

# St Brigid & St Patrick

June 15, 2025

## The Central Mystery of the Faith

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the most fundamental of our Faith. On it everything else depends and from it everything else derives. Hence the Church's constant concern to safeguard the revealed truth that *God is One in nature, and Three in Persons.*

Faith in the Trinity is the basic test of our Catholic faith as Christians. This is not merely to say that objectively this doctrine is the most fundamental. It is. But subjectively, from our side, it is also the most crucial because it represents the hardest demand on our creedal assent.

But the Trinity is more than a test of our faith. It is also the perfect model of our selfless love. As revelation tells us, within the Godhead is a *plurality of Persons*, so that God is defined as Love because He has within His own being, to use our language, the object of love

which is an Other with whom each of the Persons can share the totality of their being. We therefore see from reflection on this Triune Love that love by its essence is not self-centered, but love unites, gives, and shares perfectly within the Divinity. Love is therefore as perfect in us as it approximates the perfect sharing that constitutes the Trinity.

At the same time, we recall that, while perfectly selfless in their mutual sharing of the divine nature, the Persons in the Trinity do not thereby cease to be themselves. Again, this is a lesson for us. Charity must, therefore, be enlightened; it must be guided by the standard of the Trinity, where each of the Divine Persons gives and shares perfectly, yet without ceasing to be what each Person is to be. The Father does not become less the Father in begetting the Son and thus totally sharing the divine nature; nor do Father and Son cease to be themselves although they completely share their divinity with the Holy Spirit.

The concept of the irreplaceable uniqueness of each person came into Western culture straight from the doctrine of the Trinity: Three who possess the exact same divine nature but who are yet irreplaceably unique in their personhood. One of the greatest treasures of Western culture is the concept of the uniqueness and dignity of the individual person. You really don't find this idea in the ancient societies of Greece and Rome or in other world religions, such as Islam.

The irony? As it progressively abandons the Triune God, the Western world is undermining the very foundation of personal dignity, individuality, and freedom that it values so much. If we use our freedom to love others as we should, modeled on the Triune God, we shall reach God in eternity. This is our hope, based on our faith, and conditioned by our love.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Hunter & Taryn Denault Family; Ryan & Shelbie Goodoin Family; Matt Byron; Aidyn Vondal-Rinde, Brad Tokach, Larry Omdahl, Michael/Bonnie Lewis, Madi Letzring, Marilyn Cuccia, Lukas Falk, Sean DuPre, Michael Blevins, Cori Hartje, Troy Scharmn, Marlene Stremick; Richard Mitchell, Carol Olimb, Christine Berger, Carol Scholler, Judy Hultin, Jim Dunnigan, Lori Hill, Lucy Rieger, Patricia Rodvold, Heidi Gustafson, Adrienne Wellman, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Sherry McDonald, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Carol Smith, Bernard/Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Rick Kilichowski, Gary Olson, Joan Kerian, Robert Winkler; Samuel Heck; Erik Finney

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 am. Adoration with Confessions: Sat at 8:00 am. More Confessions: Sun 8:00 am. June Cleaners: Dan & Deidre/Tom & Linda. Collection: Don & Duane (Jun 15); Paul & Blanca (Jun 22). Reader: Nick (Jun) Sanctuary Lamp: Don, Keith Dusek (Jun 15); Kyah Sharp (Jun 22). Sacristan: Mary W (Jun 15); Duane (Jun 22). Rosary: Mary T (Jun 15); Richard (Jun 22).

ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pray the Rosary: Sat @ 4:30 pm, Sun @ 10 am. Adoration with Confessions: Wed & Fri at 11:00 am; More Confessions: Sat 4-5:00 pm, Mon 4:45-5:15 pm. Jun Cleaners: S-W. Collection: Lynette & Cathy (Jun 15); Doug & Gary (Jun 22). Readers: Sat-Loren (Jun); Sun-Randy (Jun). Rosary: Volunteer (Jun). Sanctuary Lamp: Scholler Family (Jun 15); Helgoe Family (Jun 22). Food Basket: please: food items/donations for food box. Prayer Groups-St Brigid: after Sunday Mass; Tuesdays 7 am for Rosary! Annual Salad Luncheon! Blessings to Tara Hartje and Kelly Vaughn who will be coordinating this great event this year! Reach out to either one of them if you can help out!

St Patrick Women Book Study! The "See Yourself Through God's Eyes" book study was completed; see you in September!

St Brigid Women Book Study! Fr Pius Mary Noonan, OSB prior@notredamemonastery.org or www.notredamemonastery.org

Mass Intentions: Mass is the best way to help souls on Earth and in Purgatory: "If we knew the value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, how much greater effort we would put forth in order to attend it!" — St John Vianney

Catholic End-of-Life forms available: Truly Catholic Advanced-Directive Healthcare Forms are available in the church lobby.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy: Join Bishop Folda on a Jubilee Year pilgrimage that will take us through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and a special Jubilee exposition of the Shroud of Turin. October 28, 2025-November 6, 2025. Call 701-356-7900.

Family Faith Formation! Catholic Vacation Bible School is coming up—JULY 14—17, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm each evening!!! Sign-up your students, and/or sign-up yourself to help at this webpage: <https://www.myvbs.org/stbrigidcatholicchurch/>

Tuesday Evenings: Confessions and Silent prayer time with Jesus in the Monstrance on the Altar at St Brigid from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Help the Pro-Life movement in our state and country. Come for a minute, the whole hour, or somewhere in between. The North Dakota State Supreme Court will render a decision any day now, regarding our state's laws to protect life. Please come and pray.

Holy Hour for Fallen-Away Catholics: Every second-Sunday of the Month (this Sunday!), from 3-4 pm (Divine Mercy) @ St Brigid. The next holy for this is July 13th!!!

Marriage Retreat: The program is designed to reach couples across the spectrum – from happy and highly motivated to struggling and highly stressed. June 20-22, 2025 @ Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. Call 701-356-7903.

Middle School Catholic Camp: @ Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND. Two Camps: June 15-19 or July 13-17. Call 701-356-7902

Fr Christensen Catholic Youth Camps: in Minto, ND, ages 13-17. Boys-June 9-16; Girls-June 17-24. Call 701-248-3020



This week on **formed.org** learn about: St Aloysius Gonzaga; St Romuald; The Solemnity of Corpus Christi! Sign-up, it's **free** for you!



Mon		Jun 16	5:15 pm	St Brigid	Karsen Yelle
Tues		Jun 17	8:00 am	St Patrick	Yvonne Motl
Wed		Jun 18	Noon	St Brigid	Wayne Welsh
Thur	St Romuald, Abbot	Jun 19	8:00 am	St Patrick	Rick Letzring
Fri		Jun 20	Noon	St Brigid	Special Intention for a Parish Family
Sat	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	Jun 21	9:00 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	Dolores Indridson
Sun	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	Jun 22	8:30 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Tanner/Madison Johnson Family

Stewardship: as of 6-8-25	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Weekly Total	1,502.00	720.00	St Patrick's Care Collection		925.00
YTD Total	32,600.00	16,602.00	Gods Gift Appeal:	8,730.00	3,988.00
Building Fund YTD	1,635.00	3,825.00	Cemetery:	5,735.00	5,381.69

## The Corpus Christi Procession: Only One Week Away!

It is certainly not hyperbole to say that the survival of the world as we know it depends on the world coming to realize that Jesus Christ is still here on Earth in His Sacred Humanity! The world depends on a renewed and widespread belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Eucharist as the **source of grace and miracles**, and faith in this Real Presence is crucial for **personal conversion** and **the renewal of society**.



The Lord of the Universe is giving us a **tremendous gift** on June 22nd: to be a part of the restoration our families, our nation and our world. We can't emphasize this enough: like never before, we who believe in the Real Presence need to profess our faith in this cardinal mystery of Catholic Christianity, worshipping Our Lord on earth in the Blessed Sacrament.

It all starts at **1:00 pm** at Icelandic State Park, on the south side of the street at St Anthony Catholic Church!  
**Mile One:** Fr Lefor: St. John Nepomucene Church in Pisek, St. Joseph in Lankin, Saints Peter & Paul in Bechyne  
**Mile Two:** Fr Gunwall: St. Alphonsus Church in Langdon, St Edward in Nekoma  
**Mile Three:** Fr Asselin: St. Boniface Church in Walhalla, St. Nereus & St. Achilleus in Neche  
**Mile Four:** Fr Giljum: St. Mary Church in Park River, St. Luke in Veseleyville  
**Mile Five:** Fr LaCroix: St. Brigid of Ireland Church in Cavalier, St. Patrick in Crystal  
**Mile Six:** Fr Wapenski: St. Edward Church in Drayton, Assumption in Pembina

**Benediction** will take place at St Brigid, with refreshments afterwards. **Shuttle Transportation** will be provided to take participants back to their vehicles after their walk. **Water** will be provided along the way. May **Our Lady** be always near.