

Tiger Tales

NOVEMBER 11, 2016



**DEAR GOD, I WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE
NOT TO ASK FOR ANYTHING FROM YOU,
BUT TO SIMPLY SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL I HAVE.**

This week, we were fortunate to celebrate Mass at Assumption with Fr. Michael. In our gospel reading, we heard the miracle of curing ten lepers, one of whom returned to thank Jesus. This story of grace and gratitude is a fitting parable for our upcoming feast and the theme throughout this month, Thanksgiving. We are surrounded by God's many graces and we are challenged, as those cured in the story, to pause, sometimes turn around, and give thanks for the blessings we have been offered.

Here at BT, our community is filled with and supported by countless blessings. In that spirit, it is an honor to offer a note of thanksgiving for some of the many blessings bestowed upon our community. This begins with our gratitude for the blessings of Christ that offer us the opportunity to live our mission as a clearly Catholic, intentionally inclusive, and academically excellent school. It is from this blessing and our faith that all the other gifts flow.

We are thankful for our incredible parishes, Assumption, St. Peter, and St. Richard, with three wonderful pastoral leaders in Fr. Michael, Fr. Jerry, and Fr. Mark, who guide us to reflect the light of Christ. Furthermore, we are supported by parish offices working tirelessly to help our entire community be exceptional stewards of our blessings. Finally, we are graced with exceptional parishioners who grace us with their time, talent, treasure and, above all, prayer. Thank you for giving us the foundation of faith and learning to allow us to grow in the light and love of Christ.

In concert with our parishes and pastors, we are blessed with an extended BT family that includes alumni, parents, friends, and other angels that share in our passion for the growth and learning of our children. These BT Believers grace us with their passion for the community, sharing their story and ours with others, helping us welcome more into our family. Thank you for always being a part of our family.

This year, as we welcome some changes to our councils and boards, we are especially grateful for all those who have graced us with their leadership, vision, and dedicated service as a Corpo-

CANCELLED: BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR

Due to a construction delay on the new Barnes & Noble Galleria location, our book fair scheduled for November 27 has been cancelled. We plan to have one in the spring instead—stay tuned for more information!

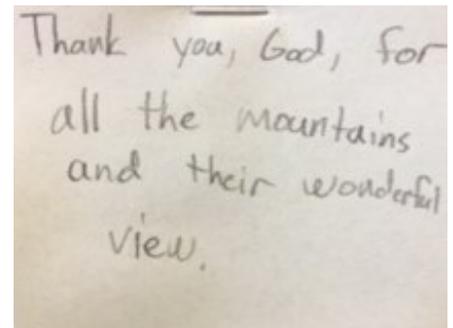
THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Richfield parishes

Church of the Assumption
305 E 77th Street
9 am bilingual

St. Peter's Church
6730 Nicollet Avenue
9 am

St. Richard's Church
7540 Penn Avenue
9 am



One thankful note from our **"We are thankful for..."** bulletin board. Read more on page 4.

rate Board Member and School Advisory Council member. Thank you for blessing us with your passionate, humble servant leadership, helping lead us into the future, while providing much needed support, insight, and counsel.

We are blessed to have a truly remarkable faculty and staff that offer so much of themselves for us and our learning. The teachers that work tirelessly to craft classrooms that inspire us to learn, grow, and ask for more. The many support staff of classroom aides, lunchroom managers, maintenance staff, and more that do so many little things, often unseen, that set our teachers and students up for success. Finally, our administrative, development and office staff offering their support and creativity to all those projects that ensure we can continue to commit to excellence in the classroom. We are grateful for the blessing of each of you.

We are fortunate that we have so many families that commit their families and children to our community and each other. Beginning with a passion for our remarkable children, we commit to supporting all the wonderful work that helps our students reach their potential as images of God. Thank you for the commitments to school events, prayer, fundraisers, prayer, homework and school projects, prayer, volunteer hours, and most of all prayer. We are so thankful for the blessings provided by each family entrusting each other with the grace to grow in and through our community.

Finally, we are grateful for our community of learners, our students, who we are proud to be called BT Tigers. We see and know the light of Christ in each of you. We are blessed to bring your many experiences together as a community to learn in and through God's love.

I am grateful, each and every day, to be a part of this community as a leader, teacher, parent, learner, and follower of Christ. Thank you for being a blessing to our Blessed Trinity community. Have a wonderful weekend, an exceptional short week, and a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. As we celebrate, may we always remember to pause and say thank you for our many graces

GREETINGS FROM MELISSA UZELAC, BLESSSED TRINITY'S ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR!

A big THANK YOU to all of you who have already submitted your re-registrations – we are so glad for your presence with us! By determining our re-registration numbers sooner, we are better able to plan recruitment efforts to new families sooner.

I encourage those of you who have not yet done so to get your re-registrations in soon and take advantage of the reduced re-

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S Children's Christmas Choir

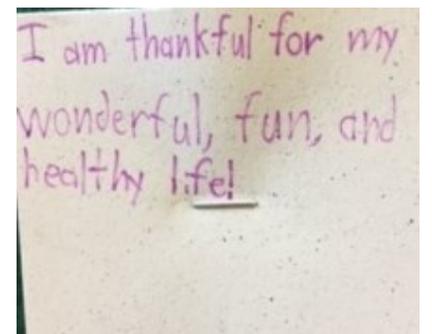
Children in Kindergarten through grade 8 are invited to join St. Peter's Children's Christmas Choir to sing at the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsal in the Church will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays, December 7, 14 & 21 in the church sanctuary. Join our choir director, Barb, in having fun while preparing your hearts for Jesus!

St. Nick's Breakfast

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 4th, for the annual all-parish St. Nick's Pancake Breakfast from 9:00am to 12:30pm in the social hall. St. Nick will be the special guest!

Bring your camera to have a picture taken with him. All ages are welcome. This is a FUN family time, but it's not just for families. Invite your neighbors and friends. The cost is \$5.00/adult, \$3.00/children ages 4-12 and children under 3 eat for free. Children should leave their shoes on the stairs at the social hall entrance for a special surprise when they leave!



registration fee – those extra dollars can come in handy this Christmas! If you have questions/concerns or are still not sure about your plans for next year, please feel free to contact me, your children's teacher(s), or our principal, Mr. O'Keefe, to discuss. We treasure working together with you to educate your child/ren and want your family to continue here with us. While we recognize the financial sacrifice required, Blessed Trinity is truly an investment and a gift to your children beyond measure that will pay off for the rest of their lives.

I am very much enjoying serving here at BT. In my role as Advancement Director, working as BT's liaison with the Healey Education Foundation, I have had the opportunity to promote the school, recruit new families, reach out to alumni, and help plan BT's future moving forward. Events have included a presence at Academy of Holy Angels' "Stars Are Out" in September, Assumption parish's community health fair in October, and our own "Read-a-Whirl".

Speaking of new families, it's never too soon to invite others to join us at BT as well! Please share the good news of your family's positive experiences at BT with others in person, via social media, in your Christmas cards, or by inviting them to attend BT events with you! Our St. Nick's Day party for younger children at 8:30 AM on Dec. 9th at our Penn campus, and our Preschool – Third Grade Open House, including Preschool and Kindergarten information and registration, from 4:30 – 7:30 PM on Jan. 26th at our Penn campus, are two perfect upcoming events to which you may wish to invite others. Remember that for each new family you refer that registers to attend BT, you will earn \$25 off your own re-registration fee! (If you've already paid your fee/are being billed, your TADS account will be credited). Be sure to encourage families you refer to let us know that you referred them!

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve the community of Blessed Trinity, and look forward to continuing to meet and get to know more and more of you and celebrating the beauty of this time of year! What a gift, to have a school community in which we can share our faith, learn, grow and celebrate God's good gifts together!

Until next time, GO TIGERS!

¡SALUDOS DE MELISSA UZELAC, DIRECTORA DE PROMOCIÓN DE BLESSED TRINITY!

MUCHAS GRACIAS a todos los que ya han presentado sus re-inscripciones - estamos muy contentos de tenerlos entre nosotros. Mediante el sistema de registro temprano estamos más capacitados para planificar y estar listos para el reclutamiento de las nuevas familias.

NEWS FROM ST. RICHARD'S

First Friday Day of Prayer

Our next First Friday Day of Prayer will be December 2 at St. Richard's Catholic Church. Eucharistic Adoration will begin following the 8:00 am Mass and continue until 5:00 pm. At 7:30 pm we will have an Advent Taizé evening prayer service in the church. All are invited to enter into this season of waiting through a moving form of prayer centering around sung psalms and periods of holy silence.

A Season of Peace Concert

On Sunday, December 4, the South Metro Chorale will perform their annual winter concert at St. Richard's Catholic Church (Penn Campus) at 3:00 pm. The event will feature *Dona Nobis Pacem* with orchestral accompaniment, as well as the U.S. premiere of an Icelandic carol. SMC's mission is to achieve excellence in the performance of classical and contemporary choral music for our community. Find advance tickets and more information online at www.southmetrochorale.org.

Book Club

We will meet to discuss Mr. Ives' Christmas, by Oscar Hijuelos, on Sunday, December 4, 10:00 am in St. Richard's Community Room (Penn Campus). BT Parents are welcome to join us!

Quiero animar a las familias a que se registren a la brevedad posible y aprovechen la reducción de la tarifa de reinscripción - esos dólares ahorrados les pueden ser útiles en esta Navidad. Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes o si aún no están seguros acerca de sus planes para el próximo año, por favor no duden en contactar al maestro(a) de sus hijos, a nuestro director, Sr. O'Keefe o a mí personalmente para discutir sobre el asunto en mención. Apreciamos el trabajo que hacemos junto a ustedes para educar a sus hijos(as) y sinceramente deseamos que su familia continúe aquí con nosotros. Aunque reconocemos el sacrificio financiero que se requiere, les podemos decir que Blessed Trinity es verdaderamente una inversión y un regalo para sus hijos por el resto de sus vidas.

Disfruto mucho sirviendo aquí en la comunidad de BT. En mi papel de Directora de Promoción, he trabajado como enlace de BT con la Healey Education Foundation, teniendo la oportunidad de promover la escuela, reclutando nuevas familias, contactando a ex-alumnos y ayudando a planificar el futuro de BT. Los acontecimientos han incluido una presencia en "Stars Are Out" en Academy of Holy Angels en septiembre, la feria de salud comunitaria de la parroquia de Assumption en octubre, y nuestro propio "Read-a-Whirl".

Hablando de nuevas familias, nunca es demasiado pronto para invitar a otras familias a venir a nuestra escuela de BT. ¡Por favor, comparta las buenas noticias de las experiencias positivas de su familia en BT con otras personas ya sea hablando directamente con ellas, a través de las redes sociales, en sus tarjetas de Navidad, o invitándolas a asistir a eventos de BT con usted! Nuestra fiesta de St. Nick's Day para los niños más pequeños a las 8:30 am del 9 de diciembre en el campo de la Penn y el Open House de preescolar a tercer grado, que incluye información y registro de preescolar y jardín de infantes de 4:30 pm a 7:30 pm El 26 de enero en el campo de la Penn, son dos eventos perfectos para invitar a sus amigos. Recuerde que por cada nueva familia que usted refiera y que se registre para asistir a BT, usted ganará \$25 que serán descontados de su propio registro. (Si usted ya pagó su cuota, se le acreditarán a su cuenta de TADS). Asegúrese de que las familias que usted reclutó reporten su nombre a la oficina.

A medida que se acerca el Día de Acción de Gracias, estoy verdaderamente agradecida por la oportunidad de servir a la comunidad de Blessed Trinity y espero seguir conociéndolos cada vez más y que podamos celebrar en comunidad la belleza de esta época del año. ¡Qué regalo tener una comunidad escolar en la que podemos compartir nuestra fe, aprender, crecer y celebrar juntos los dones de Dios!

Hasta la próxima. ¡VAMOS TIGRES, VAMOS!

We are thankful for...

