

# Trinity Times

Most Holy Trinity Parish

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## GREETINGS FROM CORKTOWN

### **The Best Way Out of Poverty is a Good Education**

On August 24, 2022, we began a new school year at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Academy. As always, we were thrilled to welcome our students back for another year of growth and learning.

Our school, the oldest in Detroit, was founded in 1838 and continues to offer a quality Catholic education to children of many backgrounds, most of whom come from poor and working class families. A high-quality education is their best chance for a better life.

Karina Lepkowski, our principal, and her team continue to do an outstanding job. They are dedicated to their students and are innovating with new ways to improve the education we provide at MHTCA.

Two years ago, we invited Beyond Basics, a nonprofit literacy organization to assess and tutor five students. It went so well that we expanded the program to 50 students last year. We will expand the program again this year and are also partnering with the Mathnasium company to work with our students in a similar way with math. More details about these initiatives are on page 2.

The mission and identity of our school is decidedly Catholic. In addition to offering excellent academics, we provide religious and moral formation. We not only educate the mind, but the heart and soul as well. Students attend Mass weekly, receive sacrament prep, take religion classes and both Fr. Ryan Adams and I visit the school regularly to talk about the faith. Every year we have a few non-Catholic students who ask to become Catholic.

Because most of our students come from disadvantaged families and the cost of providing an education continues to increase, we rely on the generosity of our donors to continue our school's mission. Their support allows us to make tuition affordable. Their support comes in many forms, and recently, we have had some donors agree to sponsor a particular student throughout their time with us. If you are looking for a worthwhile cause, this is a great one! I'd be happy to speak with you about ways to support our students.

Peace,  
Msgr. Chuck Kosanke  
Pastor



### Three New Teachers Join the Trinity Team

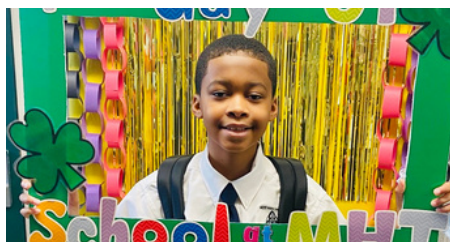
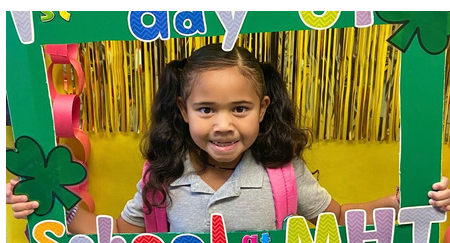
*Former Third Grade Teacher Named New Academic Dean*

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Evelyn Romero, Ms. Christina Reyes and Ms. Christine Kim as our 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade teachers, respectively.

Ms. Alicia Bas has been named academic dean and will help oversee the programs described nearby as well as curriculum development.

### A NEW YEAR BEGINS

There is nothing quite like the first day of school! We were so happy to welcome these smiling faces (and many more!) on August 24 as Most Holy Trinity began its 184th school year!



### Most Holy Trinity Catholic Academy Raises Student Achievement through Partnerships

When Karina Lepkowski took over as principal of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Academy, one of the first things she wanted to do was improve every student's reading skills, particularly those who were not reading at grade level. Many of our students come from families where English is not spoken in the home or who started their education in public schools where they were not getting the education they needed. As such, we found that many students had to catch up to their peers.

Ms. Lepkowski says, "When students struggle with reading it impacts every aspect of their learning. They are unable to decode word problems and they are unable to comprehend informational texts in other content areas. We needed to get students where they needed to be with their reading so their entire educational experience would be improved."

In consultation with Msgr. Kosanke, she turned to Beyond Basics a non-profit group working to eradicate illiteracy. The Beyond Basics program provides a diagnostic assessment followed by one-on-one, phonics-based, multisensory tutoring that combines the Orton-Gillingham prescriptive approach with fine arts activities essential for building vocabulary and comprehension. It is hourlong, daily, highest dosage tutoring that cultivates curiosity, encourages a love of learning, and delivers results. Students achieve grade-level movement in an average of six weeks.

The Beyond Basics approach allows us to create an individual prescription for each student. Improving literacy gives students new confidence that carries over in all classroom subject areas. Older students report a new sense of what is possible. They see new pathways for self-expression and self-advocacy, as well as college and career options.

The program has been very successful at Trinity and prompted us to form a partnership with Mathnasium to provide math tutoring. Launching this school year, the program will assess students, create individual learning plans and provide small-group tutoring.

### NINETY PERCENT OF STUDENTS RECEIVE AID

Most MHTCA students live below the federal poverty line and rely on financial assistance. Because of our donors, there are many forms of aid available to our students, and as such, MHTCA is usually the most affordable Catholic school in the city.

Donations come from individual donors and family foundations. Students also receive aid from the Archdiocese of Detroit. We never want to turn a family away because of their inability to pay, and we work hard with every family to find the right financial aid package for them. MHTCA also arranges financial aid for many graduates who attend Catholic high schools.

Please contact Msgr. Kosanke to learn more about supporting student financial aid.



THE TRADITION CONTINUES  
 MOST HOLY TRINITY  
**ITALIAN NIGHT**  
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12  
 MARIO'S RESTAURANT, DETROIT  
 \$65 per person includes Italian dinner,  
 beer and wine  
 TICKETS @ [MHTDETROIT.ORG/EVENTS](https://mhtdetroit.org/events)

**Outreach Ministry  
 Volunteers Needed**

Most Holy Trinity Parish's Food Pantry and Clothing Room are in need of volunteers! Many of our long-time volunteers are senior citizens who are unable to continue their service.

Contact Deacon Ken Fry if you are interested.  
 313.965.4450

**Corktown Revival Draws a New Crowd**

The Sunday Night Mass at Most Holy Trinity, sometimes known as Corktown Revival, has been drawing a whole new group of people to our church. The 6 p.m. Mass is preceded by a Holy Hour with Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration, and is followed by Healing Prayer for anyone in need. Newcomers love the contemporary music and the welcome they receive from the volunteers, who have an evangelical mission to bring new and lapsed Catholics into the Church.

Presiders Fr. Patrick Gonyeau and Fr. Ryan Adams created this special Mass to appeal to the young adults living in Corktown, but the it has become a draw for folks from all over metro Detroit.

One volunteer sums up their mission this way, "So many people are hurting and in need of community, love, healing and grace. We give them that here. We pray with them and accept them no matter what, and try to show them the loving, gentle face of Christ. We invite anyone who's looking for a new community of faith to join us on Sunday nights!"



**Sunday Mass  
 Schedule**

9 a.m. Spanish  
 11 a.m. English  
 6 p.m. English

**Sunday Adoration**

Come join us on the first Sunday of the month between the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses as we pray before the Blessed Sacraments for Priestly Vocations.

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CLAIMING YOUR INHERITANCE  
 Quinceañera Retreat



October 8 @ 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Most Holy Trinity Catholic Academy

Girls celebrating quinceañeras at Trinity or another parish are invited to this day of inspiration and fun. More details and sign-up at [mhtdetroit.org/events](https://mhtdetroit.org/events).



**Day of the Dead  
 at Most Holy Trinity**

Our parish ofrendas will be on exhibition after Sunday Masses from October 23 - November 6.

All Saints Day Mass will be celebrated at 8:50 a.m. on Tuesday, November 1.



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1050 Porter Street  
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Founded in 1834 to minister to the people of Detroit and dedicated to the service of our merciful and loving God, Most Holy Trinity Parish is a community of missionary disciples that provides corporal and spiritual care to people in need.

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# FAITH

What Matters *Most.*

We see every student as a child of God. It's our mission to discover their potential, to celebrate their talents, and to nurture their faith.



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