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Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office: 270-683-6525

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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other." (Dt 4:39)

Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:15)

Gospel:

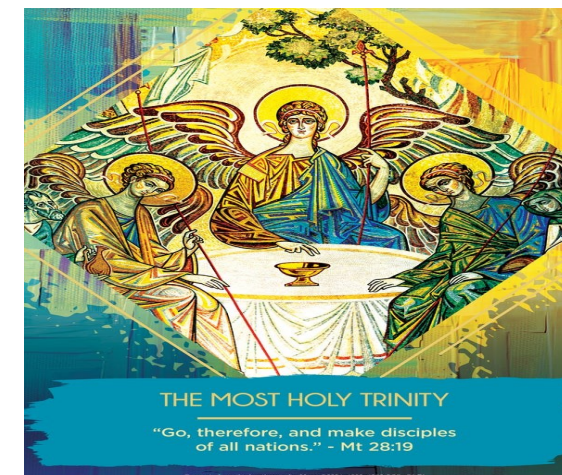
"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

' (Mt 28:19)

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May 26, 2024 Trinity Sunday

We are children of God and ...then joint heirs with Christ. ---Romans 8:17



My Dear Parishioners:

Over the past two thousand years, many have tried to explain the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, how there could be Three Divine Presences but One God, all having done so without success. It appears that this mystery is the greatest of all mysteries within the Holy Catholic Church, the one that just cannot be penetrated. So how do we explain the Blessed Trinity?

I am sure that over the years, you have all heard of different explanations that were simple and acceptable. For example, for little children to understand the Blessed Trinity, we can use a sheet of white paper. We fold the sheet in three equal parts. Then, we indicate that while it is one sheet of paper, it has three parts to it. All three parts are equal and constitute the whole. If we were to cut one section away from the folded sheet of paper, it would no longer be a complete sheet of paper. Therefore, as there is One God, there is one sheet of paper. As there are Three Divine Presences in God, there are three parts to the sheet of paper. Now, when we have to explain the Blessed Trinity to teenagers, we have to use a little more wisdom. To do so, instead of using a sheet of paper, we use an egg. We explain that while there is one egg, there are three parts to it, the shell, the egg white and the yolk. When we look at the egg, we know that it has an egg white and a yolk but we cannot see them. Comparing this to God, the egg represents God. The visible shell represents God incarnated through Jesus. The egg white represents the Holy Spirit and the yolk represents God the Father. Both, God the Father and the Holy Spirit are hidden from our sight just like the egg white and the yolk... unless of course, if we crack the egg. Then all are revealed. These kinds of explanations have been around for as long as we can remember. They are good and they are simple.

It is said that a people's values can be seen in the god they worship. For Christians, "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). Each of the persons of the Trinity lives completely for the others; each is a complete gift of self to the others. The complete self-giving not only constitutes the individual persons of the Trinity, but also their inseparable oneness. Thus, for Christians the very basis of all reality is the loving communion of persons that is the Holy Trinity. The only way to truly have any understanding of the Holy Trinity is to understand it in 'relationship'. God the Father loving the Son, perfectly. God the Son loving the Spirit, perfectly. God the Spirit loving . . . We are 'taken up' in this relationship, in this love every time we make the sign of the Cross. We become part of this mystery every time we take part in the holy Mass. We become part of this mystery most especially every time we process forward and receive Holy Communion. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, guide and protect each of us. Blessings. Father John

.TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Even though the Easter season has drawn to a close, today's feast still basks in the glow of Easter's twilight. To believe that we are made in the image and likeness of God--a God whose inner life is described in terms of community--is to recognize that we are in relationship with one another. In the language of the liturgy, we do not each stand alone before God, but constantly affirm this truth in the very words of our prayers. "**We** believe, **we** offer, **we** ask you," we say or "have mercy on **us**, hear **us**, listen to **our** prayer" and in preparation for Communion, we pray the perfect prayer to "**Our** Father."

To be baptized is to enter into the life of a community of faith. Nowhere is this sense of community more focused than at Sunday Mass, when we respond to the love of the Father by being together in Christ, embraced by the Spirit, for the sake of the world. Today has been called an "idea feast", and impossible to grasp fully. Yet, as the readings today explore, the Trinity is not a concept traced like a triangle on a blackboard. It is the air we breathe, the sign we trace on our bodies as a pledge and promise of God's love. ---James Field, Copyright J.S. Paluch.,Cp

TRINITY SUNDAY



Celebrating Mass in the Chapel once again. We now are waiting for the delivery of our chairs.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

19--Lad Ottofy
20--Christian Trevor
22--Charles Brown , Sr.
23--John Carson Malone
26--Diane Hatchett
30--Karen Leachman
31--Layson Brooks, Barbara
Hammond

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2--Antonia Hagan
4--Larry Leachman
9--Alvin Leachman



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SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024

9:30 am - 7:00 pm

Confession available 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

9:30 am - 5:00 pm

For more information, visit ststephencathedral.org



Mass Intentions

May 12--Freddy Payne
May 19--David "Smokey" Millay
May 26--Freddy Payne
June 2--Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
June 9--Louie Moorman

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Larry Allen, Charlie Brown Sr, Ryan Moorman, Dana and Danny Maloney, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Anna Allen, Larry Clark, Ruth Coble, Shaun Winchell, Jeeriah Cruite, Carol Hatchett, Teresa Woods, Jordan Gertisen, Pam Wilson, Shelby Webster, Andy Evans, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

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Coming Events



June 9--Important Parish Meeting 11 am
August 3--Picnic --Drive through 12-2 pm
August 25--BSC 75th anniversary
celebration 4 pm Mass

If you have not had an opportunity to be part of the chapel renovations, it is not too late. Thank you to all who have contributed.



May 19--\$1341

Budget--\$1094

MTD Collection--\$4,395.52

MTD Budget--\$3,282

YTD Collection--\$64,469.06

YTD Budget--\$53,294

May each give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.

Thanks to everyone who practices stewardship on a regular basis. An active parishioner attends Mass regularly and practices stewardship (time, talent, treasure).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Most Holy Trinity

Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: "You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people." I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, "That's not what mine's about." His quizzical look begged for clarification. "Mine is about plunging into the life of God," I said.

Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, **"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."** (Matthew 28:19-20). The word "baptize" means "to immerse in, to plunge into." It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God's name? In the Bible, God's name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus' formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.

The Trinity isn't a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It's more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized ... inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people. Stranger, but much better.

— Father John Muir

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
Lectors	
<u>May 26:</u>	Jacques Williams, Katie Goins
<u>June 2:</u>	Misty Sanford, Leland Herzog
<u>June 9:</u>	Layson Brooks, Kathi Skidd
Eucharistic Ministers	
<u>May 26:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Sarah Malone, Greg Richardson
<u>June 2:</u>	Cindy Clark, Katie Goins, Vivian Higgs
<u>June 9:</u>	Greg Gough, Barbara Bisel, Misty Sanford
Collection & Gifts	
<u>May 26:</u>	Wonet Taylor, Deanne Brasher
<u>June 2:</u>	Malone Family
<u>June 9:</u>	Holly, Kelly, Samuel Hollis

LAUGH OF THE WEEK

Big Fisherman

A very upset minister walked into the fish market.
“I want you to throw me four big fish, “he said to the clerk.” “Just toss ’em to me.”
“But why toss them to you?” the fishmonger asked. “Can’t I just wrap them and give them to you like everyone else?”
“No sir!” yelled the minister. “Do just as I say. So if anyone asks me if I caught any fish today, I can truthfully say, ‘Sure did. Caught four big ones!’ ”

THE HAPPIEST
The happiest people don’t necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything

Precious Things

I once wrote an article about a school that embraced the Reggio Emilia approach to education. This meant, in practice, a lot of fascinating things, and it was a fun piece to work on. But all these years later, I could not accurately describe the Reggio Emilia style of learning to anyone except to say this: they give the kids glass bowls and china plates.

That’s what stuck with me, and that’s what sticks out in my memory amidst the hundreds of intervening articles and interviews on other equally fascinating topics. I remember those glass bowls and cups lining the shelves, the fine china dishes, the beautiful shiny cutlery the children used for lunch.

This was a pre-school, and these students were three-year-olds. “If they drop a cup and it shatters, then they learn that glass can break. We clean it up,” the teacher said with a shrug. The idea was that a child will never learn to handle a fragile, precious thing — and grow into an adult who can respect and cherish a fragile, precious thing — if they are not sincerely trusted with a precious thing whose fragility they bear personal witness to.

The breaking, you see, was part of the education.

The disciples worshiped, but they doubted. And yet, Christ gave them the Great Commission anyway, something fragile and important, something that could be easily dropped and easily broken. Christ knew who they were, what they were. They were mere human beings, deeply imperfect, scared and hesitant, a little slow on the uptake. He knows that’s exactly what we are, too. But he gives us the Great Commission just as he gave it to them. Because that is what the Faith is: it is something perfectly beautiful, passed from one flawed person to another, throughout the ages — constantly dropped, constantly broken, and constantly, miraculously, pieced back together again.

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” — Matthew 28:19-20

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147 :12--15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2-5/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Zep 3:14-18/Is 12:2-3, 4-6/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jude 17, 20-25/Ps 63:2-6/Mk 11:27-33

Observances for the week of May 26, 2024

Monday: St. Augustine of Canter bury, Memorial Day

Wednesday: St. Paul VI, Pope

Thursday: St. Joan of Arc

Friday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Justin, Martyr

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



MYSTERY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity. The Church sets aside this Sunday to focus our attention on the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, God who is one, but three persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The first reading from Deuteronomy emphasizes both God’s awesome greatness and amazing nearness. It might seem beyond belief, but the God of all creation speaks to us, protects us, and guides us. The second reading from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans describes how we are to relate to the three persons who are one God. We are led by the Spirit to meet God the Father as adopted children. Our adoption is such that we are even heirs with our brother, Christ, the second person of the Trinity, in whose sufferings we must also share. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus speaks with his authority as God and sends us to teach and baptize in the name of the Trinity. Copyright.S. Paluch. Co.

Prayer of the Trinity
What a mystery you are, God.
God the Father, help me to root my identity in You as my father.
God the Son, help me to live as Your beloved.
God the Holy Spirit, help me to know You as closely as the breath in my lungs. Amen

