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Special Points of Interest

- Dedication takes place on the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003
- St. Vincent Center opens its doors to clients on Nov. 4, 2003
- Our history



OUR PARISH
IS GROWING
AND WE
WOULD LOVE
TO HAVE YOU
AS PART OF
OUR FUTURE!



*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New
Year from all of us
at Holy Trinity
Catholic Church!*

The Lenten Season is Here

Saturday, September 27, 2003, was a beautiful and clear day greatly anticipated by hundreds of parishioners of Holy Trinity. Not only was it the feast day of our own St. Vincent de Paul, but also the Dedication of our new St. Vincent Center and Community Life Center. Bishop Grahmann presided at the 5pm mass, accompanied by our pastor Fr. Jack Cawley, our parochial vicar, Fr. Rex Hays, our former pastor Fr. Paul Sauerbier, and the Vincentian Provincial, Fr. Dan Borlik. Deacon Don Forbrich assisted. After mass the community processed through the widened breezeway into the Community Life Center to the dedication ceremony. Using branches tied with blue ribbons,

the Bishop dipped the branches into Holy Water, and sprinkled the entire buildings and all the classrooms. Hopefully now the Holy Trinity School Tigers will win all their games! The day was truly a blessed event, culminating the years of planning, fund raising, and building. The Vision Lives on was a dream, and now it is a reality. An interesting note, as we processed through the breezeway and first glimpsed the new buildings, there was a perfect reflection of our bell tower in the glass of the new Community Life Center as the sun set behind us. It took my breath

away, realizing that this had been discussed in the



The New Community Life Center

planning of the new buildings years ago with the architect, how the entry was centered on our bell tower. It was evident to me that God's hand was visible and had accompanied us on our journey.

St. Vincent Center Opens It's Doors

Our new St. Vincent Center received clients for the first time on November 4, 2003. The new Director of the Center, Ms. Sonia Avila, reports that the center has already served over 200 clients. Our Christmas Angel adopt a

family program, one of our parish's beloved projects, again is in full swing with 85 families processed and adopted by parishioners of Holy Trinity. As part of the program, Holy Trinity families provide those with

less resources gifts for the adults and children of the family, as well as food items and grocery vouchers. Distribution of the Christmas Angels families took place on Dec. 13 in the new Community Life Center.

Holy Trinity Tigers Off To A Roaring Start

Holy Trinity School opened its doors to a 10% increase in enrollment, thanks in part to the new gym facilities and the addition of Mrs. Nancy Clifford, a language specialist who serves all grades in helping students with reading and language difficulties. The arrival of Mrs. Clifford was made possible because of a grant from the Vincentian foundation of Systemic change. The stomping of non-skid- mark sneakers is now a common sound in the new Community Life Center as basketball poles are installed and volleyball nets set up. The PTO organization has had 3 successful fund raisers, the Family Fun Night, the Book Fair, and the Gift Wrap sale, raising \$16,000 in

additional income. Also new this year is the school landscaping on the Oak Lawn side, the new lighted Holy School marquee, which keeps us informed on all that is happening in the school, and the landscaping between the school and the Community Life Center. The landscaping, wrought iron fence, and sign are welcome additions to our campus, and were made possible thanks to the generosity of our parishioners who “adopted” these items as part of our Memorials and Honorariums program. If you are interested in finding out more about items that still need “adopting” on our campus, give me a call.



The Tiger is Holy Trinity Catholic School's Mascot

Our History

For those of you who are new to our parish, and in honor of our first newsletter, I thought I might provide you with a little insight into our past and how we have evolved into the warm and welcoming parish that we are! The Vincentian presence was first felt on the corner of Oak Lawn and Blackburn in the fall of 1905. The priests of the Congregation of the Mission of St. Vin-

cent de Paul arrived in Dallas and began their outreach ministry to the neighborhood at that time. Plans for the new church began that fall, and the building was completed and dedicated in November of 1907. Our parish consisted of 60 families then, and now

we have over 2800 registered households! But we still need more involved in our parish. Invite your neighbors or friends to join us for mass, and I'm sure they will feel like me, and make Holy Trinity their spiritual home.

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HAPPENINGS AT THE TRINITY!

You can always find some activity going on at our parish campus. Where ever your interests lie, there is someway for you to get involved in our parish. We have 9 active and involved parish commissions that meet just once a month that could use your input. Or if you have a few hours to volunteer in the eve-

nings or during the day, we could sure use you at our outreach ministry at St. Vincent Center. We'd love to have you join one of our choirs (no audition required!), volunteer to help with our religious education classes, join our young adults group or our adult education classes. Check out the bulletin for more in-

formation on weekly events in our parish.