



Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

12 June 2022

WELCOME!

Are you seeking...to belong to a community of faith to provide you with something deeper? A place to be oneself, warts and all? A place to taste diversity? A place to weep? A place to sing? A place to weep while singing? A place to feel the depth of life? A place to know God? We now welcome you home. Christ's peace be with you!



CELEBRATIONS of LIFE and LOVE..



Happy Birthday to

Lennon B. 6/17, David S. 6/18,
Cindy K. 7/2, Gerhy M. 7/4, Br.
Tom W. 7/8, Dick B. 7/10,
Maria A. 7/17. Pam C. 7/23,
Debbie R., 7/23, Vera R. 7/30.

Happy Anniversary to Corey and Lee 6/25, Ralph and bp. Steve,
7/1. Donna and Dcn. Jan 7/12, Dick and Ann-Lis 7/21, Erick and
Sara 7/23, Mthr. Sharon 7/28 (*priesthood*).

When We Gather Next...

Feast in Thanksgiving for the Eucharist
Sunday, 19 June 2022, 10:30am



Genesis 14:18-20

Psalm 110:1-4

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11b-17

Presider and Homilist: *Mthr. Sharon*

Greeters: *Joanne D., Karen E.* Councilor Welcome: *Michael H.*

Acolyte: *David B.* Intercessions: *Dcn. Jan*

Lectors: (1) *Ralph L.* (2) *Diane P.*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Dcn. Jan, Michael H.; Daniel M.*

Coffee Social: *Parishioners' Last Names A-D*

Thank YOU for your faithful and loving service at the altar of the Lord in community. You bless us!

Lord, Hear Our Prayer!

"Always pray in the Spirit, with all your prayers and petitions.

Pray constantly and attentively for all God's holy people." (Ephesians 6:18)

•For the Clergy of the Diocese, *their health, holiness and ministry.*
•Lucy, *Diane's mother, for peace and well-being.* •Michael Volk, *friend of David B., serious head injury* •Eugene L. *hospice care.* •Jennifer B. *spinal surgery* •Br. Tom W., *hip surgery and healing.* •Lee W., *peace and wellness* •For vocations to ministry and consecrated life among us. •For the repose of the souls of: †Richard Clark, *Wayne's brother, 03/29/22* †Fr. Michael J. Ripton, *03/22/2022* †Richard Labelle, *fr. Jacques' brother, 02/01/22* †All victims of war and gun violence. †For our deceased clergy and parishioners.

Dearest Community and Friends,

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity, not only as a fundamental belief of our Christian faith, but also as the model for our relationships in community. The eternal, communal relationship of the divine persons with each other becomes the model and the ground of our communion with one another as Christian people. We are invited to participate in the divine life. We enjoy the communion of God and humanity which has been restored through Christ. Created, male and female, in the image of God, we live into our created nature by being in communion with God and one another, just as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are in eternal communion with one another.

We are male and female, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, ethnically diverse, gay and straight. We are single, married, and partnered. Our Communion includes those who love traditional Catholic worship forms and those who are perfectly at home with more contemporary practices. We welcome cradle Catholics and those whose first experience of actually participating in the Mass was at one of our Old Catholic faith communities. All of these differences enrich our Communion and none of them hinders our unity, for we are all one in Christ Jesus (*cf. Galatians 3:28*).

The doctrine of the Trinity calls us to live out our being as church in communion with one another, in communion with other Local Churches (*Dioceses*), and in communion with God. It invites us to rejoice in our unity-in-diversity. It invites us to a mutuality of life-giving ministry, each of us sharing our gifts and living out the call of God in our lives according to the gifts and leading of the Holy Spirit. What a beautiful gift to the church!

May we always delight in and give thanks for our unity in diversity as parish community, a diocese, and a Communion. Bask in God's love for you!

Today's Sacred Liturgy

Today's Intention: *For Our Old Catholic Communion*

Prelude: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name *GC2 519*
Welcome and Announcements *Debbie R.*
Gathering Song: Sing Out Earth and Skies ***GC2 497***
Introduction and Litany of Praise: *Fr. Jacques*
Gloria: Mass of Creation ***GC2 138***
Opening Prayer *Fr. Jacques*

Reading I: *Proverbs 8:22-31* *Joanne D.*
Psalm Response: Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us ***GC2 32***
Reading II: *Romans 5:1-5* *Michael H.*
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Give the Glory ***GC2 733, vs. 1***
Holy Gospel: *John 16:12-15* *Dcn. Jan*
Homily *Dcn. Jan*

Profession of Faith: Alternative Creed

(Please, refer to the inside back cover of your hymnal.)

Intercessions: **✠. Holy Trinity, call us to your life!** *Dcn. Jan*
Kiss of Peace

Preparation of the Gifts: How Great Thou Art ***GC2 496***
Eucharistic Prayer: Mass of Creation ***GC2 147, 148A, 149***
Lord's Prayer: Our Father ***GC2 15***
Lamb of God Litany: Mass of Creation ***GC2 152***
Invitation to Holy Communion *Dcn. Jan*
(Dcn. Jan, Mthr. Sharon, Daniel M.)

Communion Procession: Eat This Bread ***GC2 806***
Song of Praise: We Come to Your Feast ***GC2 814***

Prayer after Communion *Fr. Jacques*
Solemn Blessing and Sending
Sending Song: Blest Be the Lord ***GC2 585***
Coffee Social: *Parishioners' Last Names S-W*

The Road Ahead Together...

TWELVE STEP MEETINGS at Holy Spirit:

-Sex/Love Anonymous, Thursdays, 12PM, conference room.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, Thursdays, 7PM, social hall.

CHOIR PRACTICE

-Thursdays, 7pm-8:30pm, chapel

LANDSCAPE MINISTRY TEAM Meeting

-Today, June 12th, 11:45am following Mass, conference room

FATHERS' DAY BLESSING

-Next Sunday, June 19th, during our Sunday Liturgy

Be sure to bring a framed photo of your father or one who has been as a father to you to place before the altar.

JUNETEENTH Holiday

-Next Sunday, June 19th

Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, TX in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end of slavery in the United States and is considered the longest running African-American holiday. It became an official federal holiday in 2021.

CLERGY RETREAT WEEKEND

-Friday-Sunday, June 24-26, Parish center and chapel

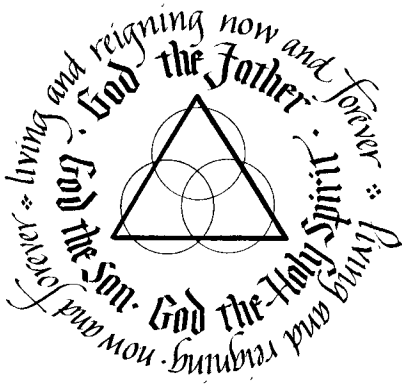
Our priests, deacons, and candidates will be gathering together this weekend here at Holy Spirit for some well-deserved spiritual rest and relaxation with one another. Bp. Marty Shanahan, OCC Diocese of the Midwest, will be our facilitator and guide.

PARISH COUNCIL Meeting

-Thursday, July 21st, 7pm, conference room

The Council will not be meeting in June, however, we will resume our regular meetings in July.

GROW: St. Paul gives us four words to live by: “Hope does not disappoint.” Today, as we celebrate the solemnity of the Holy Trinity, we are reminded of the source of our hope: God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, described as “a communion of love.” As St. Paul writes, “the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” This doesn’t mean our lives



won’t be without difficulties, but St. Paul is assuring us that we do not face them alone. As Jesus tells the disciples in today’s Gospel, “when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.” As we move into our week and whatever the near future holds, we can rest assured the Holy Spirit will guide us and strengthen us.

GO: It’s graduation season! When our family members receive their college diploma, we may have felt overwhelmed with gratitude and excitement for what lies ahead for them. As is the case for many students, often their path to a degree was not straight (nor was it paved with straight A’s). Yet they received their degree and began to plan to start a job in a field they love soon. The worries we felt during their high school and early college days dissipated, replaced with a sense of gratitude – and hope. This experience and others like it remind us to bring our worries and concerns to prayer, knowing that Jesus walks beside us and those we love. We can witness to our faith by offering to pray for others facing uncertainties and challenges, and by sharing how we have experienced “peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

ACT: Sometimes we may be too easily embarrassed to publicly use the sign of our faith at meals, blessing another or to begin or end our prayer. Pray the Sign of the Cross, reflecting on the love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. How have we experienced that love and how can we share it?

A Blessing...

The world now is too dangerous
and too beautiful for anything but love.
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.
Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.
May your hands be so blessed
that everything you touch is a sacrament.
May your feet be so blessed you run
to those who need you.
And may your heart be
so opened,
so set on fire,
that your love,
your love, changes everything.



Good Questions...Good Answers!

What is auricular (private) confession?

"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.." Since the early Middle Ages, a believer no longer confesses his/her failure to the whole community, but to the priest alone. This is called "auricular confession." Confession developed more and more into a formalistic act in which the "sinner/penitent" had to confess to his "confessor" at regular intervals (at least once a year during the Easter season) certain "sins" precisely defined as "slight" (venial) or "grave" (mortal) by church pronouncements.

The early Old Catholics opposed such a formalized, law-oriented and "private" understanding of penance and repentance. The obligation for regular auricular confession, which in its present form was seen as an instrument for the incapacitation of Christians, was therefore abolished soon after 1870 in most Old Catholic dioceses. Instead, occasional penitential services (today also called "Celebrations of Reconciliation") were introduced, either within the Eucharistic celebration or as separate services, in which the faithful express their willingness to repent and be forgiven by the priest in a joint confession of guilt.

However, there is still the possibility, as an offer, not as an obligation, to express one's own feeling of guilt and one's own readiness to repent to a priest of the Church, while preserving the secrecy of confession, and to have God's forgiveness promised (possibly after a pastoral counseling discussion). You are always free to approach any of our priests if you would like private confession.

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