

JUN 4, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday



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the kingdom of God
by being Christ
to the world.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

For God did not
send his Son into
the world to
condemn the
world, but that the
world might be
saved through
him. - Jn 3:17



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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - May 2023

	ACTUAL <i>as of 5/19/23</i>	BUDGETED <i>for May</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$41,868.26	\$61,000.00
Offertory	\$1,484.00	\$3,200.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: May 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$827,192.13	\$776,925.00
Operating Expenses.....	\$762,638.86	\$780,394.41

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/22..	\$110,693.46
Donations	\$32,971.28
Expenses.....	\$1,625.00
Balance (5/19/2023)	\$142,039.74

THANK YOU!

*Our Lady of Lourdes is greatly
blessed with your continued
generous support
of all our ministries!*

2023 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (4/10/2023)

Donations:..... **\$18,417.00**
Goal is \$42,840 42.99%

Donors: **88**
of donors: 1,043 8.44%

DECIDE TO LEAD

www.CatholicAppeal.org

NOTES FROM NANCIE

Memories: Hits and Misses Part 1

I am a big Joni Mitchell fan but did not own more than one album by her (Actually, it was a cassette tape, but now I'm truly dating myself!). On my 40th birthday, Tom and the kids bought me a CD player, so I needed to get some CD's! One of the first artists sought out was Joni. What was available to me at the time was her "best of" series that she named, Hits and Misses. It seemed appropriate to borrow this idea from her as I ruminate on the past six years of serving you as parish director.

I'm starting with misses. I have never left a parish without asking forgiveness for the times I have failed. I come to you now to ask your forgiveness. There are times I have been less than present in spirit, times I have put my foot (sometimes the entire leg) into my mouth and said something hurtful or insensitive. When I have been aware of doing this to one of you, I have tried to atone, to reconcile, but I know I have done things without knowing. Please accept my apology for anything I have said or done that has caused any of you pain or hurt. I am deeply sorry.

I have always and continue in these final weeks of service to strive to be your servant shepherd.

With blessing,
Nancie Chmielewski

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Friendliness

Friendliness is reaching out to others with warmth and caring. We value ourselves enough to know that we deserve true companionship. We attract others by what we are willing to contribute. The presence of a friend can soothe us, unleash our laughter, amplify our joy, and diminish our sorrow. Friends are compassionate witnesses to one another's stories. We look upon strangers as friends we haven't met yet. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness.

In the Second Reading today, Paul asks the Corinthians to mend their ways, encourage one another, agree, and live in peace with one another. I wonder if it was as difficult back then as it seems to be today! How do you exhibit friendliness and to whom?

SUN 4

Hall of Honor
8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church
5:45 pm Zoom Watch Party Virtual

MON 5

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10

TUE 6

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 7
1:00 pm SW Deanery Mtg. Rm 10
3:00 pm OLOL Food Pantry Rm 7

COMMUNITY LIFE

Oktoberfest Meeting

June 7

7:00 pm–8:00 pm

Topic: Beverage

All are welcome as we make plans for beverages for Oktoberfest.

Xaverian Missionaries Annual Mission Festival

June 24 and 25

4500 Xavier Dr., Franklin

Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, and a spit-roasted Chicken Dinner after Mass on Sunday. Mass will be outdoors at 10:30 am on the mission grounds. The St. Alphonsus Bell Choir provides all of the music for this very special Mass.

One of the most popular attractions at the festival is the huge rummage sale. Come see and buy some of the incredible variety of things in the tents and garages. If you have items you would like to donate, please deliver them to the mission on or before June 9.

For those of you who enjoy hand crafting, they are requesting homespun items (dish cloths, wash cloths, table runners, placemats, coasters, wall hangings, afghans, baby items, etc.) for a local artisans booth. If you would like to donate, please bring them to Linda in the office, again on or before June 9.

Volunteer help is always appreciated. (414) 421-0831

FORMATION

Hunger Task Force Farm

There is still time to join us for our service event at Hunger Task Force Farm. To register, please call Roxanne at the parish office and she will share all pertinent information with you. We hope to see you there on June 26!

Discussion Questions

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

This reading says that God forgives us when we are stiff-necked (haughty and stubborn). Do you forgive others when they have that malady? What could happen to family squabbles, disputes at work, wars between countries, racial bias, if forgiveness is introduced into the discussion/argument? How do we ask forgiveness of the planet for the global warming we have created?

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." God's nature is love, and he has invited us to come along in his company. What are the implications for our communities?

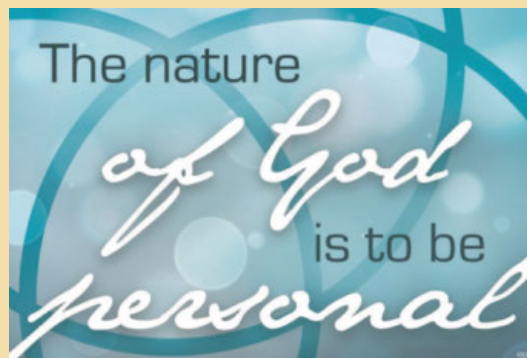
We can all agree with and/or encourage each other in order to live in peace. How important is this to you? Do you encourage others? Is Paul talking about agreeing on everything or on basic truths?

Gospel: John 3:16-18

What action of the Father tells you he "... so loved the world"? What did the Son do? What is your response to God's immense love for the world and for you personally?

Questions written by Anne Osdieck

https://liturgy.slu.edu/TrinityA060423/reflections_osdieck.html



WED 7

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
9:30 am Liturgy Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
6:45 pm Boy Scout Trp. 612 Hall A
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. Rm 3

THU 8

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 7
9:00 am Stewardship Mailing
Preparation Rm 4
6:30 pm Social Justice Cmte. Rm 3

FRI 9

Office Closed

WORSHIP

Farewell for Nancie

As you all know, Nancie Chmielewski, our beloved parish director, will be retiring at the end of this month. I speak for so many in expressing my gratitude for Nancie's wise leadership, her steadfast guidance, and her profound love for this parish.

Her time as parish director had its unusual moments—including getting us through a global pandemic—but her wisdom guided us through those uncharted and frightening waters with safety and grace. The parish continues to be a place of welcome, service, and good prayer thanks to her leadership.

Nancie's last weekend in the parish will be June 17/18. We will have a reception for her after all the Masses. Please join us!

Bake Sale

Our Bake Sale to help the folks in Haiti will take place after all the Masses next weekend. Rather than set prices on each item, we will simply ask for a donation for each purchase. Please bring your baked goods anytime this week when the office is open or when you arrive for Mass next weekend.

This Weekend—Trinity Sunday

Every time we make the sign of the cross, we invoke the Holy Trinity. While this is the bedrock of our faith, our understanding of the Trinity can be fuzzy. I often thought of the Trinity as a mystery and just left it at that. Such an important aspect of our faith, however, requires deeper thought.

Theologians have struggled over the centuries to capture an understanding of the Trinity. We are all familiar with St. Patrick's image of a clover. A quick search on the internet reveals images of God as an older man, Jesus as a younger man, and a dove hovering between them. In graduate school, I was taught about the Economic Trinity and the Immanent Trinity. If I looked back on my notes, I might formulate an understanding of those terms.

The image of the Trinity that I find most helpful is from St. Augustine. He had many attempts at this, but the most helpful for me is this: Lover...Beloved...Love.

The Father is the Lover, the Son is the Beloved, the Spirit is their Loving.

It's all about love.

Deb Steppe

Scripture Readings for June 10/11

Corpus Christi

Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a | Ps 147 | 1 Cor 10:16-17 | Jn 6:51-58

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

Social Justice: An Invitation

The Social Justice Committee seeks to educate and awaken people to the issues of justice that confront society today. We meet monthly on the second Thursday. Our next meeting is June 8, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: June 6 and 20

Most needed items: bottled juice, condensed soup, canned meats, and oatmeal. Please watch the expiration dates. Non-perishable items only, please. Learn more at ololmke.org/food-pantry.

SAT 10

Hall of Honor

Bake Sale

9:00 am Boy Scouts
Membership Product
Sale Kickoff

5:00 pm Liturgy

Hall AB
Church

SUN 11

Hall of Honor

Bake Sale

8:00 am Liturgy
10:30 am Liturgy

Church
Church



EMPLOYMENT

SPOTLIGHT

Director of Liturgical Ministries

OLOL is looking for a full-time director of liturgical ministries. The full time director of liturgical ministries, together with the parish director and director of music ministries, form the core team responsible for the prayer and worship life of the of the parish community. This person serves as a staff resource in support of the parish director, preparing ritual details for the prayer and worship opportunities in the parish and preparing both clergy and lay members to lead the parish community in prayer. Come share your thoughts and ideas with us as we vision for the new year of shared ministry. The position begins on July 1, 2023. For more information, go to the OLOL Employment webpage at ololmke.org/employment/.

June

It is June, my favorite month! I was born 75 years ago in June. Since then, I have wondered if I would have changed anything about one of my birthdays.

I think of my sixteenth birthday. Had I been Amish, I would have entered into "Rumspringa." It is a time of greater independence. It begins two years of traditional sports and "super-parties" leading up to acceptance into the church. Since I was Catholic, I continued to raise my siblings, went off to college, spent a year as a Catholic missionary, got married, and raised four children.

I've also wondered about Jesus's birthdays. We celebrate His birth on December 25. At age 12, He got in trouble with Mary and Joseph. He stayed behind to speak with the elders in the Temple. At age 30, He began the ministry of spreading the "Good News." At age 33, He would suffer, be crucified, die, be buried, rise from the dead, and return to his Father in Heaven. I am so happy He did this for us!

I met my wife, Elaine, as a Catholic missionary. Now we belong to this great Catholic community, Our Lady of Lourdes. If you are not a member of this parish, know that you all are welcome in this place!

Tom McKean
Pastoral Council

DISCIPLESHIP

Community of Love

The Trinity can seem murky and mysterious. Often, the Trinity is seen as a mystery to be solved rather than a reality in which we are called to live.

Each person of the Trinity is unique. Distinct in three persons, yet perfectly united in being, love, and purpose. The Trinity is a community of perfect love.

We are in the Son, the Son is in the Father, and we come to share in this eternal community of love through the Holy Spirit.

Once we begin to grasp how central the Trinity is to our faith, we notice it is everywhere—in our worship, our sacraments, our creeds, and in our prayers.

The triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the original community of love out of which we were created and the community of love we are to be.



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Friday, August 4th

8:30 am – 5:45 pm

\$35.00/person

includes the Lamers bus ride

Contact: JoAnn Godkin

414-828-7172

hosted by: OLOL's Wednesday Faith Group