

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
The Most Holy Trinity
June 7th, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JUNE 6th – JUNE 14th

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Deceased Members of the Leo Parrigon Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	No Mass	
Friday	No Mass	
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Fr. Lawrence Miller
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Eugene Wroblewski Anniversary

ST. AGNES
Tues. No Mass
Thurs. No Mass
Sun. 10:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Mon., June 8 – Fri. July 10	Fr. Matt will be gone on Vacation
Wednesday, June 10	No Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, June 11	Feast of St. Barnabas, Apostle
Saturday, June 13	Feast of St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Dr. of the Church

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, June 19	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, June 20	Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in May:

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 3855.00

DDF REPORT: Thank you for your generosity to the Diocesan Development Campaign. The goal for our parish is \$22,882.00, so far we have pledged \$8,490.00, paid \$3040.00, promised \$5,450.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PICNIC PLANNING IS UNDERWAY. Due to COVID-19, we have pushed the date to Sunday, August 30th this year.

If you haven't already and planned to donate towards the raffle prizes, you still have time! We'd like to have all donations by June 8th so that tickets can be printed and handed out in time for pre-sale.

You can contact the rectory, Mellanie Carder or Frances Boman. We can pick up, you can send or drop off at church.

We do not have a chairperson(s) for the Trash and Treasures. So, no plans are being made to have this booth for the 2020 picnic.

Thoughts are that this space will allow for the PCCW chicken/beef dinner to have more space and allow for any social distancing requirements that may still be in effect.

We are considering to have silent auction items - to take up a smaller space and raise funds. If you would like to donate items for the silent auction, that would be great. You may contact Mellanie Carder or Frances Boman. Donations can also be dropped off at the rectory....just be sure to clearly mark "silent auction item" on it. Mellanie Carder 417-737-2813 Frances Boman 417-693-0174.

FR. PETER'S 50th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD is on Saturday, June 13, 2020. To help him celebrate you may send him a card to 1100 E. Montclair St., Room 327 Springfield, Mo 65807-5076.

ANOTHER OPTION FOR DONATIONS AND TITHING: The Parish Council brought up the idea a few months ago about looking into the possibility of people making donations and tithing to the church through what is called "ACH". This is basically a way to direct your bank to automatically withdraw your money from your account and deposit it to another. St. Mary's now can offer this option to those who wish to take advantage of it. We have been told by the bank that there will be no charge for the service, we will be given notification of the amount, date and the names of those who donate or tithe to us in this way. There is a form on the website for this, should you choose to do this. I want to thank all those who did the leg work to make this happen. Forms will be in the back of church.

LIFEHOUSE CRISIS MATERNITY HOME - THANK YOU Thank you to those who contributed to the LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home as a project for Lent. Fortunately, parishioners continued to work on donations for LifeHouse, even though the COVID-19 pandemic happened during Lent. LifeHouse still needs the help, because during all this time their staff have continued to work with the women and their babies, providing a home, care, and direction. If anyone would still like to make a contribution but has not had the opportunity, feel free to bring it to the back of Church or to the parish office. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9
 Daniel 3:52-56
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 John 3:16-18

Monday June 8

1 Kings 17:1-6
 Ps 121:1b-8
 Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday June 9

1 Kings 17:7-16
 Ps 4:2-5,7b-8
 Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday June 10

1 Kings 18:20-39
 Ps 16:1b-2b,4-5b,8,11
 Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday June 11

St. Barnabas
 Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3
 Ps 98:1-6
 Matthew 5:20-26

Friday June 12

1 Kings 19:9a,11-16
 Ps 27:7-9c,13-14
 Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday June 13

St. Anthony of Padua
 1 Kings 19:19-21
 Ps 16:1b-2a,5,7-10
 Matthew 5:33-37

On the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate and honor God's character as the Most Holy Trinity.

The first reading shows us the Father parenting the baby nation of Israel. We see that he is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in kindness and faithfulness" – the Perfect Father.

If we have difficulty seeing him this way, it's because we've never experienced a human father-figure who showed us what perfect fatherhood looks like. Our spirits need healing. We've been projecting human imperfections onto our image of God. Even the best parents and teachers fall short of the wonderfulness of God's fatherhood. We need to consciously differentiate him from our human dads and other human authorities.

The second reading shows us the entire Trinity: the grace

of Jesus, the love of the Father, and our friendly partnership with the Holy Spirit. In this and because of this, we are to rejoice, mend our ways, and live in peace with one another.

In other words, because Jesus bore our sins as he died on the cross and then conquered death, he provides us with grace so that we can resist sin, and he provides us with the Father's love so that we can love one another no matter what, and he provides us with the Holy Spirit,



*God's love for you
 is everywhere*

who fellowships with us and empowers us so that we can continually live as holy Christians.

The Gospel reading shows us the depth of the Father's love. He doesn't condemn us for our sins; he gives us his Son to rescue us from the destructive results of our sins.

Our sins condemn us and sentence us to eternal death, but Jesus saves us from this by taking us to eternal life – *if we want him to!*

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Which Person of the Trinity do you know the least? Or feel distant from? Or fear?
2. How have human relationships interfered with your ability to feel God's closeness?
3. Which Person of the Trinity do you know best? Why?
4. How is the Trinity the perfect example of a good, loving, healthy relationship?

THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

FROM THE PASTOR

I AM NOT VERY LIKELY TO WRITE TOO MUCH THEOLOGICAL IN THIS PARTICULAR ENTRY. AS I HAVE MENTIONED IN SERMONS OVER THE YEARS, EVERY TIME ONE TRIES TO PRESENT A THEOLOGICAL TREATISE ON THE TRINITY, ONE FINDS HIMSELF WITHIN AN INCH OF HERESY. I AM GOING TO SAVE GREAT BULK OF WHAT THERE IS TO SAY FOR THE SERMON AT MASS. SUFFICIENT TO SAY THAT, SINCE WE ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD, EACH OF US IN SOME WAY REFLECTS THE GLORY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY.

WITH THE RESTRICTED NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ALLOWED IN CHURCH BEING THE ORDER OF THE DAY FOR THE TIME BEING, THERE IS IN DEVELOPMENT AN ALTERNATIVE TO VIEWING MASS ON TV. IT IS BEING DONE IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF MORE PEOPLE COMING HERE THAN CAN BE HELD IN THE CHURCH UNDER CURRENT RESTRICTIONS. WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS,, WE WILL HAVE A SET UP FOR THOSE WHO MAY WISH TO LISTEN TO MASS HERE AT ST. MARY'S ON THEIR CAR RADIOS WHILE PARKED IN OUR LOT. BASICALLY, THERE WILL BE A VERY LOW POWER RADIO TRANSMITTER PLUMBED INTO THE SOUND SYSTEM OF THE CHURCH. IT CAN BE SET TO TRANSMIT ON A FREQUENCY THAT IS NOT USED IN THE AREA, SO THERE WILL BE NO INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL BROADCAST. AS IS THE CASE WITH WATCHING MASS ON TELEVISION, THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION IS TO BE USED AT THE TIME OF COMMUNION, UNLESS THE BISHOP GIVES A BLANKET DISPENSATION FOR THE PRACTICE OF THOSE WHO LISTEN BE ABLE TO COME INTO CHURCH AFTER MASS IS OVER TO RECEIVE.

RELATED TO THE PREVIOUS COMMENT ON A DISPENSATION FOR COMMUNION, I HAVE BEEN TOLD BY A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT THEY HAVE HEARD THAT IN BOTH SPRINGFIELD AND JOPLIN, COMMUNION IS BEING DISTRIBUTED IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOTS. AS ABOVE, BEFORE I CAN CONSIDER DOING THAT HERE AT ST. MARY'S AND AT ST. AGNES, WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THE PERMISSION OF THE BISHOP. IT FALLS UNDER HIS OFFICE TO GRANT SUCH, I WILL LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY. IF HE IS AMENABLE TO IT, I AM OF THE MIND THAT IT COULD START TO HAPPEN WHEN I RETURN FROM VACATION IN MID JULY.

ON THE TOPIC OF MY VACATION: I WANT TO THANK FR. PAUL McLOUGHLIN FOR FILLING IN FOR ME WHILE I GO WEST TO REMIND MY MOTHER THAT THE PAINS SHE WENT THROUGH IN GIVING BIRTH TO ME WERE SIMPLY A HARBINGER OF THE PAIN TO COME IN HAVINGG ME AS HER CHILD FOR ALL THESE YEARS. AS IN THE PAST, I ASK FOR AND APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR MY SAFE TRAVEL, THE THRESHOLD OF WINNINGS AT CASINOS THAT WOULD MAKE FOR MY STAYING IN HENDERSON, NEVADA UNTIL MY DEMISE HS RISEN TO \$53,000.000 THIS YEAR. FAIRLY CLEAR THAT THE LIKELIHOOD OF THAT HAPPENING IS ABOUT THE SAME AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SAFE, EFFECTIVE, MORALLY ACCEPTABLE COVID 19 VACCINE BY MID JULY. IF LAS VEGAS OPENS BACK UP WHILE I AM THERE, I WILL BE PLACING BETS IN CASINOS..WHAT I CAN SAY IS THAT, WITH THE THRESHOLD I HAVE SET THIS YEAR, IT IS A SURE BET I WILL

RETURN TO YOU, MY FAMILY, AT THE END OF MY TIME WITH MOM. THAT, IN MY MIND, IS A WIN, REGARDLESS OF MONETARY WIN OR LOSS.

GOD BLESS - FR. MATT