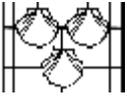




THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant,
which will be shed for many.” - Mk 14:24



Message from Fr. Tom

I concelebrated the baccalaureate mass and stayed for the **graduation ceremony** at **Regis High School** last week. Our own **John Snyder**, renowned history teacher and track coach, was selected again to give the **commencement address**. Of course, I appreciated his encouragement to the graduates to keep an active faith life. I think **what most touched me**, however, was his acknowledgment that for some graduates their high school years were not happy ones and they are now ready to have a new beginning. It always means so much when someone acknowledges our pain.

I was sharing with a friend overseas the difficulty of being a pastor (and just being human!) in the midst of our culture wars, and he offered a thoughtful off the cuff reflection I'd like to share. He wrote back, "Yeah, I don't like our time - all the rancor. I can imagine that takes a lot of the fun out of your job. And so much bad news in every direction! The world has always been full of suffering, of course, but I used to be spared being aware of it in every corner of the world and in every human heart. I sometimes think I would be better off not looking at the news--or at least, better off looking at it only occasionally. Most people right around me are actually quite nice. But then, ugh, you can't keep your head in the sand..." I imagine a lot of us can relate to that.

Last week I led funeral prayers, graveside, for **Margie Wendt** and **Marci Hanson**, and this coming week, on Friday, we will celebrate a funeral in church for **Pat Johnson**. Margie died in recent weeks, but the other two women left this world months ago, and because of Covid issue their families decided to delay these burials. As many of you know from experience, these last many months have been very challenging for people whose family members were dying. Especially when these family members were in nursing homes, it was very difficult for family to visit them. This was personally frustrating for them, but I think the greater pain was imagining their mother or father, for example, alone and distressed during their time of need. All this makes me aware of **the important spiritual work we can do after a loved one dies**. Confident in their continued existence with God, we can talk to them still, and listen. It's not like being face to face on earth, but neither is it fanciful or meaningless. One of Eucharist prayers for funerals states, "Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended." So it is with our relationships with people who have died. Death changes these relationships but does not end them.

And I have one more death to report: **Gretchen Seidling**. This was a shocker to me because I was so happy to see her return to mass last Saturday. She even told Christine before mass that she was feeling great and was looking forward to being a reader at mass again. Gretchen was instrumental in our parish ministry at Dove Health Care, especially our weekly mass there. Fr. John Schultz will preside at her funeral this Monday—likely at 11:00 but as of this writing, the time is undetermined.

I will be gone from Sunday afternoon until late Wednesday on a spiritual adventure! Some folks from Menomonie organized a group to go over and join a Green Bay priest who will lead us on a walking pilgrimage from the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help near Green Bay all the way to Holy Hill, a bit northwest of Milwaukee. We won't be walking the whole way! We'll be driving most of the way, but each day will include about ten miles of walking. It's actually a thing you can google and read about, called "**The Wisconsin Way**." I think it's an attempt to do more locally what thousands of people experience when they travel to Spain to walk El Camino de Santiago de Compostela (The Way of St. James). So, I'll report, not in next week's bulletin because I'll miss deadline, in the following week's bulletin how it was. Speaking of the Way of St. James, though, I'm thinking it would be a good idea to plan a pilgrimage to Spain since the St. James whose "Way" is there is in fact our St. James the Greater. Hmm...we have a pretty sharp travel agent in the parish who can give me some direction.

Blessings on your summer, and on this weekend when we draw special attention to the Body and Blood of Christ given to us in our Eucharist, I pray that we all grow in our appreciation of and attachment to Him who is blessed, broken and given to us. I, of course, think it's important to be familiar with the Bible, especially the Gospel accounts, but I also believe that **if all we had was the Eucharist, it would be enough to draw us into the heart of God**. Peace.

30 May 2021, Fr. Tom's Homily

Trinity Sunday

Deut 4:32-24,39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

I mentioned on my video chat this week that during our last all school mass this week, our fifth grade teacher Ms. Bell introduced the mass by acknowledging that in the past year our students have grown physically, intellectually, and spiritually. That intrigued me, so at homily time I asked the students what it means to grow spiritually and how you can measure it. I mean, in third grade I knew I grew physically, because the mark on the wall went from 4'4" to 4'4.5"—and I was thrilled. **But how can we measure spiritual growth?** Does anybody here want to answer that? [pause] Well, the children began with answers like they have learned prayers or have prayed more. Decent answers, though learning prayers seems like intellectual growth that can be a building block for spiritual growth. For the most part they said things about learning about praying, the bible, Jesus.... until little Jonathan, a first grader, raised his hand. He struggled to get his first words out, but then the message was loud and profound. **"It's when we get close to God, and we don't have to be afraid of anything."**

That's not just learning about God, that's an experience of God. Fighting through fear, or feeling relief from fear because we know God is with us. That's basically what Jesus tells them at the end of today's Gospel passage. In fact, it's the last line in Matthew's entire Gospel account. He tells them to go out to all the world and teach people all that he has commanded, and concludes by saying **"And behold, I am with you, until the end of the age."** In other words, you can do the mission I set out for you, you can do what I ask of you, because I am close to you and always will be. That's what he's trying to teach and that's what Jonathan learned sometime during his first grade year. Have we learned it yet?

So, **Jesus is doing a more than just "passing the torch."** Elijah passed the torch to Elisha, actually gave him his overcoat, saying you are taking over now as the Lord's prophet. Woody Guthrie passed the torch to Bob Dylan, saying you are taking over now as the voice of the people. Here at St. James we had a "passing of the torch" last week when Bob Hollern, after fourteen years serving as our daily mass sacristan, trained in a team of successors to take over setting up for morning masses. But neither Elijah, Woody, nor our own Bob could pledge to be with their successors until the end of the age. **Jesus can do this, he can always be with us, because Jesus is God. That brings us to today's feast, the Feast of the Holy Trinity.**

The early Church had to come up with a new way to talk about God after their experience of salvation, healing, empowerment, eternal life, through Jesus. They came to trust in Jesus as they and their ancestors had come to trust in the Lord God, Yahweh. As they had felt in a covenant relationship with God, they now had a felt covenant relationship with Jesus, who gave them, and us, the blood of the new covenant. And they knew that he prayed to his Father. And so they began to imagine, as we do to this day, what that relationship could be like and how there's still just One God. St. Augustine imagined Jesus gazing upon the Father with love and drew two analogies: The Father the lover, the Son the Beloved, and the Holy Spirit, the Love itself. He also said that **God the Father is the Knower, the Son is the Known, who comes to know the Father as well, and that when we have perfect knowledge of anyone we come to love them, and the love is the Holy Spirit.** I like that one because it tells me that if I ever really knew someone's whole story I would not judge them but love them.

Now the thing is, **this is not just an airy idea, interesting but of little import.** Rather it can change our lives when we come to see that we are invited to be part of this Trinity, this relationship, in which we are known and loved by God and called to respond as faithfully as Jesus did. This was last week's preface prayer for Pentecost: "You bestowed the Holy Spirit today on those you made your adopted children by uniting them to your only begotten Son." United to Jesus—what we're going to affirm in our Eucharist shortly, we are in his place in his Trinitarian relationship to the Father and Spirit. In today's 2nd reading: We received a Spirit of adoption and so we cry out to God, "Abba, Father!" **In Jerusalem I heard a lost girl cry for her momma by seeing "Imma! Imma!"** If it were her dad that she lost she would have cried "Abba! Abba!" This is the kind of relationship we are called into.

Which makes me conclude that for the most part, I, and maybe you, live a much too small life. We are called to much more than just avoid petty sins. We are called to live in that same relationship with the Father in heaven that Jesus did, with Jesus at our side to encourage us and keep fear from stopping us.

It's Back!



Saturday, June 19
Lake Hallie Golf Course

MORE INFORMATION
[www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/
events/scrambler-golf-outing/](http://www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/events/scrambler-golf-outing/)

Hurry! Space is limited!
The registration deadline is Friday, June 11.

Plan ahead: SCRIP sales after mass

We are selling SCRIP after mass once a month, on the third weekend of the month. Next sales are June 19/20, July 17/18, Aug. 21/22. You can otherwise buy SCRIP at the Regis office or at the Parish Office over the summer.

Blood Drive

St. James, Monday, June 14 from Noon –6:00 PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org or call Anne at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment. Special offer from our partners at Amazon to thank you coming to give June 14-30; we'll send you a \$5 Amazon gift card by email. Restrictions, terms and conditions apply.

Thrift Sale

All Saints Parish Broadcasting is having their annual Thrift Sale to support Spirit 96.5 and the All Saints Capital Improvement Fund. The Sale will be held in Holy Family Hall, 136 Third Ave, Stanley, June 17-19. Thursday from 8-6, Friday 8-5, and Saturday 8-noon.

Help Wanted

St. James Elementary is looking for part-time paraprofessionals for the 2021-22 school year. If you know someone who loves working with children and would be interested in joining our school family, please contact Jackie Lutz at 715-830-2277 or jlutz@regiscatholicschools.com for more information.

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Mass Intentions & Schedule

Weekday masses are at 9 :00 AM Tuesday-Friday.

Rosary and Adoration are available after the Tuesday Mass until 10:30 AM.

Social distancing is still required.

Sat.	June 5	4:30 PM Larry Hagens
Sun.	June 6	8:00 AM Weinfurtner/Gleisner families 10:00 AM People of St. James
Tue.	June 8	Liturgy of the Word w/Communion
Wed.	June 9	Liturgy of the Word w/Communion
Thu.	June 10	Tom BaDour
Fri.	June 11	Charles Martenson
Sat.	June 12	4:30 PM Lyle and Arlee Berg 6:30 PM Mass on the Grass World Peace
Sun.	June 13	8:00 AM People of St. James 10:00 AM James Connolly

Growing Through Grief –

God doesn't give us what we can handle, God helps us handle what we are given. "All Are Welcome" as we create an environment of hope, support, respect, coping skills, care plans and mutual trust for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. This is a place to share positive discussions on a topic that is emotional, physical, sensitive and private. What is said in this group, stays in the group. For more information or to join a group contact Pat Hanson at 715-835-9811, or St. James Parish office 715-835-5887.

Sermon on the Amount

May 23, 2021

Sunday Adult Envelopes (108)	\$13,629.50
2020 same week (77) \$9,098.00	
Students	\$0.00
Plate	<u>\$305.94</u>
Total	\$13,935.44

Year to date Adult Env./CPL Income through April 30, 2021:

Actual (July 1-Apr. 30)	\$549,616.64
Budgeted (July 1-Apr. 30)	\$512,700.00

Long term maintenance & facilities improvement fund and Past*Present*Future Campaign income for May 23 was \$1,292.92 for a total since July 1, 2020 of \$63,167.20.

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Bulletin deadlines: end of day Mondays.



Blessings Mark and Winnie Morse, and Chuck and Brigid Geroux, on your wedding anniversaries!

Parish Bike Ride Dates
12:00-2:00 or 2:30: June 13, 27; July 11, 25; August 1, 22.

Congratulations graduates!



Pat Johnson Funeral

The family of Pat Johnson would like to welcome family and friends to her funeral service on June 11th at 11 AM at St James, with a memorial celebration to follow from 2-4 PM at the Mill Run Golf Course Pavilion.

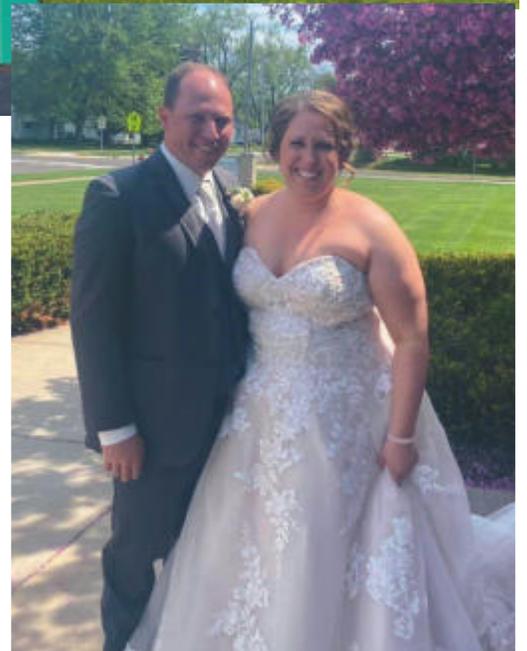
Much belated congratulations Trenton and Savannah!

Dates for Mass on the Grass:

June 12 (next weekend!), July 3 (Fourth of July), July 24 (eve of Feast of St. James), Aug. 14 (Summer Fest)

New Parishioners/Pastoral Visitations/Prayer Tree/Elizabeth Ministry:

Please contact Christine if you would like to join the parish, be visited at home or at the hospital, have a prayer request, or if you or someone you know is expecting and would like to be supported by volunteers.



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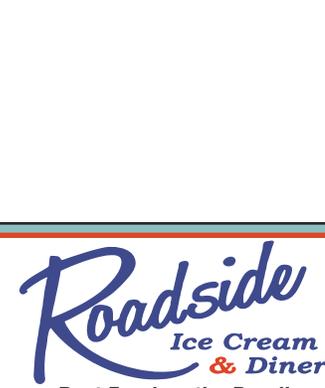

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