

Holy Trinity

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MASS SCHEDULE

MASSES

Saturday.....5:00 p.m.
Sundays7:30, 9:30,11:30 a.m., & 5 p.m.
Weekdays6:45 am & 8:15 am
Saturday Morning.....8:00 a.m.
Holy DaysAs Announced

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 6:30p.m.
Saturday 3:45 p.m.– 4:45 p.m., or anytime by appointment

BAPTISMS

Baptisms for registered parishioners who have attended a Baptism Preparation Class are celebrated on Sundays at 12:45 p.m. The parish office needs to be contacted to schedule the Baptism Preparation class and to finalize the Baptism date after the class has been completed.

MARRIAGE

Those contemplating marriage need to contact our Marriage Coordinator, **Marsha Holland at 895-0608** as soon as possible (*at least 9 months prior to desired wedding date*) to acquaint themselves with the marriage preparation requirements.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick is held on the 1st Saturday of the month at the 8:00 a.m. Mass or anytime by prior arrangement.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Contact Kathleen Willis at 895-0607.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you into God’s Family! Registration is held each Sunday in the lobby after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Look for the New Parishioner table or you may also register in the parish office during the week. We appreciate being updated about new addresses, phone numbers or transfers from the parish.

ADVOCATE FOR ANNULMENTS

Contact Sr. Mary Ann Bartolac, SCL, about any questions regarding marriage laws. 913-894-1456

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE 10:00AM MONDAY

Please schedule ALL meetings and facilities through the Parish Office. Thank you.

Faith Sharing Question of the Week

Weekly Faith Sharing

We recommend that parish households set aside a specific time each week to pray, read the scriptures for the liturgy you celebrated this weekend, reflect and discuss the scriptures using the question we offer as a starting point.

Today's Gospel is John 2:1-11

Question for Adults: God fills each of us with grace (miracles) and gifts, what is one grace (miracle) or gift that you have shared with your family?

Question for Children: What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?

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PARISH NEWS

Congratulations

Baptism:

* *Adelynn Justin Stone, daughter of Richard and Ronda (Vlasin) Stone*

Save the Date!

The 2010 Winter Social will be on Saturday, January 30th! There will be trivia, food and a good time for all! More details will be coming so check your bulletin. Start forming your trivia teams! Contact Julie Curnes at 381-7237 or juliecurnes@everestkc.net or Tamie Booth at 780-2754 or tamiebooth@sbcglobal.net if you need more information.

Join Archbishop Naumann

on Sunday, January 17 in commemorating the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion and praying for an end to abortion. Archbishop Naumann will be leading a forum titled: Where do we go from here? After his talk he will lead us in Eucharistic Adoration and singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please come and show your support and gratitude for his outstanding leadership on the pro-life issues!

Sunday, January 17 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (social gathering to follow)
St. Joseph Parish (in the church) 11311 Johnson Drive in Shawnee

Rose Procession

We will have a Rose Procession before the 9:30am mass on January 24th, 2010. It has been 37 years since the Roe V. Wade decision on January 22, 1973, made abortion legal on demand. If you are 31yrs or younger and would like to participate in the procession, please contact Colette Popp at cpopp@everestkc.net or 962-9522.

Valentine's Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction

The Daughter's of Isabella are sponsoring their 2nd annual Valentine Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction on Saturday evening, February 13, 2010 in the Quigley Center. For further information contact Janet Sherman at 913-492-5504, or email: bobjansherm@everestkc.net. The cost is \$30 per person, up to 10 people per table. Must be 21 to attend. Registration deadline is February 5th, if not sold-out before. Registration forms can be found in the church lobby. Funds raised will be used to benefit Holy Trinity parish and local charities.

Poinsettias

Thank you to those who purchased a memorial poinsettia. Please feel free to take your poinsettia from the Church lobby after Masses this weekend.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH TRIPS 2010

Shades of Ireland – Join Father Pat on a 13 day tour of Ireland (including Northern Ireland). Departure from Kansas City August 17, 2010 Cost: \$3749 per person based on 2 sharing including airfare.
New England and Canada – Join Father Tom on a 7 night cruise on the Norwegian Spirit from Quebec City October 2, 2010 Outside staterooms Cost: \$1576.42 including airfare and taxes. Call Trudy or Marsha @ 913-422-4141 Trinity Travel

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Keep your relationship a priority in the new year by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. This powerful experience is highlighted on our YouTube video at www.wwme.org. The next weekend is January 29th – 31st. For more information or to register call (913) 469-8453 or on the web at www.neksme.org

Bible Study

Eleven Mondays, starting Feb 1, 7:30-8:30 pm, Quigley Center. Does the world seem in chaos, out of control? What should be our Christian response? What does the Bible say? Handout of readings at the first session. For more info, Bill Thomas, 451-6486.

SAVE YOUR OLD CELLPHONES & PRINTER CARTRIDGES!

Getting a new cell phone for the holidays? Have some old ones cluttering up your house? In January, the Holy Trinity PTO will be holding a PHONERAISER to raise money. We will be collecting old cell phones AND empty printer cartridges for recycling and in return raise money for our school! Look for the large, cardboard boxes at the front and back entrances to the school and also in the gathering area of the Church between January 11th and 22nd. Help your school and the environment.

Total Consecration To Mary Will Change Your Life!!!

Come and join us-St. Maximilian Kolbe started the MI in 1917 to evangelize through Total Consecration to Mary. It is present in 5 Continents and 46 Countries. Every first Saturday of the month we gather at: 207 W Linwood Kansas City, MO (Redemptorist Church Senior Center). We gather for coffee at 10:30 a.m. and program and rosary start at 11:00a.m. For further information: please call Christine Rossi at 913-268-0208.

With January being Pro-life month

a special event called Lifesaver Sunday will be held immediately following all Masses the weekend of January 30th & 31st. Your Knights of Columbus members will be handing out Lifesaver Lollipops and accepting donations for the Advice and Aid Center of Johnson County. This pregnancy crisis center gives many women and their babies a new chance for life. Please give to this worthy 'lifesaving' cause.

Weekly Calendar

PARISH LIFE

MONDAY JANUARY 18
 7:00PM—Handbell Choir—Church
 7:30PM—Stand Up Parenting—Parish Office Basement

TUESDAY JANUARY 19
 7:00PM—Legion of Mary—Gathering Room
 8:00PM—Folk Group—Church

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20
 7:00PM—Finance Committee—Parish Office
 Conference Room

THURSDAY JANUARY 21
 7:00PM—Adult Choir—Church
 7:15PM—Homestudy Family Meeting—Social Room

FRIDAY JANUARY 22

SATURDAY JANUARY 23
 5:00PM—Children’s Liturgy

SUNDAY JANUARY 24
 9:30AM—Children’s Liturgy
 6:00PM—LifeTeen—Quigley Large Room

FOOD KITCHEN - Thursday - January 21st

Please call Stan in the Parish Office (895-0605) if you are able to help out this month. *Thanks to everyone who helps out with this worthwhile ministry that reaches out to the needy in our community.*



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY HOSPICE

Catholic Community Hospice is premiering a hospice documentary, *Except for Six*, on Kansas City Public Television! This film “takes a subject most of us would rather ignore and humanizes it” (Ken Burns, Academy Award-winning filmmaker). It helps to discuss end-of-life care and the way we view it. Below are the times that it is being shown on KCPT:

<u>KCPT 1</u>	<u>KCPT 2</u>
January 17 @ 6 pm	January 19 @ 9 am
January 25 @ 10 pm	January 19 @ 2 pm
	January 19 @ 8 pm
	January 20 @ 2 am
	February 21 @ 5 pm
	February 21 @ 9 pm
	February 22 @ 3 am
	February 22 @ 5 am

JUNIOR CHEER & DANCE CLINIC at St. James

St. James Academy Spirit Team invites all girls grades K-6th to a cheer and dance clinic on Sat.-Jan. 23rd from 5-8:30 pm at SJA (24505 Prairie Star Parkway). The cost is \$25 per girl. **For more info, contact Maureen Engen at 913-254-4271 or mengen@sjakeepingfaith.org.** We hope you can join in the fun!

New SOCIAL CONCERNS GROUP at Holy Trinity

“Whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for Me.”

A new Social Concerns Committee has been formed at Holy Trinity. The mission of this group will be to provide opportunity to learn more about Catholic Social teaching and outreach for our community and to assist our various ministries in their efforts to act upon these teachings.

For more information about this ministry and our parish outreach, contact Greg King at greg.king@smwilson.com or 913-226-2353.

RED HAT SOCIETY



The Holy Trinity **RED HAT SOCIETY** will meet for lunch on Monday-Jan. 18th at The Cheddar’s Restaurant at 95th and Quivira at 1:00 pm. **For more information, call Jeanine at 888-3532.**

SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT SISTER SERVANTS of MARY

Sunday - February 7th - 11 am to 4 pm
 St. Patrick’s Parish Center, 94th and State Avenue, KCK. Donations: Adults - \$8.00, Children - \$3.00. Meal includes Italian Sausage, meatballs and spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Variety Booth. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. **For more info, call 913-371-3423.**



PARENTS with YOUNG CHILDREN

Holy Trinity’s Parents with Young Children (PWYC) is a ministry that supports parents through faith sharing and by providing a variety of age appropriate activities for parents and children. Our activities are held both during the day and in the evenings/weekends to accommodate parents who may stay at home or work full time. It is an excellent way to meet other parish members with young children, from newborn to school age. We would love to have you join us for our upcoming activities:

Saturday	Jan. 23	10:00 am	Playgroup- Wonderscope Museum-Shawnee
Friday	Feb. 5	9:30 am	Playgroup - Pump-It-Up (Olathe)
Thursday	Feb. 11	7:00 pm	Meeting - Fr. Quigley Center

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Parents with Young Children will be offering **DONUTS and JUICE** to all parishioners and guests after the 9:30 am Mass on **Sunday - January 24th.**

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Haiti Earthquake Relief

At the request of Archbishop Naumann, **all parishes and faith-communities are asked to take up a special collection this weekend, January 16th and 17th.** Although no special envelopes are provided, funds will be collected as with any other special collection, payable to "Holy Trinity Parish" (which will be recorded on your charitable contribution records) and marked for "Haiti relief" in the memo area. All funds received will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services for earthquake relief efforts in Haiti. Donations can also be made over the next couple weeks. Your prayers, and gifts are most appreciated!



Recently you received a letter from Archbishop Naumann asking for your generous support to the Archbishop's Call to Share. Thank you if you returned your commitment card this weekend. The 2010 ACTS theme of "Love" call us as a family in Christ to reach out to the least among us through our proclamation and witness. Our archdiocesan ministries and funding programs exist as signs of God's love for us. Please give prayerful consideration to how you can respond as Jesus' disciple to this important appeal.

Happy New Stewardship Year!!

Thank You if you returned your 2010 offertory commitment! To date we have received 1,171 responses—45% of the parish—for a total \$2,256,579. This puts us at 82% of need to ensure our many parish ministries and programs are adequately funded this coming year. If you have not responded, make this one of your new year resolutions! Pledge cards are located in the church lobby

FORMATION IN FAITH

Living Faith Communities

Are you in a small community, prayer, or faith-sharing group? Do you have news of your group's activities you would like to share? Perhaps some "God-incidence" that has touched you or your group, deepening your faith and trust in God. If so, just email: faithcommunities@htlenexa.org. We would be glad to hear from you and to share your news or story in this space.



If you have any comments or questions about Living Faith Communities at Holy Trinity, email: faithcommunities@htlenexa.org

Marriage Preparation Lead Couple Training

If you are interested in helping young couples get off on the right foot in their marriage, you might consider being a Lead Couple for marriage preparation. Archdiocesan training is available at Savior Pastoral Center, Friday evening 7-9:30 and Saturday 8:30-4:30 (lunch included); February 5th & 6th. Please contact Holy Trinity's Marriage Prep office, 895-0608 (Marsha Holland) for more information and to register before January 27th.

Save the Date!!!

Couples Movie Night - Wednesday, January 20th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Quigley Center. Holy Trinity will show the movie - 'Fireproof - Never leave your partner behind'. If you haven't seen this world acclaimed move please join us to help strengthen your marriage. Brought to you by the Holy Trinity Marriage Ministry.

Calendar

Year-Round—RCIA — Initiation in the Catholic Church
Why Catholic?—Jan 12, 19, & 26
January 16—Faith Communities, Potluck & movie— *Theresa*
January 20—Couples Movie Night, *Fireproof*
Feb 5-6—Marriage Prep, Lead Couple Training

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

Tango

January 29-31

to register and for more info

www.wix.com/lifeteen/tango

CURRENT SERIES

detox

January 17 Detox the Mind
January 24 Detox the Spirit

QUESTIONS & INFO

Here's who to contact for more info about Youth Ministry events & activities.

High School Ministry

Stacy Cretors—895.0678 or
scretors@htlenexa.org

Jr. High Ministry

Kris Walters—895-0604 or
kwalters@htlenexa.org

Music Ministry & College Outreach

Jeremy Heinen—895.0646 or
jheinen@htlenexa.org

JR. HIGH PARENTS

important ideas

for urgent matters

for parents only

this Sunday, Jan. 17
6:30 pm
in Quigley Center
(1st level, Playspace Rm)

Presented by REAP Team who annually leads our Confirmation Retreat

When something is urgent, we rush to do it. When it's important, we prioritize it. In today's world, recognizing and managing these matters is possibly one of the hardest things we do - especially when it comes to our kids.

Reclaim a bit of focus and gain understanding about everyday matters that threaten to interfere with our families and create anxiety.

Paul Masek and the REAP Team from St. Louis will share their experiences, insight and suggestions on opening up the conversation between parents and adolescents during these critical years.

Expect to uncover some surprising ways that we can be present to our teens as they navigate adolescence.

This will be the fifth year REAP has led our Confirmation Retreat and shared with parents the night before. The REAP (Retreat Evangelization And Prayer) Team is a Catholic retreat ministry of the Office of Youth Ministry of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The REAP Team consists of adults and teenagers who have been specially chosen and trained to convey the Gospel to all people, especially teenagers.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA AUCTION

Here are the Auction Items for the Valentine's Dance and Auction

Signed & Numbered Balloon Festival Poster	\$265.
Copa Room Certificates	4/\$100
Harley Davidson Certificate	\$400.
Baja 600 Certificate	\$100.
Moon Marble	\$ 75.
Panera Bread Certificates	2/\$ 50.
Barleys Brewhause Certificates	2/\$ 50.
Steamboat Arabia	\$125.
Trinity Travel Certificate	\$500.
Thomas Kincaid Print	\$140.
Kansas Sampler	\$100.
Nill Brothers Certificate	\$ 50.
Callaway Golf Weekend Getaway	\$1500.
Callaway Gift Certificate	\$200
Merry Maids Certificates	2/\$100.
Smiley's Golf Certificate	\$100.
Soniicare	\$140.
Great Wolf Lodge Getaway	\$500.
Bristol Restaurant Certificate	\$ 25.
Riman Liquor Basket	\$ 50.
Cheese Cake Factory Certificate	\$ 50.



DEVOTIONS

Rosary

- * Every weekday at 6:15AM in the Church.
- * Every weekday at 7:40AM in the Adoration Room.
- * Every Tuesday at 7:00PM—Mother of Perpetual Help Novena and Rosary in the Chapel.
- * Every Wednesday at 2:30PM in the Adoration Room.
- * Every Saturday **after** the 8:00AM Mass in the Church.

Can you not watch one hour with me?"

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Special needs are

Wednesday 12am & 7am

Thursday 1am, 6am & 8am

Saturday 5pm & 8pm Sunday *2am & 3am

Additional participants are welcome at all hours.

To be an Adorer, call:

Sundays: Kathy 913-307-0167

Mondays: Kathy 913-338-0651

Tuesdays: Kathy 913-645-2005

Wednesdays: Evelyn 913-498-8425

Thursdays: Eileen 913-492-4211

Fridays: Mary 913-593-3094

Saturdays: Barbara 913-888-3312

*2nd person needed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-10 Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22,27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1b,2,9-10
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-13
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4,6,11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Ps 80:2-3,5-7
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 Ps 19:8-10,15
1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

JANUARY

SCHOOL NEWS

CHILDREN'S CENTER

2010-11 NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION/OPEN HOUSE

New Family Registration/Open House is Sunday, Jan. 31st from 12:30-2:30 pm in the school office. Families of children attending HTEEC are considered new families. Families who currently have a child enrolled at Holy Trinity School will receive by school mail information about their Kindergarten enrollment. Please note: While parents who arrive early on the 31st may begin standing in line, registration forms will begin to be distributed at 12:30. Registration for grades 1 through 8 will also be conducted at this time.

PLEASE BRING WITH YOU:

- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate, (Unless baptized at HT)
- \$100.00 per child registration fee

*New for 2010-2011: Full-day Kindergarten.
Two Full-day and a morning and an afternoon Kindergarten are being offered.*

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Holy Trinity Catholic School admits students of any race, color, nationality or ethnic origin to all programs and activities generally accorded or made available to all students. Admittance prioritization for the coming school year will be:

- Sibling(s) of a current HTS school family
 - Holy Trinity family
 - Holy Trinity Early Education Center Pre-K or T-K
 - Date of parish registration
 - Active support/involvement
 - Date of school registration
 - Non-Holy Trinity family

According to Holy Trinity policy, a Holy Trinity family is defined as a family residing within our church boundaries that is an active, participating member of Holy Trinity Parish. An active, participating member is one who:
 - Registers with the Parish Office.
 - Attends Mass regularly.
 - Has an offertory pledge and contributes regularly through envelopes or automatic offerings staying at least 75% current.
 - Volunteers time and talents to the parish/school as capable.
- The parish continues to rely on your charitable giving as a separate obligation from school tuition. Your parish contributions are essential to maintain, in addition to the school, the many other important responsibilities of our church shared by the entire faith community of Holy Trinity.

SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE:

Applicants will be interviewed prior to acceptance.

STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN:

Kansas law states that a child must be five years of age on or before Aug. 31st to be eligible to enter Kindergarten. Any child who has completed kindergarten in an accredited school shall be eligible to enter first grade regardless of age. It is strongly recommended that parents of children entering kindergarten rely on their preschool's recommendations—as to whether a child is ready for his/her kindergarten experience. The Holy Trinity Child Care Center and Holy Trinity Catholic School provide for kindergarten screening if that is what is advised before making this decision.

Gary Lammers, Principal
8 HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH LENEXA



Holy Trinity Early Education Center Registration 2010-2011

February 2, 2010
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Father Quigley
Faith Formation Center

What You Need To Know:

- We recommend that you plan a visit prior to registration.
- Please do not to arrive before 4 p.m.
- Don't be intimidated by the line— we have 15 different classes/programs so not everyone will be here to register for the same class.
- Priority is given to HT Parishioners.
- Forms are not given out until that evening so don't worry about picking them up ahead of time.
- Once we begin taking registrations, the process takes less than 15 minutes.
- You will need to leave a registration fee of \$75.00
- You will receive an enrollment confirmation by Saturday, February 6th.

Questions? Call 913-492-7380



2010 Holy Trinity Winter Social

Holy Trinity PTO provides you a fun filled night of

Margaritaville



With Music, Dinner and Trivia!

Saturday, January 30, 2010

6:00 – 10:00 PM

Father Quigley Center

Come and mingle with your fellow parishioners and test your IQ with trivia questions from Bob Scott.

- Dinner 6:00-7:15
- Trivia contest will follow from 7:15-10:00 pm

\$150 for a table of 10 includes dinner. The cost is \$20 per person at the door

****We are limited to 260 people in the Quigley Center so this event is expected to sell out quickly!!****

Form your own Trivia team of up to 10 people or we can place you on a team. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last place teams. A prize will also be awarded to the best decorated table.

You are welcome to invite friends from outside of our parish, but each team of 10 must consist of at least 6 Holy Trinity parishioners.

The \$150 for a table of 10 will include a wonderful dinner that will be catered by Rudy's Tenampa Taqueria. It will include a taco bar, enchilada and burrito casseroles, beans, rice and chips and salsa. We will be serving margaritas, beer, soda and water as well.

Seating is limited and reservations will be handled on a first come, first serve basis. Must be 21 to participate. *Contact Julie Curnes at 381-7237 or at juliecurnes@everestkc.net or Tamie Booth at 780-2754 or tamiebooth@sbcglobal.net with any questions.*

Please return this form with your payment (Checks made out to HTS PTO.) through school mail to Colette Popp C/O Ben- 1J or mail to 7303 Acuff St. Shawnee, KS 66216 . We will not issue tickets – your name will be at the door.

Team Registration (up to 10 people per team) \$150.00 (dinner included)

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Team Captain _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Individual Registration at the door \$20.00 per person (dinner included) X _____ = \$ _____

Trivia only \$10.00 per person X _____ = \$ _____

Please provide an email for confirmation _____

LITURGY

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time C 1 — *Isaiah 62:1-5*

God's Beloved, God's Delight

How do you describe your relationship to God? Do you consider God a Father? Do you think primarily of Jesus when you pray? Is God a friend? A judge? Some people feel as though God is their authority figure. Others imagine they have a very close friendship with God.

But people rarely think of God as their spouse. God thinks differently. In the prophecy of Isaiah, we hear that God's relationship to us is like groom to bride. God's love for us is so intense, God's delight in us is so complete, that the only metaphor the prophet can find is that of a newly married couple. Who would dare speak of the relationship between God and humanity this way? Well, God would.

Our experience of God changes. As we grow, we come to understand God better through the events of our lives. Some of those events challenge our perceptions of God. Others affirm them.

Everyone goes through a spiritual desert from time to time. We feel as though God is far away. We imagine that God has forsaken us and left us desolate. These feelings are normal.

But God never abandons us. Sometimes we simply cannot feel the warmth of God's love. Isaiah says God calls us "My delight" and "Espoused." If you have ever felt compassion toward someone who felt alone, you know how God feels toward us.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time C 2 — *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

Master of a Trade

A jack of all trades is master of none, the saying goes. If you can do a lot of things, you probably do not do any of them well. Some talented people possess many gifts, but it does not take long to figure out their shortcomings as well.

Most of us are happy if we can do one thing well—whether it is a class at school, a task at work, parenting at home, or playing a sport. The problem is, none of us can survive doing one thing well. We need one another. We need other people who do other things well. We need specialists in auto mechanics, computer repair, teaching, and cooking to get us through the day. If you do one thing well—decorating church, for example—you help out a lot of other people who do not know how.

Paul tells the Corinthians that the Spirit is manifest in many ways. "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." These manifestations include wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, and other mighty deeds. In a parish they surface at worship, education, service, and even social activities that build the community.

You may not think your gift can do much good, but it probably can. The Spirit gives gifts away "for some benefit." This new year, you can put yours to work so that others may come to know the many gifts and wisdom of God.