



Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

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February 20, 2022 • The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Selfless teen goes miles out of his way to deliver food to dying man

By Elizabeth Pardi



Dalton Shaffer didn't think twice about serving a family in need.

When someone goes out of their way to perform an act of kindness, it's especially encouraging when they reveal that they didn't think twice about it — an uplifting reminder that there are truly honorable people in this world whose first instinct is to do good for others, no matter the

inconvenience.

So when someone drives seven hours in the middle of the night to do a good deed, and that someone is a teenager who has to be at his second job in the morning but says he “really didn’t think twice about it,” you better believe it inspires hope in humanity.

According to *Today*, earlier this month Dalton Shaffer, an 18-year-old manager of Steve’s Pizza in Battle Creek, Michigan, was working one evening at Steve’s Pizza when he received a phone call. It was David Dalke, a man 230 miles away in Indianapolis, Indiana, calling from the home of his daughter, Julie, and her husband, Rich, whose fight with cancer was quickly coming to a sorrowful end.

As Julie later explained in a Facebook post, she and Rich lived in Battle Creek 25 years ago and had fallen in love with the pizza at Steve’s. “I can’t possibly describe how delicious this pizza is, she wrote, “but several moves and all these years later, it is still the gold standard and we’ve never found a better pizza yet.”

The two of them had recently been planning a visit back to Battle Creek when Rich unexpectedly ended up in the ICU when his cancer took a turn for the worst. When he was sent home, he was put in hospice care to prepare for the end.

In an attempt to bring them some comfort since they’d had to cancel their trip, Julie’s thoughtful dad, David, dialed Steve’s Pizza and asked if they might be able to send their condolences to a former loyal cus-

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
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Confessions will be held
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Selfless teen: continued from front cover...

tomor.

In response, Dalton, the manager on duty, asked what toppings Julie and Rich enjoyed. Even though Steve's is a carryout joint that doesn't deliver, Dalton told David he'd drive a couple pizzas out to Indianapolis after he closed the restaurant at 10:00pm. "When I rolled into the driveway at about 2:30, 2:40, the family was waiting up for me," Dalton told *Today*. "The dad came out and he gave me a big hug."

The teen graciously declined David's offer to get him a hotel room for the night, and then got back into his car and drove three and a half hours back home in time for a morning shift at his second job.

Of his good deed, Dalton simply said that he didn't think twice about it. Also, he declared, "I just would, like anybody reading to just think of the family and pray for them. They're going to be going through a hard time."

In a society where teens are sadly labeled as being self-centered, Dalton absolutely shatters the stereotype in the most admirable way. He makes us all feel, as Julie put it, "beyond overwhelmed and humbled by this act of genuine kindness."

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Catholic Ministry Appeal



"What is love?" That phrase isn't just the opening to an early '90s Eurodance song. It's a question that the human heart has asked throughout history. Is it a feeling? A bond experienced between family and friends and romantic partners?

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the unique, Christian answer: love gives

without counting the cost. It seeks the good of the other without looking for repayment in return. This is the kind of love that Jesus encourages His disciples to have, "for the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

We're called to love like this in all our relationships. With our spouse, our children, our coworkers, and with others in our community. If you're looking for another concrete way to love—to give without counting the cost—consider contributing to our diocesan Catholic Ministry Appeal. Reread today's Gospel and see where the Lord leads you.

LOVE
YOUR
ENEMIES AND
DO GOOD FOR
THEM; STOP
JUDGING;
STOP
CONDEMNING;
GIVE.

February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 | 1 Cor 15:45-49 | Lk 6:27-38

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Have you heard about the *Civilize It!* initiative? The U.S. bishops launched a campaign to encourage civil dialogue during the contentious 2020 election. Unfortunately, the divisiveness in our nation, and even within the Church, has shown no signs of subsiding, leading the bishops to reboot the campaign last fall. The bishops encourage every Catholic to pledge to be a force for charity, clarity, and creativity in our divided world. Today's Gospel shows us how to do that, starting with the Golden Rule. What strikes me – and challenges me – are the specific examples that remain relevant 2,000 years later: *Love your enemies and do good for them; stop judging; stop condemning; give.* Building on last Sunday's account of the beatitudes, Luke provides us a prescription for how to live a moral and happy life, one that reflects those who "bear the image of the heavenly one."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I am thankful to have people in my life who bring out the best in others, and certainly bring out the best in me. I would guess we can each point to others who have guided and encouraged us: A teacher, a dear friend, a favorite aunt, a neighbor or coach. Today's readings encourage us to be that person for others, even when it's hard. Nobody said being a witness to Christ would be a cake walk! Fortunately, we can turn to prayer and the Scriptures for encouragement. For me, it may begin with small steps, such as listening to those with whom I disagree, not getting drawn into social media debates, and being more generous with my time. As we reflect on today's readings, perhaps we can each choose one change we would like to make or challenge we want to accept as we move into the week and ask God to help us put it into practice.

ACT Praise God each day this coming week. And then challenge yourself to offer a compliment to one person every day as well. Praising God and others puts us in right relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters.



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 19, Weekday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. William Biggane (Dec)

Sunday, February 20, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Donna Preli (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Jennifer Gutske Andrews (Dec)

Monday, February 21, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Alice Varville (Dec)

Tuesday, February 22, Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle
8:00 a.m. George Varville (Dec)

Wednesday, February 23, Memorial of Saint Polycarp,
Bishop & Martyr
8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, February 24, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Stephanie & Steven Roberts (Dec)

Friday, February 25, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for all benefits

Saturday, February 26, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Dick McManus (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Robert Carney (Dec)

Sunday, February 27, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Lawrence and Edwards Family
9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Ann Bernzott (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

02/20 • For All Seminarians
02/21 • Rev. Viet Nguyen
02/22 • Rev. Edwin Palka
02/23 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
02/24 • Rev. Bill D. Wilson
02/25 • Rev. Kevin Yarnell
02/26 • Rev. Tamil Jeyaraj

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Thanking God for Missing Spears

Imagine how Saul must have felt when he awoke from his sleep and saw his spear missing from its resting place. Now imagine how he felt when he realized that the person who had it was the same person seeking his life — and there he sat, safe and sound. Now there's a day you don't forget your morning prayers.

I think if we look, we can all find a "missing spear moment" in our lives, when it hits us right in the gut that God has kept us safe from an impending disaster. This can be physical disaster, sure — but more commonly, I think it is spiritual disaster. Often the salvation comes through the gift of a person, or people, through whom God reveals His mercy.

When I was in high school, I had a circle of friends who were really into their faith. We were all in youth ministry together, and the bond we shared taught me a lesson that changed me as a person: we become those with whom we associate. I can look back now, all these years later, and see that these people are evidence of God's hand in my life.

Take a look at your life. In whose love has God shown you comfort? By whose hand has God brought you closer to Him, or kept you away from harm? Through whose friendship has God shaped you into the person you are?

Let's strive to remember to thank God for these people — and to thank them, too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Weekly Giving

Online Giving Feb. 6-Feb. 13

Offertory	\$ 1,995
Building Fund	\$ 30
Easter	\$ 50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 10

February 12-13, 2022

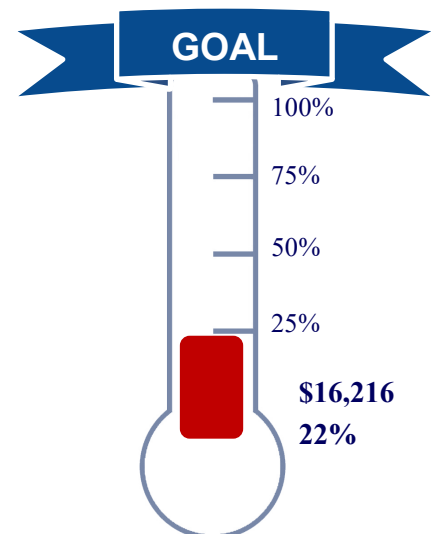
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Building Fund	\$ 115
Gift Shop	\$ 157
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 424
Other	\$ 31

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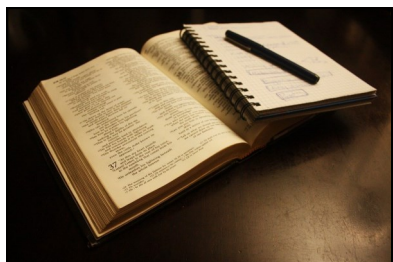


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Scripture Class

Barbara Townsend will be holding Scripture Classes starting February 22 from 9:30am - 11:00am. The Series is called "Our Catholic Life." It will be in the Faith Formation building

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Messa in Italiano at the Cathedral of St. Jude

Sunday, February 27, 3:00pm

Please come to pray in
ITALIANO

Celebrant:

Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, OdeM

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Did You Know?

@TEOTD Are Your Kids AATK?

Do you understand the sentence above? Chances are your kids do. The Internet is a great resource for information and fun; but like nearly everything else these days, cyberspace brings with it its own set of challenges for parents. Parents should monitor their children's Internet use and become familiar with the multitude of abbreviations, acronyms, and other shorthand that their children may be receiving via Internet chat rooms, instant messaging systems, and text message devices. For a searchable database of this Internet lingo, please visit www.virtus.org/virtus.

For particular help you may call: **Michael Craig, Safe Environment Program Manager** at (727) 344-1611, ext. 5377.

Source: www.virtusonline.org/virtus.

Pray for the Unborn

Virgin of Guadalupe,

Patroness of unborn children,
 we implore your intercession for
 every child at risk of abortion.

Help expectant parents to welcome
 from God the priceless gift of their
 child's life.

Console parents who have lost that
 gift through abortion,
 and lead them to forgiveness and
 healing through the Divine Mercy
 of your Son.

Teach us to cherish
 and to care for family and friends
 until God calls them home.

Help us to never see others as bur-
 dens.

Guide our public officials
 to defend each and every human
 life through just laws.

Inspire us all to bring our faith into
 public life,
 to speak for those who have no
 voice.

We ask this in the name of your
 Son, Jesus Christ,
 who is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen

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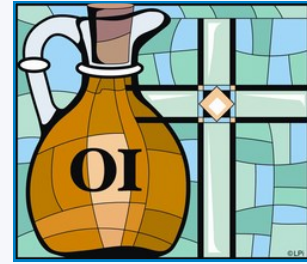
Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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Brown, Bob & Beverly
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Cary, Joan
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Cline, Wayne
Comeau, Teresa
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Detore, Alice
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Youngman, Ruthe



Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.