



## *The Most Holy Trinity*

*May 30, 2021*

*St. Mary's Catholic Church Hamburg, IA.*

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” We say this when we enter a church, when we begin Mass, when we pray. It is our identity. It reminds us that we are in the presence of God. It joins us to millions of other Christians across time and space. It expresses our belief in the Triune God. Three persons in one God enabled God to become incarnate, enabled God to come down upon us in baptism, and enables God to be with us here today and every day. Let us contemplate the great wonders God has done and continues to do in our daily lives.



## Cycle B -- Reflections on the Readings

### Trinity Sunday

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40; Psalm 33; Romans 8:14-17;  
Matthew 28:16-20

#### Theme: **One God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity**

We usually take pride in our family name as we recall our ancestors and our history. The love we have for those who gave us life means that we seek to enhance, rather than tarnish, the family name. Today's readings reflect on family legacies and obligations. All believers must act upon their name -- "Christian" -- and bring honor to their Christian family.

#### **Sharing in the life of the Trinity**

When we reflect on what Jesus shows us about relationship with God, we see that this relationship is about our sharing in the life of the Trinity. There is in God a profound and perfect unity, so that we can rightly speak of God as One. And yet in that unity there is distinction of Father, Son and Spirit.

We see at this early stage the presence of two of the Persons of the Trinity: Father and Son. If we are invited by Jesus to address his Father as *our* Father, then we must have a relationship with the Father that is like Jesus' relationship with the Father, because the Father is not only his Father but ours. As Christians we believe that Jesus is both God and man, and that the Father is God. What allows us to address the Father as our Father in the full sense is not simply that we share in the same humanity as Christ, but that we are raised to the level of the divine. Being raised to the level of the divine, the Father is not only the Father of Jesus the Son but is truly our Father too.

## **The role of the third Person of the Trinity, the Spirit**

We are like Christ, the Son because the Spirit is working in us, shaping us. By the power of the Spirit, we are raised to the level of Christ and can address the Father as our Father, because by the working of the Spirit we are made brothers and sisters of Jesus the Son, who is both God and man. We are not only brothers and sisters of Jesus in his humanity. We are also brothers and sisters of Jesus in his divinity.

The doctrine of the Trinity is a great gift to us. It helps us see that we are truly brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, not only in his humanity, but also in his divinity.

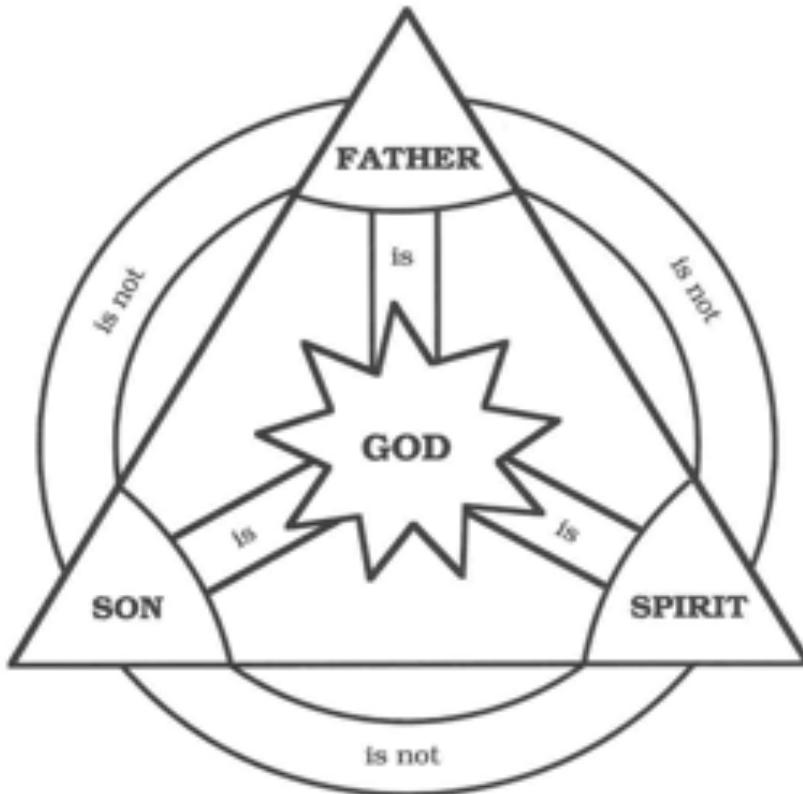
Like Jesus, Christians are intimate heirs of God called to act on behalf of the family.

In the final scene from his gospel, Matthew announces Jesus' exaltation -- his full authority over the entire universe. Next, he has Jesus commission the Eleven. This commissioning involves three stages: making disciples, baptizing, and teaching. Finally, Jesus reassures the Eleven of his abiding presence. The disciples enjoy an intimate family relationship with Jesus.

The beautiful summary of our faith life is the conclusion of each Eucharistic Prayer: *"through him (Jesus), with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours Almighty Father, forever and ever."* And we conclude every liturgical prayer to the Father *"through Jesus Christ...in the unity of the Holy Spirit."*

We celebrate the mass in the name of the Trinity. We are sent forth to love and serve one another in the name of the Trinity. May the unity and fellowship in the Blessed Trinity be felt in our families. Shalom!

## Description of Blessed Trinity



As part of our liturgical celebration for the solemnity of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) next week, there will be *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* at the end of the Mass. Please use this special encounter with the Lord to dialogue with God. The Prophet Isaiah says, “But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew [their] strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; [and] they shall walk, and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Diocese will take up a collection June 5-6 for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. Half of the collected funds stay right here in the Diocese of Des Moines, and the other half supports faith-related communications projects in the United States and around the world.

Your contributions last year made a significant impact on our ability to provide hope and light during the dark days of the pandemic. When we were confronted with that unprecedented cross to bear, our Diocese used the internet to remain united as a community in faith. We could offer: opportunities for spiritual communion through livestreamed Masses; comfort and courage with my weekly Gospel reflections; and even livestreamed singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. To provide these spiritual encounters, we needed to significantly enhance our equipment. We learned that the evangelization opportunities open to us through this medium are endless. We are moving forward in our digital ministry by further upgrading our equipment with two new cameras and a gimbal to provide a better richer prayer experience.

Pope Francis, in his message for World Communication Day, states: “It is necessary to move beyond the complacent attitude that we ‘already know’ certain things. Instead we need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us.” Your support of the Catholic Communication Campaign helps me invite people to encounter powerful stories of faith and witness to the power of Christ’s love among us.

Thank you in advance for your generous contribution. May we the Holy Spirit help us pass over through the pandemic and enable us to fulfill Jesus’ desire to present us as a gift to his heavenly Father.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D. Bishop of Des Moines

“The power of prayer is so simple and at our fingertips that it should be shared by all.”

KEVIN MATTHEWS

*Broken Mary*

a smile  
is the  
prettiest  
thing  
you can  
wear.

***Catholic Charities of Omaha*** will hold a presentation on Domestic Violence for our community and surrounding communities. It will be on June 16th @ 6:30 p.m. at **“The Center” (1008 Main)** with a light dinner included. Everyone is welcome.



### Holy humor

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun lettered a note and posted it on the apple

tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



# ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

## PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES  
JOSH SIMMONS  
JACOB ANDERSON  
DERRICK HUBARD  
STEVEN ANDERSON  
COLBY MCGINLEY

*Your Contributions  
May 23, 2021*

**Tithes—\$815.00**  
**Plate—\$44.00**  
**Coffee—\$45.30**

**Thank You!!**

*ADA update  
Our goal this year  
is \$18,910.00.*

*To date, we have  
received \$13,875.00  
with 32 parishioners  
contributing.*



6-1—Colby McGinley

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6-5—Lori Goodman

6-14—Margaret Roberts

6-14—Nicole Zavadil



6-2—Bill & Andrea Clark

6-12—Michael & Rosie  
Callahan

6-19—Mike & Lisa Welch

6-22—Bill & Gloria Green

6-26—Bill & Alisha  
Ettleman



Greg Andersen  
Grady Secht  
Reese Kemp  
LeRoy Herscheid  
Mary Lou Miller  
Dottie Dankof  
Isacc Durr  
Todd Quick  
Verona Mitchell  
Joel Loggins  
Kenneth Russell  
Bill Long  
Henry Johnsen  
Lawrence DuBois  
Pat Sheldon  
Joe Kirk  
Tim Konecny  
Esther McCowan  
Shawn Collins  
Drake Travis  
Martha Gude  
Bill & Gloria Green  
Larry Dalton  
Zayne Osborn  
Cathy Mason  
Anna Weber  
Alan Briggs  
Chuck Mitchell  
Dee Ann Crews  
Robert Haughton  
Maurie Maher  
Janet Rummel  
Jennifer McAllister  
Dave Zavadil

<b>2021</b>	<b>May 30th</b> Most Holy Trinity 8:30	<b>June 6th</b> Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 8:30	<b>June 13th</b> 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	<b>June 20th</b> 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	<b>June 26th</b> 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 6:15 P.M.
<b>Lector</b>	Teresa Jamison	Rick Jamison	Joe Travis	Carolyn Maher	Dave Dowling
<b>Mass Setup</b>	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie
<b>Cantor</b>	Kim/sons	Cora/Cora/Amelia	Beth/Anna	Corra/Cora/Amelia	Beth
<b>Accompanist</b>	Donna	Kate	Guitars	Kate	Nancy
<b>Server</b>	Tate Mount	Garett Phillips	Cora Moody	Brady Hutt	Ryan Roberts
<b>Coffee &amp; donuts</b>	Dave and Kate Roberts	Vince & Susan Hilton	N/A	Henry & Helen Martin	
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