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The Most Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023

June 11, 2023

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“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity. As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Trinity is not *first* a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is *first* a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him. Prayer often begins by saying prayers, by meditating upon Scripture, and by listening. But true prayer is something much deeper. True prayer is contemplative prayer that ultimately leads to divine union. Only God can initiate this form of prayer in our lives, and only God, through this deep form of prayer, can communicate Himself to us as He is. Some of the greatest mystics of our Church, such as Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila, explain in their mystical theology that the deepest knowledge of God does not come through concepts or images. In fact, if we wish to obtain a knowledge of God in His essence, we must allow Him to purge every concept of Who He is so that the pure light of His essence can be poured forth upon our minds. This knowledge, they say, is beyond knowing “about” God. It's the beginning of a knowledge “of” God. Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity. As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of Who He is. Try to humble yourself before the great Mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the Mystery of God means that we know how little we know about Him and how little we know of Him. But that humble truth will help you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, please draw me into a relationship of love with You Who are one God and three divine Persons. May the mystery and beauty of Your life become more known and loved by me each day through the gift of transforming mystical prayer. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. John's Offering

May 28, 2023

Offering amounts will be included in next week's bulletin

Please add names of church members and their family members to the sick list in the foyer of the church so that we may pray for you. We will update the list weekly and remove names from the list monthly. If a name should remain on the list indefinitely, please notify Celeste Sheehy.

Sick List

Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies.

We ask that you restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worries. Give them your peace and comfort.

In Jesus name, Amen!

Don McKelvain

Hilde Ouellette

Gloria Johnson

Sonja Hemstreet Gaines

Jessie Hithe

Julie Hemstreet

Diocesan News

June 16, 2023 3:00 pm – June 18, 2023 -Women's Weekend Retreat "If you want to walk on water, you must get out of the boat!" The Lord continually calls us to step out in faith and to trust Him as Peter did. There is something within us that tells us there is more to life than sitting in the boat. We are called to leave the safety net and go on an amazing adventure with God. We will explore the fears that keep us from stepping out and the areas of our lives that represent safety and security apart from God himself. Finally, how God is calling us to a deeper relationship with him. Beverly Collin, spiritual director and former assistant director at Cedarbrake, will facilitate this retreat for women. The costs are \$280 for a private room and \$240 for a shared room \$140 for commuter.

Our Mission Statement: To be a faith community bringing the presence of Christ to all by celebrating God's word and the Sacraments.

Our Vision Statement: To build a strong and vibrant community through core values based on love, selflessness, and service.

Announcements

We will have **pastries and coffee available in Sophie Hall after Mass** every Sunday except the fourth Sunday of the month. Please stop by and visit for a few minutes.

In conjunction with Shepherd's Pantry, we provide a **food pantry for the community in Sophie Hall on the second Saturday of every month**. Contact Sylvia Glynn if you would like to volunteer to help.

June 4, 2023 – The St. John's Catholic Women's Group is selling tickets for a raffle to benefit the building fund for the Virgin Mary Sanctuary. Need not be present to win. Many exciting prizes! \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20.

June 4, 2023 - Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill is hosting its **annual fundraiser and dance**. Holy Mass begins 10:30 am. Fried Chicken & Sausage (served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; adults \$15/children \$7; drive-thru available). Dance the afternoon away to the music of the Jodie Mikula Orchestra.

June 10, 2023 - Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession – A Walk with Jesus This procession is a public witness to our faith as Roman Catholics. It exhibits the importance of the Sacred Eucharist in our lives and shows the beauty of our community of faith, praying together. Won't you celebrate our saving Lord - Jesus - with us? We will meet at St. John's and take a bus to 9:00a Mass at St. Francis on the Brazos. After the Mass at St. Francis, we will process to St. Mary's -Waco. Upon reaching St. Mary's we will have Adoration, Praise & Worship, and Benediction. The bus will return us to St. John's.

If you are interested in **becoming a member of St. John's**, please fill out the membership card located at the back of the church. St. John's would like to welcome our new members and our guests. We are so very glad to have you with us.

Contact Carolyn Brown or Gwendolyn Stewart either while at church or email at saintjohn1312@yahoo.com **if you are aware of a church member who is ill, hospitalized, or homebound.**

If you have **items for the bulletin**, please submit them to Celeste Sheehy at stjohn1312@yahoo.com. Please submit all items **by 5:00 pm on Thursday** to allow time to prepare the bulletin for Sunday Mass.