



Holy Trinity Sunday — May 30, 2021
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“If we only suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.” One of the most bloodthirsty leaders of the communist revolution of Russia was responsible for the brutal deaths of those who refused to deny their Christian Faith. One day he told a peasant of a village in the Ukraine, “We are going to tear down your church and its bell tower.” “I suppose you could”, said the peasant, “But you won’t be able to tear down the mountains or destroy the stars. These signs of the glory and grandeur of God will continue to teach our children about the God who made all of creation, including man, as an act of pure love.” On this Blessed Trinity Sunday, what can we offer but praise that dares go beyond the small boundaries of our finite understanding to the realm of light inaccessible? God’s glory is so vast, so don’t be bothered by the paltry voices of our age who, in vain, try to limit or deny His mighty power.

Familiaris Consortio (cont.) III. Participating in the Development of Society

The Family as the First and Vital Cell of Society - 42. Since the Creator of all things has established the conjugal partnership as the beginning and basis of human society, the family is the first and vital cell of society.

The family has vital and organic links with society, since it is its foundation and nourishes it continually through its role of service to life: it is from the family that citizens come to birth and it is within family that the first school of the social virtues, that are the animating principle of the existence and development of society itself, has its inception.

Thus, far from being closed in on itself, the family is by nature and vocation open to other families and to society, and undertakes its social role.

Please join in a time-honored Catholic tradition. Next **Sunday, June 6th**, there will be a change in the Sunday morning Mass schedule in our parishes. To accommodate the Corpus Christi procession at Saint Elizabeth’s Parish, **Saint Mary’s will have the 8:30 a.m. Mass and Saint Elizabeth’s will have the 10:30 Mass.** After the Holy Mass that day at Saint Elizabeth’s, we will have the Corpus Christi procession outside. This is the beautiful Catholic tradition of taking the Holy Eucharist outside in procession, to speak to the world of our greatest spiritual treasure. The Holy Eucharist cannot be merely confined within our churches, but goes into the world to sanctify the world for Jesus Christ. B After the Corpus Christi Procession, you are welcome to the KC Hall of Lefor for a potluck dinner. The main dish and drinks will be provided; we ask that you bring a side-dish or a dessert. After the meal, there will be some carnival games for the young children as well. We hope to see you at Saint Elizabeth’s for the Corpus Christi Mass and procession. I pray that it will deepen your love and devotion to the Holy Eucharist, the Bread of Life, which leads us to the joy of eternal life in heaven.



A pastor’s plea I know that people often want a former pastor to come back to the parish to officiate a wedding or a funeral, and I have done this many times throughout my priesthood. But it can be difficult, because the pastoral needs of the parishes don’t often allow for taking days away from the parishes. Thus, when I leave for my new parish assignments, I am willing to come back to Saint Mary’s and Saint Elizabeth’s for funerals, only if they are on Mondays. I have to decline any requests for weddings, which normally fall on or near the weekends. These are just too difficult to fit into a pastor’s regular weekend schedule. Thank you for your understanding.

A holy deacon this year, a holy priest next year. We offer our prayers and blessings to Rev. Mr. Paul Gardner, who was ordained this past week at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck and then preached and assisted at the altar at a Mass of Thanksgiving at Saint Mary’s in New England the day after. Deacon Paul gave a great homily and enjoyed the reversal of roles: now he preached and his parents had to listen. We continue to pray for Deacon Paul as he begins a summer assignment at Saint Leo’s Church of Minot and then in the fall, when he returns to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in Saint Louis for his last year of formation. Next June, he will be ordained a priest of Jesus Christ, the tenth priest from Saint Mary’s Parish. With Deacon Paul’s prayerfulness, charity, and willingness to serve, he will indeed be a wonderful addition to the presbyterate of the Diocese of Bismarck. *Saint John Mary Vianney, patron of seminarians and priests . . . pray for him.*

MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday, May 31st
8:30 AM SM—The Poor Souls



Tuesday, June 1st
 8:30 AM SM—+John Clarys by Gary & Kathy Hertz

Wednesday, June 2nd
 7:00 PM SM—Rosary, Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
 +Cecelia Jung by Darlene Lutz

Thursday, June 3rd
 7:30 AM SM—+Joe Heick by Linda Heick Kilzer

Friday, June 4th
 7:30 AM SM—Saint Mary's Altar Guild
 12:00—3:00 PM SM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM SE—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00PM SE—Saint Elizabeth Christian Mothers

Saturday, June 5th
 8:30 AM SM—+Wenzel Roller by Eugene Roller & Daniella & Don Howie
 5:00 PM SM—+Laura Grundhauser by Carol Schwenk

 **Sunday, June 6th**
8:30 AM SM—Pro Populo
10:30 AM SE—+Kathy Kaufman by Victor & Dianne Binstock

**Confessions offered 15 minutes before each daily Mass and 30 minutes before Saturday vigil Mass at St. Mary's.*

Marriage: Contact Pastor at least nine months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

Baptism: Pre-Baptism preparation session required.

Anointing of the Sick: By request.

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Rick Schaefer, Anthony German, Kent Candrian, Dan Mollman, Rod Crane, Katy Kautzman, Bob Barnes, Bart Rohan, Cooper Craig, Juanita Koppinger, Lea Madler, Derek Benz, Kevin Schaefer, Theresa Tarpo, Todd Leach, JoAnn Urlacher, Brad Novak, Josie Steier, Katie Stolz, Bonnie Benz, Nate Hernandez, Andy Prokop, Duane Grundhauser, Arlene Rohr, Elven Kaufman, Suzette Printz, Linda Reisenauer, Cindy Martin, Howard Schiwal, Yvonne Fettig, Kim Kuhn, Bonnie (Krebs) Dick, Dorothy Kohl

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Our Deceased Loved Ones: +Florence Frank, +Willard Beaudoin, +Marilyn Jeske, +Marvin Wert, +Archie Jalbert, +Frank Kilwein, +Emma Magelky, +Loretta Jung, +Kathy Kaufman, +Leona Roll, +Ruth Buzalsky, +Jim Schneider, +Eugene Heidt, +Richard Jambor, +Chuck Brusich, +Joan Binstock, +Kevin Jacobs, +Betty Biel, +Wenzel Roller, +Shawn Flaherty, +Duane Dobitz, +Dan Frank, +Cecelia Jung

Sunday, June 6th Saint Elizabeth will host a Corpus Christi Mass at **10:30 am** with a lunch to follow. Group 1 will bring salads, Group 2 will bring desserts.

Saint Elizabeth parish invites you to a going away party for Father Gary on Tuesday, June 15th. The evening will begin with Mass at 6:00PM with a dinner party to follow. The parish ladies are asked to bring salads or desserts. Group 1—desserts; Group 2—salads.

God's Share Appeal

*Saint Mary's total giving of \$18,273.00.
 (65% of goal)*

*Saint Elizabeth's total giving of \$3,545.00.
 (49.5% of goal)*

A point to ponder

A failure is the man who goes through life earning nothing but money.

On the lighter side, groan-worthy puns

Yesterday, I accidentally swallowed some food coloring. The doctor says I'm okay, but I feel like I dyed a little inside.

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers June 5th & 6th

MINISTRY	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 8:30AM
Lector	Lori F.	Kris E.
Altar server	Mark S.	Mark F.
Rosary Leader	Martina S.	Gregg F.

Collection Report St. Mary's May 22nd & 23rd, 2021

Adult		Youth
\$ 1425.00	Envelopes	\$6.00
\$ 60.00	Loose Plate	
\$ 1491.00	Total	
\$ 7843.21	Monthly Total	God's Share Appeal—\$805.00

Saint Elizabeth's Liturgical Ministers June 6th

	Sunday 10:30 AM
Lector	
Mass Server	
Ushers	

Collection Report St. Elizabeth's May 23rd, 2021

Adult		Youth
\$ 360.00	Envelopes	\$ 5.00
\$ 12.00	Loose Plate	
\$ 377.00	Total	
\$ 3077.00	Monthly Total	



Gone, but never forgotten This Monday is Memorial Day, a time for our nation, and the Church, to remember our departed loved ones. They may be absent from us physically, but never spiritually. We always pray for them and their purification from sin, with the hope of their salvation always in mind. Love for them demands that we never forget them; our prayers for them are the greatest act of charity.

With this in mind, please join us for a Memorial Day Mass at Saint Mary's on Monday at 8:30 a.m. After the civil Memorial Day service at 10:00 a.m. at the Memorial Hall of New England, I will begin my annual visitations to the cemeteries within our parish boundaries. At each cemetery, we will have a general blessing and for those who so wish, I would also be honored to offer a blessing at individual graves.

As for the schedule for the cemetery blessings, it is as follows: 12:00 p.m. (noon) at Saint Mary's; 1:30 p.m. at Saint Elizabeth's of Lefor; 3:00 p.m. at Saint Pius of Scheffield; 5:00 p.m. at Saint Helen's (Kennedy); and 7:30 p.m. at Saints Peter & Paul of Amidon.

May God bless you as you make time on Memorial Day to pray for the Poor Souls of Purgatory. It is an act of great love and someday these souls will return the favor when they are in heaven and we are the Poor Souls. As you give, so shall you receive.

Insights into Ecclesiology

What is meant by the spiritual exchange of goods?

A beautiful tradition of the Catholic Faith is to pray for the dead, the Poor Souls, which brings down upon us the derision and scorn of non-Catholic Christians. They love to remind us that Purgatory and praying for the dead is non-Biblical and against the teachings of Christ. If you want to get them really upset, tell them that you also have a devotion to the saints and in prayer, bring to them your needs and intentions. They will accuse you of making the saints mini-gods. You are an idolator! Well, they are simply wrong. This spiritual exchange of goods is of God and does so much good for countless souls.

The spiritual exchange of goods is the offering of prayers, sacrifices, suffrages, and merits among the members of the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ, the Church, has three components: the Church militant (those of earth); the Church suffering (those of Purgatory); and the Church triumphant (those of Heaven). As one spiritual family, we share in a deep communion of love, which transcends time, place, and state. We all have the same desire and goal: that all people come to the everlasting glory of heaven. Thus, the saints in Heaven pray on behalf of the souls of earth and Purgatory; the souls of earth pray for one another and for the souls of Purgatory; and the souls of Purgatory plead for the prayerful intercession of the souls of earth and the saints of Heaven. Through this spiritual exchange of goods, grace is communicated to those in need of salvation and the Body of Christ is strengthened in love, because authentic love always considers the other.

With this in mind, Catholics throughout history have always honored and respected the memory of the dead, especially in prayers and penances on their behalf. Where is this Tradition to be found in Sacred Scripture? Well, we have to go to one of the books of the Old Testament that Martin Luther set aside (by his own authority), II Maccabees. There we read, "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosened from their sins" (II Maccabees, 12:46). This practice of praying for the faithful departed can be found in the writings of the Fathers of the Church; in ancient liturgical texts; and in Christian archaeology. In fact, this is why the Christian catacombs of Rome were established. They were not places of "hiding", where the early Christians cowered in fear. No, they were places to bury Christians and normally had chapels within them, thus offering early Christians a place to pray for the dead and celebrate the Holy Mass for their salvation. In other Catholic regions or localities, where Christians were buried in individual burial plots, every year on the anniversary of death, family members would come to the grave for a *refragarium*, the "Meal for the Dead". A meal was served and eaten atop the grave, with a place set for the departed loved ones, followed by many prayers (and tears) on their behalf. It has always been a Christian Tradition to pray for the dead and to deny this is just bad scholarship or even worse, a lack of love for those who have died. They should always be in our thoughts and prayers.

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