



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Care for Creation

Pope Francis has made the issue of environmental awareness a cornerstone of teaching during his pontificate. Building upon the work of Saint Pope John Paul as well as Pope Benedict, the Holy Father has published and promoted a document titled, "Laudato Si" (On Care for Our Common Home). It is the Pope's desire that the Church teaching on the care of creation and the impact of environmental change, especially on the poor and vulnerable, be made known and acted upon.

Here at Holy Trinity, a group known as the Creation Care Team, has been formed to encourage awareness as well as support actions protecting and caring for the environment and people. The Team's priority for this year is awareness: increasing our collective understanding of conditions and things we can do about them. Recycling is one example of an activity which is ongoing and creates awareness. Posters have been drawn up which identify items which can and cannot be recycled. Our Student Council leads an effort to ensure that recyclable items are, in fact, disposed of in an environmentally-sound manner.

The Archdiocese of Louisville sponsors a poster contest inviting students in grades K-8 to create art centering around the theme of "All creatures are connected." Submissions must be delivered to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center before Sept. 20. There are three different grade categories (K-2, 3-5, 6-8) with the school having the highest percentage of student participation being offered a \$500 reward. More details on this great opportunity are found elsewhere.

The Creation Care Team is also at work in highlighting the benefits of reducing idling of vehicles. Scientific studies have conclusively proven that exposure to vehicle exhaust increase the risk of respiratory illness and cancer. The unhealthy levels of fine particulate matter, ground-level ozone, and toxic air containments, attributed to idling, is simply a health menace.

Over the coming weeks, volunteers will be offering materials, posting signs, and developing articles, such as this, to encourage folks to consider the consequences of idling. Whether picking up the kids at school or grabbing coffee at the drive-through, an idling engines pollute the air. Perhaps we all should follow the 10-second rule: count to ten, car off then!

Please know that reducing idling is a voluntary (non-mandated) effort. For example, we know that adverse weather conditions (too hot or too cold) make it difficult to comply with the goal of idle-free space. Together, you and I can do seemingly small things which have a great impact!

For the Creation Care Team,
Father Steven Henriksen, Associate Pastor

A Message from Fr. Shayne

This past weekend at Mass I preached on the 2nd Reading from St. James, "Be doers of the Word, not just hearers only." (James 1: 22). I came across an article online written by Jennifer Heeren, in which she offered 15 ways to "Be doers of the Word." I hope one or all of these can help you grow in your relationship with Christ and with the Church:

1. Repent ([Matthew 4:17](#))
2. Teach other people how to be a disciple of Christ.
3. Feed the hungry, give a drink to those who are thirsty, provide shelter and/or clothing for the poor, and care for the sick or imprisoned ([Matthew 25:34-36](#)).
4. Love one another ([John 13:34](#)).
5. Show and practice hospitality ([Romans 12:13](#)).
6. Do not fear.
7. Pray for your enemies ([Matthew 5:44](#)).
8. Overcome the evil in the world with the goodness of God ([Romans 12:21](#)).
9. Pray at all times ([Luke 21:36](#)).
10. Show honor and celebrate other people ([Romans 12:10](#)).
11. Bear one another's burdens ([Galatians 6:2](#)).
12. Show patience and be kind.
13. Encourage others as much as you can.
14. Praise the Lord.
15. Never lack zeal for serving the Lord ([Romans 12:11](#)).

SHARING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL



Hello, Holy Trinity Parents!

We hope this school year is off to a great start after a relaxing summer! We are excited to announce a new program this year, **Sharing the Joy of the Gospel**.

This program is designed to give staff, faculty, parishioners, students, and school families a common focus as we work to grow in our faith together. **Each month will center on a different saint and how they lived a particular aspect as a follower of Jesus Christ.** You will be receiving resources and emails geared towards helping you and your family grow in faith and bring Christ into your home.

The month of September will be focused on **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the virtue of compassion.**

Compassion is about recognizing and responding to the emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being of those around us, including our children, other family members, colleagues, fellow parishioners, and the broader community. We are focusing on St. Elizabeth Ann Seton because her life's work illustrates how compassion can transform society and is a model for how the Church views the role of care and empathy in action.

<http://htparish.org/joy>

We hope you enjoy these resources we have created for you, and we look forward to growing in faith and virtue with you this year!

With prayers,
Nathan Hadsall
Interim Communications Manager

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Sat. : 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
11:00 am
6:30 pm

Confession:
Every Sat. : 3:30-4:30 pm

[Parish Bulletin](#)

Vision Statement of Holy Trinity Catholic School

To be a school of excellence that encompasses the whole child by modeling Jesus through our Catholic teachings, commitment to academics, service to the community, and devotion as life-long servants of God.

Annual Fund

Eagle Walk has taken flight! We can't wait to share more fun with you over the coming weeks! Mary Nancy Chatel, our PTA President, is here to help us kick things off!

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

Make your donation now to the Holy Trinity Annual Fund:

[MAKE DONATION](#)

New Tardy Policy at HTCS

As stated in Mr. Richards' summer letter to parents, Holy Trinity has made a change to the Tardy Policy as follows:

Repeated tardies will be addressed individually with the student and parent.

- Students will receive a written warning on the 9th unexcused tardy/half day late arrival.
- Students will serve a detention on the 10th unexcused tardy/half day late arrival and on each additional unexcused tardy/half day late arrival.

Refer to Page 19 of the Parent/Student Handbook for additional information regarding tardy policy.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Wed., Sept. 4** - 8:15 am All School Mass
- **Thurs., Sept. 5** - 6 pm VIP Meet & Greet (Off-Campus)
- **Fri., Sept. 6** - 8:15 am to 2:30 pm Speech/Hearing Screenings (LRC)
- **Fri., Sept. 6** - 6:30 pm to 8 pm - Youth Group Kick-Off Event
- **Sat., Sept. 7** - 6 pm - Altar Server Training
- **Sun., Sept. 9** - 12 pm - Altar Server Training
- **Tues., Sept. 10** - 8 am - Speech/Hearing Screenings (LRC) - St. Matthews Campus
- **Wed., Sept. 11** - 8 am- Room Parent Orientation (Clifton ONLY - Reception Hall)
- **Wed., Sept. 11** - 8:15 am- All School Mass
- **Wed., Sept. 11** - 9 am - Mandatory Appalachia Student & Chaperone Meeting (Church)
- **Wed., Sept. 11** - 7 pm - Youth Group
- **Thurs., Sept. 12** - Appalachia \$2 Food Pantry Fundraising Spirit Day
- **Thurs., Sept. 12** - 8 am - PTA Meeting (MPB)
- **Thurs., Sept. 12** - 8:15 am - Speech/Hearing Screenings (LRC) - St. Matthews Campus
- **Thurs., Sept. 12** - 6 pm - Girl Scout Kindergarten Kick-Off Meeting
- **Thurs., Sept. 12** - 6 pm - SAC Meeting (Clifton)
- **Mon., Sept. 16 - Wed., Sept. 18** - Appalachia Boys Trip
- **Tues., Sept. 17** - 9:30 am - Interested Family Tour (SLC)
- **Wed., Sept. 18 - Fri., Sept. 20** - Appalachia Girls Trip

CALENDAR

Volunteers Needed

Do you love service and helping students complete service in our community? Do you know a parishioner, grandparent, or mentor who would possibly be interested? If so, we have a few opportunities, we need your help with this month - - and you don't have to have a child in that grade to help. All adults are welcome!

- **6th Grade Immigration Simulation** with Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services - help Catholic Charities staff, Mrs. Davenport, and Mrs. French lead our 6th grade St. Matthews campus students through an Immigration Simulation experience on Fri. , Sept. 13 from 7:45 am - 2:30 pm in the Youth Center on St. Matthew's Campus. Contact Mrs. Davenport to get involved, adavenport@ht-school.org.
- **7th Grade Service Day** at St. Vincent DePaul Louisville, Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services (Warehouse and Home Set-Up Sites), Golden Arrow, Schuhmann Center, and St. Matthews Area Ministries. All of our 7th grade students from both campuses will be participating in service at local organizations from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm on Wed. , Sept. 18 and we need more chaperones to make it happen. Can you join us at one of the sites to supervise a small group and work alongside our students? Drivers are also needed to get students to 2 specific sites and help chaperone. Contact Mrs. Davenport, adavenport@ht-school.org, if you can help.

Scouts Interest Meetings

- Cub Scouts welcome all boys and girls in grades K - 5 to join them. Their interest meeting is Sept. 5 at 6 pm in the St. Matthews Youth Center. Flyer can be [found here](#) and is coming home in this week's folder.
- Girl Scouts welcome all girls in grades K - 3 to join them (goal to start a new K troop, established HT troops available for grades 1 - 3). Their interest meeting is Sept. 12 at 6 pm in the St. Matthews Cafeteria. Flyer can be [found here](#) and is coming home in this week's folder.

Friendzy Family Newsletter

This year we are continuing to proactively equip students with skills to build strong relationships with a biblically-based curriculum called Friendzy. Each week your student will learn God's design for healthy relationships, and be introduced to core competencies and skills that develop self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, social awareness, and relationship skills. For more details about our first Friendzy Unit 1: We Are One, click [here](#)

Appalachia Fundraising Spirit Day

On Thurs. , Sept. 12, we will have an Appalachia \$2 Fundraising Spirit Day on both campuses to support our 8th graders' grocery shopping efforts to support a Paintsville Food Pantry during our upcoming Appalachia Service Week. Students who donate \$2 may wear spirit wear that day. Using the funds raised during this optional Spirit Day, 8th grade students are broken into groups during their Appalachia Service Week (where they'll be working to repair 5 homes) and challenged to shop on a budget for specific food pantry needs. Their goal is to buy the requested items on their required list, any additional items on the optional list, and spend as close to the budgeted amount without going over. Thanks, in advance, for your support!

PTA News

Save The Date - Trivia

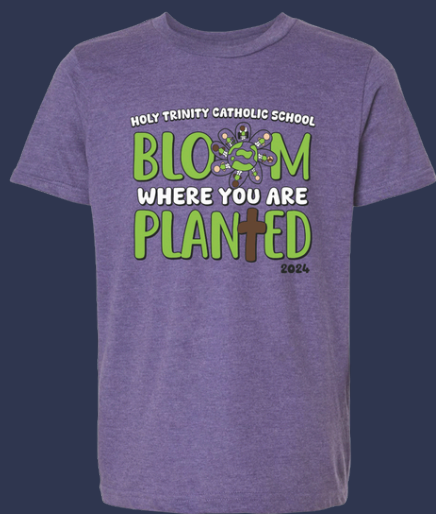
Save The Date for Trivia on Fri. , Nov.8!

Food trucks, social hour, and table decorating begins at 6. Trivia starts at 8pm sharp!

PTA News

Order your walk t-shirts today!

If you would like to buy a walk T-Shirt please [click here](#). All students, faculty and staff will receive a T-shirt.



Eagle Walk T-shirt Design Contest

Congratulations to our Eagle Walk t-shirt contest winner, 7th grader Ellie Smith! Ellie's design has inspired our t-shirt for the Eagle Walk on October 4. We had more than 35 design entries and all of them were fantastic. Great work, Eagles!

VIP Cocktails & Info Night

You are cordially invited to VIP COCKTAILS & INFO NIGHT!

Please join us for drinks, apps, new friends, and information about how to get involved with Holy Trinity's fundraising soiree, VIP Night! We'd love for you to be a part of the planning for this special, fun-filled event, or just come and meet new people! Everyone welcome!

Thurs. , Sept. 5th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Amy Sugg's Home, 7816 Albrecht Circle

If you can, please RSVP to: 615-545-9909. We can't wait to see you there! -
Sasha Bjork-Mayer & Allie Schaber, Co-Chairs.

Parish News



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? The process is starting the first week of Sept. , so we would love to have you join us! Please reach out to Jacqui at the parish office at jrapp@htparish.org or 502-897-5207 ext 1119"

Holy Trinity Health Fair

Please join us Sat. Sept. 21, 10am-2pm for Holy Trinity's Annual Health Fair, St. Matthews Campus, MPB. There will be 33 vendors present. We will be offering Flu and COVID Vaccines, multiple health screenings, on-site Mammograms, collecting and destruction of old and discontinued medications and much more. We will be accepting donations of nonperishable food and hygiene products for St. MAMS. Please look for the flier in your child's Tues, folder for a full list of vendors.

Alzheimer's Education Series

Holy Trinity's Health Ministry is hosting a two-part Alzheimer's education series for the caregiver. It will be presented by the Alzheimer's Association, Angie Banks. This series will discuss how dementia affects independence, tips for helping with daily and meaningful activities, and providing the right amount of support. Please join us for one or both evenings.

The Empowering Caregiver Series-Supporting Independence
(Part 1) Thurs. , Sept. 19th 7p-830pm, MPB
(Part 2) Tues, , Sept. 24th, 7p-830pm, MPB
RSVP to Allyson Skaggs or akskag01@outlook.com

Altar Server Training

SEPTEMBER
7-8

SAT
10:00am

SAT
6:00pm

SUN
12:00pm

For more information or to RSVP:
<https://forms.gle/jFom7z7Tph7QH6Vu5>

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All new and veteran altar
servers are required to attend
one session.