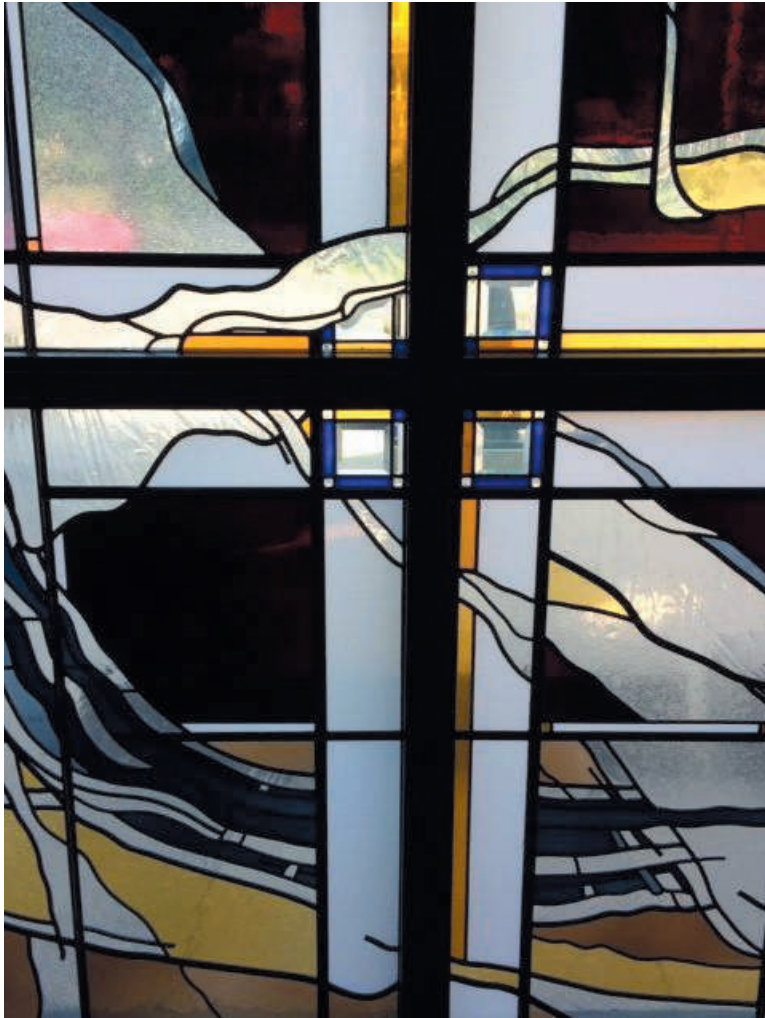


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Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

May 27, 2018

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

and by appointment

Prayer Line

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Readings for the Week of May 27, 2018

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6 [2b]/Mk 11:27-33

THE MYSTERY OF RELATIONSHIPS



I have come to believe that the Feast of the Holy Trinity is one of the most important celebrations in our church year. In a world where we are encouraged to begin new relationships, struggle with existing relationships, warned against harmful relationships, expected to understand our relationships, and have relationships on social networks like Facebook and Twitter, we are given an opportunity to reflect and to celebrate our relationship with the three persons in one God.

During my life there were different ways that people tried to explain to me the relationship between the three persons of the Holy Trinity. In the fifth grade, after coming home after Mass on the Feast of the Holy Trinity, my father tried to explain to me what the priest said about the Holy Trinity in his homily. At the kitchen table, the coffee in my father's cup became God the Father. The cream that my dad added became God the Son. The sugar that he stirred into the mixture became God the Holy Spirit. And I was the cup where all three persons came together. At the time, I suppose the breakfast table theology of my father made sense to him who always enjoyed a good cup of coffee. For me it was a chance to see how a man with an eighth grade education understood God through the simple things of life.

In the seminary, I read what the Fathers of the Church taught about the Holy Trinity. After looking up words like "homoousios" "hypostases", "procession", and "spiration", I memorized what the Church Fathers theorized about God's inner relationship in order to pass the final exam. I was not impressed with what I was able to learn about God's inner relationship. I was impressed with the struggle that people went through to discover how to understand and to explain God. The irony is that the early theologians who used difficult and vague language about the Trinity did so for no other reason than to safeguard the truth that God does connect and God does relate to all of us but in a very mysterious way. The question of the Holy Trinity came up early in our church's history because of how people were trying to describe the person of Jesus who walked, who talked, and who died like every human being. It was when theologians began to ask themselves what this might mean that the difficulties arose. After much argument and fighting our church came to the conclusion that when we say that we encounter God in Jesus we have to mean God in the strict sense of the term: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. So the Trinity has this tremendous impact on our lives that the God in whom we believe is not a God who lies hidden, but a God who can be seen and heard, and touched in the person of Jesus. God is a god who is poured out in love for us through the Holy Spirit. The point is not that we should be puzzled by this relationship of three persons, but that we should realize that the puzzle arises in the first place because God decided to be revealed to us in the person of Jesus.

It is interesting that while the mystery of the Trinity is something that can be found in the scriptures, people did not go to the scriptures first. Instead they have somehow experienced the mystery of God in their own lives and then they go to the scriptures to explain it. The gospel challenge for us today is to find out how we can put our experiences of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit into words?



Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & PARISH NEEDS

Four weeks ago, we as a parish observed the 50th anniversary of the fire that destroyed the Church of St. Matthew. We not only remembered the feeling of sadness and fear of losing our parish, but also celebrated our resilience and determination to rebuild our church and make our parish great. This only became a reality because parishioners volunteered to do whatever was necessary to rebuild the parish physically and spiritually.

Due to demographics and the result of de-clustering we again need to call on volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and our community. Everyone can serve in some way, be it Time, Talent or

Treasure. As Director of Volunteers I will post in the parish bulletin where we have opportunities for volunteerism. Currently, we have 1 immediate opportunity and 3 continuing opportunities:

DIRECTOR/CO-DIRECTOR FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival is September 22-23.

Meet with volunteers to plan activities, determine schedules, discuss publicity, delegate responsibilities. Oversee festival details as they develop. This is one of our major fundraisers!

GRANT WRITING

Utilize your grant writing skills to work with the web-site Grant Station to find funding and apply for grants for the Church of St. Matthew and its sponsored ministries.

SHEET ROCKING & TAPING

Repair walls in the Parish Center where circuit boards were installed. Patch holes in damaged walls and ceilings.

PARKING LOT/PLAYGROUND CLEANUP

Clean-up leaves and debris in areas used regularly by the Church of St. Matthew, West Side Summit Charter School, Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall Events. (Hand tools and gas leaf blower available for use).

I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org.

News and Events

BELLS OF ST. MATTHEW

Celebrate a special wedding anniversary, high school or college graduation or other memorable day in your family life by ringing the Bells of St. Matthew. Call Linda Rivera at the Parish Office to schedule your special day.

IN SYMPATHY

The parish of Saint Matthew extends our condolences to the family of Dorothy Sieber. Mrs. Sieber's Funeral Mass was here on May 17th. May she and all the faithful departed rest in God's peace and love.

BAPTISM

If you have a child you would like baptized, visit <https://www.st-matts.org/sacrament-of-baptism/>, follow the instructions there, and complete the baptism registration form and submit it to the St. Matthew parish office. The baptism class at Our Lady of Guadalupe requires registration a week in advance, so call 651-224-9793 and talk to Linda Rivera Monday-Friday between 9 and 1 to register. After those steps are completed, then we schedule your family for baptism, which is held during Mass on the first weekend of the month. If you have children making First Communion in the next year or two who have not been baptized, it is important to begin taking steps now for their baptism. *Perhaps you would like to consider baptizing now during the summer months rather than the busier school months...something to think about.*

WEST SIDE FARMERS MARKET

2018 Season: Saturdays, June 2nd - October 13th

Where: 63 George St. W. St. Paul - Icy Cup Parking Lot

When: Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Produce from local farmers, jams, hot sauces, condiments, popcorn, various crafts, CSA drop-off site for baked bread, hot coffee, donuts, breakfast burritos, music, activities & more!

New: Weekly Community Chef Table Demos!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 05-20-2018

Parish		School	\$ 305
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,545	Rental Ins.	\$ 1,116
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,066		
Vigil Lights	\$ 23		
Holy Day	\$ 20		
Coffee Sunday	\$ 21		
Music Budget	\$ 100		
Cath. Comm.	\$ 1.66		
Coffee Sunday	\$ 20		
Funeral Stipend	\$ 250		
Total	\$ 4,046.66	Total	\$ 1,421
Thank You		Thank You	

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 26

4:00 pm Pam, Robert, Sr. & Lucille Stickler†

Sunday, May 27

10:00 am Our Parish

Rudy Saucedo, Jr. &

Victor Mercado, Sr.†

Wednesday, May 30

8:00 am Rose, Joseph, Sr. & Joseph, Jr. Karas†

Friday, June 1

8:00 am Wally Borgan†

Saturday, June 2

4:00 pm Katie Rosas†

Sunday, June 3

10:00 am Our Parish

Gregory Thompson†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 26

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, May 27

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

10:00 am Mass

Tuesday, May 29-Friday June 1

5:00 - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

Monday, May 28 Memorial Day

No Mass Today

Parish Office Closed

No St. Mary's Clinic

Tuesday, May 29

Wednesday, May 30

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic

Thursday, May 31 Feast of the Visitation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30 am Mass COS

Friday, June 1

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, June 2

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 3

Feast of Corpus Christi

10:00 am Mass

The Lord's Prayer

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