up.
- **Parish Christmas Dinner** is planned and implemented by Holy Trinity parishioners. Volunteers assist with planning, set-up, and clean-up.
- **Parish Picnic** is implemented by the Picnic Committee, whose responsibility is to plan, set up and organize the games and events for the picnic, as well as secure prizes for these events. The Men's Club grills the meat for the picnic and helps with set-up and clean-up. The Council of Catholic Women makes arrangements for bringing and serving pot luck dishes, and helps with serving and clean-up.



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- **Garden Ministry -** All gardeners are invited to share their talents to maintain the parish grounds and gardens. We do most of the chores you do in your own yard except mow the grass! You may take care of a specific area on your own or work with others on larger projects. The Garden Ministry schedules a Saturday work day once a month.
- **Funeral Dinners** are offered for the bereaved as a way for families to remember their loved one and spend time together following the funeral. A dedicated group of men and women plans, prepares, serves and cleans up afterward.
- **Knitting & Crocheting Group** meets weekly on Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the parish center, with the exception of holy days and holidays. All are welcome to come any time, even to just sit and visit with the group. There are no dues or requirement, nor is weekly attendance required. This group concentrates on individual projects, everyone is encouraged to bring a yarn project.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- **The Knights of Columbus** is a fraternal organization of practicing Catholic men in union with the Holy See. They offer fellowship with those of the same faith, who recognize the same duty to God, family and neighbor and who will stand side by side in defense of those beliefs. They assist the disabled, the aged, the poor and the disadvantaged. They serve as the Honor Guard at various civic and religious functions.
- **Cornerstone Catholic Bible Study** focuses on an in-depth study of the Scriptures through daily study, group sharing, a reflection, and commentary provided by a Catholic theologian. This group meets Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the parish center and is open to the community. Study begins mid-September and ends in mid-April for each year. Members must complete a visitors' day, held in September or January.
- **Contemplative Outreach** provides opportunities for centering prayer (also known as silent prayer) on the first and third Friday of the month following the Noon Mass. Twenty minutes of prayer is followed by a 30-minute lesson/discussion.
- **The Society of St. Francis de Sales** is a contemporary approach to spirituality based on the writings of St. Francis de Sales. The formation offers a way to strive for holiness and devotion in our everyday lives. The Daughters group for women meets monthly for Mass, prayer, lively programs and discussion, and an annual retreat. A Sons of St. Francis de Sales group is in the formation stage. There are currently four men in the Springfield area who are in the formation process. If you would like more information about the Sons group, please contact Joe Griesemer at 314-401-1253.





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- **The Secular Franciscan Order (Third Order Franciscan)** follows the rules and imitates the life of St. Francis of Assisi. The order strives to live and bring to life the Gospels within our own lives and to help renew the Church from within through the Franciscan charism of charity in service to all. The Order is open to all Catholics who are at least 18 years old.
- **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration -** The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration tradition of the Catholic Church, initiated in 2017 by the Bishop's Commission on Eucharistic Renewal, is housed at Holy Trinity's Day Chapel, but is an area-wide opportunity. Around the clock, adorers commit to an hour or more in prayer, meditation, and praise. Life-long graces and blessings are bestowed on participants and loved ones of those who take "time out" from worldly distractions to restore peace within themselves and others.
- **The Kitchen, Inc.** serves chronically homeless individuals, families, veterans and youth by providing housing and assistive services which includes case management, as well as life sustaining food. The Kitchen programs consist of Beacon Village I and II, Franciscan Villa, Spero Place, Home at Last, Housing First, Rapid Rehousing and Rare Breed Youth Services.
- **Pittman Pals -** Holy Trinity parishioners support our neighbor school, Pittman Elementary, with volunteering and donations. Support is offered at specific times of the year that coordinate with the school calendar and events. The parish offers academic and classroom materials, nurse's office and other emergency clothing needs, behavior incentives, tutorial assistance, and gestures of friendship to staff.
- **Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri -** This organization envisions local communities and individuals working together so that people in need receive necessary social services, obtain a sense of hope, and achieve self-sufficiency.
- **Relay For Life -** Holy Trinity's Relay For Life team works throughout the year to raise awareness of the benefits offered to cancer survivors and caregivers by the American Cancer Society and to raise money to support cancer survivors and for life-saving research. Anyone interested is encouraged to join the team. We participate in the Springfield Relay For Life that is held each summer.

PRO LIFE ORGANIZATIONS

Voice for Life is a Catholic diocesan organization involved in pro-life and pro-morality activities. Pertinent information is regularly gathered and provided to each parish.

Missouri Right to Life is a statewide interdenominational pro-life organization.

Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty is a statewide coalition working to abolish the death penalty in Missouri through advocacy, public information and presentations, and victims' families support.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS CONTACT INFORMATION

Adult Liturgical Ministrias

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Hospitality (Ushers/Greeters)	Jerry Chin
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Moms' Group	Janelle Mueller
Youth Group	James Lamb

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Parish Library	Sandy Kremers
Child Care	Elaine Powell
Parish Christmas Dinner	Amy Squires
Parish Picnic	Steve Schomaker
Garden Ministry	
	Ernie Kremers
Funeral Dinners	Marci Sonnemaker
Knitting & Crocheting Group	Connie Eck
Office Assistants	Patricia Liermann
Community Organizations and Activities	
Knights of Columbus	Brian Casey
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HOLY TRINITY STEWARDSHIP SIGN-UP 2022

Sign Up On-Line! When you sign up on line, you can check out our parish website and save the parish office staff time entering data. It's easy and takes only a minute or two to complete the process. We ask all volunteers to fill out a Stewardship Form this year, either on our website or using a paper form. Each person should use their own unique email address.

Ministry leaders will be able to contact you via email if you sign up on line—that's another benefit! Thanks for sharing your time and talents—it's people like you who help make Holy Trinity a wonderful, dynamic parish!!

Sign up at: www.HolyTrinity-Catholic.com. If you sign up on-line, there's no need to submit a written form. Remember, each person in your family needs to sign up separately using their own unique email address.

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