

St. Mary's

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CATHOLIC Church

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God the Father is revealed to us through the Son, who became one of us, and the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us. The human race is graced because God is three persons in a relationship of love. Today, on the day on which we honor fathers—our own fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and fathers of all kinds—we look to the Holy Trinity as a model for the loving relationship we strive for in our own families.



Cycle C -- Reflections on the Readings

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Theme: **Connected in Love**

The Trinity, three Persons in one God, mystifies the human mind. When it comes to knowing Father, Son, and Spirit the heart is a faster learner: God is love!

The reading from Proverbs talks about Lady Wisdom, the person created by God before the creation of the world to communicate God's love and to guide us in peaceful living (see Proverbs 9:1-6).

The response to the first reading is Psalm 8. God is praised for the wonder of creation; in the center of creation are humans "made ... a little lower than God" (verse 8:5). The psalmist teaches that humans must exercise their power in positive expressions of discovery and affirmation as opposed to rebellion and rejection. Women and men are responsible stewards of all the earth when they mirror the beauty and majesty of God.

The gospel is a passage from the second farewell discourse of Jesus. The author of John is most concerned about the needs of the community after the Lord's departure (see John 15:1--16:30). The vital questions are: How shall we proceed? Who will lead us? The answer given is the Spirit who, like Lady Wisdom, will guide the believers to a deeper understanding of Jesus' message.

The discovery is that individual Christians will be called to the office of prophets. Believers do not foretell the future; rather, they proclaim in God's name the implications of Christ's message for the here and now.

Even if we are unable to rationally explain the Trinity, we are still required to manifest the triune God by our actions. Like Wisdom we guide the wayward and so announce a God of concern. Like the author of Psalm 8, we praise creation and so reveal a God of majesty. Like the Spirit-filled prophet in John, we voice the ever-new significance of Jesus' message and so communicate a God of compassion. The same prophesy in every case: three Persons, one God, embrace all people in unconditional love.

The Trinity is a model of unity

We live in a divided world. Not only are nations fighting against one another but even families are divided and broken. Individualism and cut-throat competition are the order of the day. The Trinity is a model of unity for society and the church at large and also for the Christian family. The Father, Son, and Spirit play different roles, and yet they are intimately united with one another. The three persons of the Holy Trinity symbolize relationship. They also represent the strong love felt by the father for His chosen people; for He sent His Son to redeem the world and after Jesus returned to the Father, he gave people the Holy Spirit.

In the face of hurt and betrayal, the modern Christian is asked to reflect on a God who reaches out and forgives. We too must create peace in the face of divisions. These are real life attempts to live our belief in the Trinity. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" is the legacy and responsibility of every Christian.

May we pray: Triune God! You have taught us that we are brothers and sisters of one another and that we can never live to ourselves alone; we thank you for the community of which we are part, and for all who serve its varied interests; Help us to make our own contribution to the community using the opportunities we have, as good neighbors, and with love to serve one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ who was revealed by you, the one God in Three Persons. Amen



- Watch out for our summer Bible study on the **Book of Revelation** and Apologetics. The book of Revelation is one of the most scary but interesting book in the New Testament. Unfortunately, it is mostly misinterpreted.
- Anyone who would like to join the church through RCIA should please fill up a form at the back of Church or call the office.
- There will be a mission appeal for the Archdiocese of Accra-Ghana. This comes as an appreciation for the gift of a priest (Fr. Raphael) as fidei donum to the Des Moines diocese (parish). This will be on the weekend of June 29/30. A designated priest from Ghana will be in attendance.
- St. Mary's Church in Hamburg (Small Church with a Big Heart), wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to all of you, our sister parish, for your generous contribution of \$6,215.21 during the recent devastating flood. This will go a long way in helping us with insurance and uncountable items lost. May God give success to the work of your hands. Thanks a million.

Reflection on Iowa flooding – pros and cons

The axion, “*Man Proposes, God Disposes*” is an 1864 oil-on-canvas painting by Edwin Landseer. The work was inspired by the search for Franklin's lost expedition which disappeared in the Arctic after 1845.

My interest is not to take you through history of how this axion emanated, however as a background to the unprecedented floods that took away many properties in some communities.

It is often said that “when you fail to plan, then you plan to fail.” Many of us have made our plans for the summer after the protracted hard winter. Perhaps, we could take time off to cruise and relax. There could be other plans made for the summer. Our dreams of peaceful season and looking ahead with hope was shattered on March 10, 2019 when some communities’ members were made to evacuate for fear of losing their lives and properties.

For some of us, it seems like a dream. With little time to pack and move things, some people left in haste with the intention of coming back the next day to collect the rest of their belongings. This hope was truncated with the rushing water that took over a week to recede.

I couldn’t imagine what I saw, that roads that I could drive on freely could only allow canoe. This is no joke, not for pleasure or sightseeing but to ascertain the extent of damage. The news of the flooding was broadcasted in most TV stations far and near. Indeed, the world is a global village. If people from Ghana could be called to tell me what is happening in my neighborhood it speaks volumes.

In the midst of this devastation, I observed and learned a lot.

We can’t fight nature; nature will fight back. Pope Francis’s call for human beings to take care of nature is a clarion call for all of us. Nobody expected this massive flood after the 2011, but it happened. There was fury and anger in the voices of people. Frustration became a common garment for us with stress as the footwear. It was easy to count what we lost and how soon to bounce back. People were displaced and lost their jobs. A distance of few miles took hours to complete, not counting the gasoline. In a community where everybody cares for each other, these problems affected everyone either directly or indirectly. I couldn’t mention the Missouri river whose overstretching its boundary took away many farmlands and grains. In fact, I saw it as a “misery” river inflicting pain on individuals’ hard-earned property. There were some who chanced upon the unfortunate situation to break into some houses to steal. Livestock were not spared in this scenario. During this time, I learned an intense love among members of the community helping each other.

Some have to accommodate others, some offered gift cards and food items out of love. Various groups came together to assist affected members. The joy of helping affected flood victims was infectious. The hash tag “Iowa, Hamburg, Nebraska STRONG” was the cliché to put smiles on the faces of people as they go through the stormy situation.

Shake spears says, “when you smile many will smile with you, but when cry you cry alone.” This did not happen in our communities. We all smile and cry together. There was fellow feeling among members and that sense of belonging. Let’s keep this unity and love together amidst the struggles of life. No man is an Island, our survival depends on each other.

As we have people, who are still affected and coming to terms with the lost, let us keep them in our prayers. It took years for many to build but a day to be destroyed. Sad indeed! The wounds may take time to heal. With prayer and trust in God we can make it. May our dependable God be our anchor of hope. “United we stand, divided we fall”. May the strength of our unity and love permeate the fiber of our society. United in prayer!

Fr. Raphael

Prayer for our Fathers

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen



The Top 10 Things You'll Never Hear a Dad Say:

10. "Well, how 'bout that? I'm lost! Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions."
 9. "You know Pumpkin, now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for un-chaperoned car dates. Won't that be fun?"
 8. "I noticed that all your friends have a certain hostile attitude. I like that."
 7. "Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car. Go crazy!!!"
 6. "What do you mean you wanna play football? Figure skating is not good enough for you, son?"
 5. "Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend. You might want to consider throwing a party."
 4. "Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car. Probably one of those doo-hickey thingies—ya know—that makes it run or something. Just have it towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks."
 3. "No son of mine is going to live under this roof without an earring. Now quit your belly-aching and let's go to the mall."
 2. "Whaddya wanna go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend."
- And the number one thing you'll never hear a dad say:
1. "What do I want for Father's Day? Aahh—don't worry about that. It's no big deal." (actually they might say this, but they don't mean it).

The Mystery of the Trinity

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.” John 16:13-15 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15



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RECEIVE
BELONGS
TRUTH

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SPIRIT
HEARS

GUIDE
MINE
TELL

**Need a little extra help??
Prayer and community service.**

A group of young adults from Salina, KS. will be here the weeks of June 17th-21st, 24th-28th & July 8th-12th.

They are donating their time and talents to community service and their availability. The parish will make every effort to direct them to everyone who signs up. They come to help with some of the lingering tasks that you might need help with—gardening, painting, fix a handrail, vacuum, cleanup, etc., etc.. If you would like to have some help, please sign your name on the sheet in back, and you will be contacted about arranging a time.

**They come to us with
prayer and service!**

Diocesan Appeal Report.....

Our Goal this year is \$17,780.00.

To Date we have received \$11,920 from 35 households towards our goal leaving \$5860 left to pay.

Thank you to all those who have already contributed.

***St. Mary's parishioners and
Students of Our Lady of
Lourdes Central Catholic
school were recognized this
spring for some special
accomplishments.***

In the 3rd grade, **Amelia Moody** received the St. Terese of Lisieux award, for being like St. Terese, a model of patience, perseverance, and joy for her classmates, offering up her daily challenges like St. Terese known for striving on the "little way" to holiness.

In the 4th grade, **Joseph Roberts** received the Marian Award. It is given to the student who displays the virtues of Mary in the classroom, patience, kindness, prayerfulness, and compassion for others.

Ethan Roberts, grade 11, is the winner of the Lincoln Diocesan Pro-Life Essay Contest, demonstrating his ability to defend his pro-life stance to others. He won a prize and recognition from Bishop Conley of the Lincoln Diocese.

Congratulations on your awards.
St. Mary's Proud!



Michael James Mette

FREE CONCERT

July 7, 2019 2-4 PM

St. Mary's Catholic Church

512 W. Thomas Ave—Shenandoah

**For free tickets, contact church office 712-246-1718 or
Lynda Marshall 402-813-2113**

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The Knights of Columbus are grateful to everyone who attended the fundraising breakfast for St Mary's Parish in Hamburg on June 9 in Shenandoah. Due to your generosity, over \$3350.00 was raised to help the parish recover from the flood.

Thank you for attending, this was not possible without you!



Readings for the week of 6-16-19

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

JUSTIN PHILLIPS

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY



6-14—Margaret Roberts

6-14—Nicole Zavakil

6-15—Susan Hilton

6-17—William Green

6-18—Pat Sheldon

6-18—Daniel Whitehead

6-19—Bev Finnigan

6-21—Donna Whelan

6-22—Bill Clark



Greg Andersen
Grady Secht

Reese Kemp

James Dowling

LeRoy Herscheid

Noah Howe

Mary Lou Miller

Dottie Dankof

Isacc Durr

Robert & Nancy Dalton

Todd Quick

Harold & Verona Mitchell

Joel Loggins

Kenneth Russell

Bill Long

Henry Johnsen

Lawrence DuBois

Angie Witter-Childers

Pat Sheldon

Joe Kirk

Tim Konecny

Esther McCowan

Jeff Guiane

Shawn Collins

Drake Travis

Martha Gude

Gloria Green

Diane Cunningham

Alan Briggs

All who are feeling the effects
of the flood

Your Contributions
June 9, 2019

Plate—\$30.00

Tithes—\$1259.10

Thank You!!



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

6-30—Mark & Nancy Pitts

2019	June 16 The Most Holy Trinity 8:30	June 23 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 8:30	June 30 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	July 7 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	July 14 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30
Greeters and Ushers	Rich & Linda Dewhirst	Henry & Helen Martin	Dan & Lori Goodman	Tim & Donna Whelan	Jim & Ruth Folkes
Eucharist Ministers	Anne Hendrickson Denny Travis	Dan Goodman Joella Travis	Robbi Travis Vince Hilton	Bill Green Annie Wakefield	Joe & Robbi Travis
Servers	Jed Whitehead Maddy Duncan	Ethan Roberts Cale Phillips	Max Mount Amelia Moody	Alyssa Dowling Keely Mount	Avery Dowling Mia Foster
Lector	Mark Gude	Carolyn Maher	Joe Travis	Dave Dowling	Kathleen Lorimor
Mass Setup	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie
Cantor	Beth/Cara	Kim	Beth	Cara/youth choir	Cara/youth choir
Accompanist	Kate/Emily	Nancy	Donna	Kate/Emily	Kate/Emily
Coffee and Donuts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wash Linens	Bev Finnigan	Bev Finnigan	Bev Finnigan	Ruth Paper	Ruth Paper
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