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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

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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; (Prv 8:27)

Psalm:

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! (Ps 8)

Second Reading:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 5:1)

Gospel:

Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." Jn 16:15)

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The Jubilee Prayer

**Father in heaven,
may the faith you have gifted us in
your son Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity
kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us, the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.**

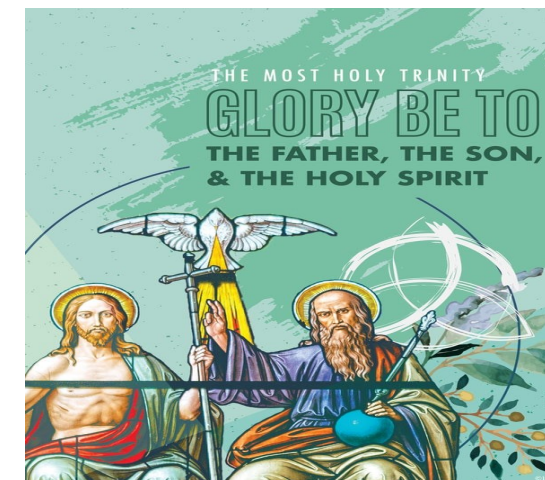
**May your grace transform us
into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds
that make humanity and the cosmos rise
unto the confident expectation
of the new heavens and the new earth,
when with the powers of Evil overcome,
your glory shall be manifested eternally.**

**May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
the yearning for heavenly treasures
and pour over all the earth
the joy and peace
of our Redeemer.**

**To you God blessed in eternity,
be praise and glory for ever and ever.**

June 15, 2025 Most Holy Trinity

**The love of God has been poured into our
hearts through the Holy Spirit Rm. 5:5**



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, Fr. John



Father Shiibu was honored on Sunday June 8 as he celebrated his last Mass with the parish family at Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Parishioners were donors to a gift of a chalice and paten which he used at Mass and held when the parishioners gave him a blessing as he leaves for his new assignment at Holy Name Parish.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6--Ivan Clark
- 9--Alvin Leachman
- 16--Sister Jeannette
- 23--Pam McCarter, Michelle Jones
- 27--Leland Herzog
- 30--Trent Hatchett, Father Sinjo

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3--Ray Higgs



UPDATE

Next Sunday I will celebrate my 60th anniversary as a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND) at the 10 am Mass. I want to celebrate with you because we have been a faith community for the past 10 years. At the Mass I (and any religious present) will renew our vows that we professed at our profession. It is a perfect day to celebrate since it is the feast of Corpus Christi (Body of Christ), our parish feast day. There will be a meal following the Mass.

That Mass will also be my last one here as I will be leaving Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Owensboro the following week. I will be the DRE at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Aviston, IL. Please keep me in our prayers. This move will bring me closer to my religious community and family. I will greatly miss you who have been such an important part of my life for the past 10 years. Hopefully together we have grown closer to the Lord. You have been a gift to me, enriching me in so many ways.. You are in my prayers and thoughts. I hope you keep in touch. My address will be 35 Royal Court, Aviston, IL 62216. My phone is 636-575-0446. *Sister Jeannette, SSND*

Mass Intentions

- June 15--Larry Allen
- June 22--Sister Jeannette
- June 29--Sam Thruston
- July 6--Harry Bates
- July 13--Jerry Wedlake

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: , Pam Weafer, David Strawn, Teresa Luebbert, Kathi Skidd, Barbara Bisel, Ray Higgs, Debbie Gabbert, Pam Wilson, Emma Latta, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

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THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ALWAYS PICK UP THE CHECK ON FATHER'S DAY

Coming Events



Blessed Sacrament Happenings

- June 15- Welcome, Father Christopher Grief
- June 22--Sister Jeannette’s 60th Jubilee and Farewell 10 am
- August 2--Picnic



- June 8--\$1,222.50
- Budget--\$1,300
- MTD Collection--..\$2511.32
- MTD Budget--\$2,600
- YTD Collection--\$67,121.21
- YTD Budget--\$63,700

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

I am amazed at how my four siblings teach their many kids in age-appropriate ways. For example, now that my nephew Brandon is 24 years of age, they give him insights and freedoms that would have been positively confounding or even dangerous when he was a toddler. Imagine if they had taught him at age four how to drive a car, use a credit card online, or handle power tools. But eventually, they did, and he is a high functioning young man, I’m proud to say. They are good teachers.

This week we learn that Jesus teaches us in a similar way. He says to his Apostles, **“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now” (John 16:12).** How disappointing for them. But imagine at that moment, before his resurrection and ascension, if the Lord had started telling them about synods and sacraments, popes and parishes, martyrs and monasteries, rosaries and relics, catechisms and crucifixes? They would have been absolutely overwhelmed, confused, and discouraged. He tells them what they need to know, when it is time for them to know it.

So he does for us. Jesus has unceasingly taught the Church as she matures through the centuries, just as he teaches you and me through our lives in ways we can understand. Our task should be to learn what he is teaching us now, knowing that (although revelation per se is complete in him and his Apostles), he never ceases to teach us as we spiritually mature. Be confident: he knows what you are ready to learn now. — *Father John Muir Lpi*

MORNING PRAYER

Loving God, as I wake this morning, I am grateful for the gift of life. May I enter this day before me mindful of those for whom life is challenging: those who may be rising with pain, with fear, with anxiety, in want, in hunger, in distress. Help me to be a loving presence to all I meet today. Amen.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
	Lectors
<u>June 15:</u>	Greg Gough, Wayne Stephens
<u>June 22:</u>	Layson Brooks, Misty Sanford
<u>June 29:</u>	Katie Goins, Barbara Bisel
	Eucharistic Ministers
<u>June 15:</u>	Janet Clark, Misty Sanford, Greg Richardson
<u>June 22:</u>	Greg Gough, Rita Moorman
<u>June 29:</u>	Denise and Greg Richardson, Holly Hollis
	Collection & Gifts
<u>June 15:</u>	Jamie, Beau, Luke Bisel
<u>June 22:</u>	
<u>June 29:</u>	Laverne Thames

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION:

A favorite image in art for today is the Icon of the Trinity, showing three glorious winged men seated at a table laden with bread and a cup of wine. It recalls Abraham’s hospitality to angels and gives expression to the inner life of God, a life lived in relationship, a life poured out in abundance whenever Christians gather at the table of the Eucharist to give praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Spirit. --James Field

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Mini Reflection: Why do we love mysteries so much? Because God is a mystery. And that’s never as clear as it is today, on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the mystery that boondoggles us all. Four relations. Three persons. One God.

The Best Kind of Mystery
“Do you have a mystery for me to solve?”

If I’ve heard it once, I’ve heard it a hundred times. My daughter is obsessed with mysteries. It’s not enough for her to read about them in the pages of every Nancy Drew book she can get her hands on. She wants more than that. She wants a real-life mystery. A puzzle that resists being solved. A question that eludes an answer. Something that isn’t easy to wrap her head around.

And not surprisingly, she’s not satisfied with the “mysteries” I can offer her. The Mystery of Mom’s Missing Hair Tie (spoiler alert: it was in my purse). The Mystery of the Missing Lunch Ham (oops, Mom finished it).

Simple answers are so boring. “Will I ever have a real mystery?” she moans.

I get it. We’re all this way, really. We are drawn to the mysterious, to the inscrutable. It’s because we *know* that the answers to the really big questions are ones that can’t be explained in a neat and tidy way. We know that the reality of life and love and the human condition is something we can’t quite fit our heads around. We know that there is so much in this world, in this universe, that we can’t...*understand*. So, in a way, mysteries are the only things that really make sense to us.

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Don’t ask me to explain it. I could, but I don’t have the word space, and frankly, it might not even make sense then. It’s a mystery, you see. A real one. The best kind.

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Readings for the Week	
.Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1-4/ Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9/ Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:14, 9/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1-4, 7-8/ Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-7/ Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-13/ Mt 6:24-34
Observances for the week of June 15	
Thursday:	St. Romuald, Abbot; <i>Juneteenth</i>
Friday:	World Refugee Day
Saturday:	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Next Sunday:	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Thank you for the gift of a father who is an inspiration through his love and dedication. Just as you sent your Son to show the world your love for us as a father, we pray that you will send your Spirit upon our fathers and all men who mentor and nurture children in a father’s stead.



SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND THE TRINITY

If you sometimes find the Church’s teachings incomprehensible, be encouraged by today’s Gospel. Recognizing how bewildered his disciples have become, Jesus says, “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.” Then he promises that “the Spirit of truth” will come to make things clear.

Even with the coming of the Spirit, we never fully understand. Today we hear the ancient poetry of the book of Proverbs, singing of God’s wisdom “playing on the surface of his earth,” delighting in human-kind. We hear Paul boasting of his joy--not only in the blessings God sends, but even in “our afflictions.”

Theologians wrestle with the mystery of the Trinity; with the help of the Spirit they make that divine mystery a little more clear to the Church. We understand a little. But mostly we listen, we pray, and we ask the Spirit for more clarity. copyright@J.S. Paluch Co

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