



St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday
May 30, 2021



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MASS INTENTION FOR THIS WEEK

Sun	May 30	8:00 am	Living & Deceased members of our parish.
Mon	May 31	8:00 am	James Schmoll & All Deceased Veterans
Tues	June 1	7:30 am	Sharon Hopfensperger
Wed	June 2	7:30 am	Kay Arndt
Thur	June 3	7:30 am	Jim & Fran Peeters
Fri	June 4	7:30 am	Dorothy Pautz
Sat	June 5	4:00 pm	Curt & Karen Skorczewski 62nd Anniversary
Sun	June 6	8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Parish Receipts for May 23, 2021

Parish Support	\$1360.00
Offertory	\$155.00
Total Support	\$1,515.00
Weekly Amount needed	\$2,015.00
Weekly Balance	-\$500.00

Thank you!

Home Mission Collection = \$418.00



Confessions available on Saturday at 3:00 PM or by appointment.

If anyone has suggestions or input for the parish budget for FY 2021/2022 which will begin on 1 July 2021, please submit them to the parish office.

Feast of Corpus Christi

Next Sunday, 6 June, is the Feast of Corpus Christi—the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. To celebrate this special event, at the end of Mass, instead of the usual Blessing and Dismissal, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance and Benediction.

Confirmation Congratulations!

Congratulation to our newly confirmed young adults who were sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday:

- ✠ Collin Michael Ambrosius
- ✠ Max Daniel Cegielski
- ✠ Trent Sebastian Duchateau
- ✠ Ted Patrick Felzer
- ✠ Connor Hubert Minschmidt
- ✠ Jacob Joseph Minschmidt
- ✠ Samantha Francis Nieland
- ✠ Jacob John Vannett



Let us pray for them that the Gift of the Holy Spirit will sanctify and strengthen them to be faithful Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ. May God richly bless every one of them.

Religious Education News

We hope to have more in-person classes this coming school year, **but in order to do that we need more people who want to share their Catholic Faith as volunteer catechists.** If you would like to help out with this very important ministry please contact Randy Van Handel in the Parish Office at 920-984-3319. Thank you and God bless all of you who helped with our Religious Education Program this year and to those of you who can help us in the upcoming year.

TEACH
encourage
instruct
MENTOR
PRAISE
influence
GUIDE
INSPIRE

Knights of Columbus want to Thank everyone for the donations for the Tootsie Roll Drive for the Intellectual Disabilities in the past week.



Meeting **June 1st at 6:30 PM** at the St Mary's Parish Hall here in Black Creek.

Donations for a New Computer

We are looking for donations to help with the purchase of a new computer and software for our Religious Education Program. This computer is very much needed to create curriculums and lesson plans for our different grade levels, create and maintain a database on our students, receive important religious education information from the diocese, and to more easily and effectively communicate with our students and their families via email. It might also be possible to create a separate website for our Religious Education Program. The cost of the computer and software is around \$1,300.00. We have already received a donation of \$100. If anyone would like to make a donation please contact or drop it off in the parish office. Thank you for your assistance in helping with the Catholic formation of the youth of our parish.



Memorial Day Mass

We will have a special Mass to honor our deceased military and veterans on **Monday, 31 May at 8:00 A.M.** There will also be one at St. Lawrence in Navarino at 9:30 A.M. Everyone is welcome to come, honor and pray for our deceased military and veterans at this special Mass.

There will be no morning masses on June 15th—17th.

Father will be at a Priest Retreat.



Anyone who would like to purchase a Mass intention on the weekend or on a weekday please contact the parish office. The Mass Stipend is \$10. Masses available for the month of June 8, 10, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30. Thank-you



Bishop's Appeal 2021—We Rise Again— WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL-THANK YOU!

The goal for St. Mary's Parish was \$13,236.00. As of 25 May, 67 people have contributed \$15,156.00 which is \$1,920.00 OVER our goal.
TOGETHER WE HAVE DONE IT!

We want to thank everyone who helped us not only meet, but exceed our goal for the Bishop's Appeal for 2021! It is a great accomplishment, one that we all have to be proud of. Thank you again so much for your gifts to the Bishop's Appeal, and for your support of St. Mary's Parish.



Thoughts on Trinity Sunday

The following is an excerpt from an article titled: *"Reflections for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity,"* written by Fr. Antony Kadavil, dated 13 June 2019, and found on the *Vatican News* website:

Introduction: The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature. Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that $1+1+1 = 1$ and not 3. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith...

Importance in Christian life: 1) All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. 2) All Sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven, and our marriage blessed, and our Bishops, priests and deacons ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity. 3) Where Church bells ring thrice daily, they remind us to pray to the Holy Trinity. 4) We bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the name of the Holy Trinity...

Life messages: 1) **We need to respect ourselves and respect others.** Our conviction of the presence of the Triune God within us should help us to esteem ourselves as God's holy dwelling place, to behave well in His holy presence, and to lead purer and holier lives, practicing acts of justice and charity. This Triune Presence should also encourage us to respect and honor others as "Temples of the Holy Spirit."

2) **We need to be aware of God as the Source of our strength and courage.** The awareness and conviction of the presence of God within us, gives us the strength to face the manifold problems of life with Christian courage...

3) **We need to see the Trinity as the model for our Christian families:** We are created in love to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love. From the day of our Baptism, we have belonged to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit... The love, unity and joy in the relationship among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit should be the supreme model of our relationships within our Christian families. Our families become truly Christian when we live in a relationship of love with God and with others.

4) **We are called to become more like the Triune God through all our relationships.** We are made in God's image and likeness. Just as God is God only in a Trinitarian relationship, so we can be fully human only as one member of a relationship of three partners. The self needs to be in a horizontal relationship with all other people and in a vertical relationship with God. In that way, our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God... the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt an "I-and-God-and-neighbor" principle: "I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people." Like God the Father, we are called upon to be productive and creative persons by contributing to the building up of the fabric of our family, our Church, our community and our nation.

Secretary Trustee Nomination

We are accepting the nominations of people who would like to serve as the Parish Secretary Trustee. A trustee is an active, responsible parish member, i.e. disciple, who is called to serve the parish as an advisor and counselor. The trustee is a member of the parish Board of Directors and serves as an advisor to the Pastor/Administrator and acts as a representative of the parish. They must be parish members, practicing Catholics and at least 21 years of age. Trustees sign corporate documents as well as checks and the annual financial report to the diocese. They also review the annual parish budget. The specific responsibilities of the Secretary Trustee include:

- A. Serving as a member of Parish Pastoral Council.
- B. Overseeing the corporate, non-financial record-keeping of the parish such as various documents that include proxy documents, notices and correspondence.
- C. Taking minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and the Parish Annual Meeting.
- D. Assisting the Pastor/Administrator in developing parish policies and strategies to address the needs and mission of the parish.

Trustees are elected to two-year terms. They may serve three two-years terms for a total of six years. They are then eligible for reelection after one year of absence.

Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

This month we will be accepting nominations for people who would like to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is a group of parishioners, i.e. disciples, who work in close collaboration with the Pastor/Administrator and staff to prayerfully discern and carry out the will of God for our parish both now and into the future. Its more specific roles and responsibilities include:

- A. Listen and Respond to the Holy Spirit to prayerfully consider what the Holy Spirit is calling the parish to be and become.
- B. Provide the means whereby lay members of the parish respond to their baptismal commitment and work closely with the Pastor/Administrator, staff, committees and parish organizations for the common good and mission of the parish.
- C. Try to understand the spiritual as well as physical concerns and needs of the people of the parish and broader community, and assist the Pastor/Administrator in the development of parish policies, strategies and a plan to address those concerns and needs.
- D. Provide an opportunity for parishioners, both at Parish Council Meetings and at the Parish Annual meeting, to voice any needs or concerns they may have about the overall operation of the parish.

Members serve for a term of three years, renewable once for a total of six consecutive years. They are then eligible for reelection after one year of absence.

Membership on the Parish Pastoral Council is an opportunity for parishioners to take part in the leadership, governance and direction of the parish. Members should be committed to the mission of the Church and have a concern for the good of the whole parish. They should also be reflective of the age, diversity and ethnicity of the parish. So please consider being a member of the Parish Pastoral Council! Your presence would be very welcome and much needed.

Parish Finance Council Nominations

This month we are also accepting the nominations of people who would like to be appointed to the Parish Finance Council. The Finance Council is a group of parishioners, i.e. disciples, who assist the Pastor/Administrator in the wise use of the material gifts entrusted by God to the parish in support of the mission of the parish and broader Church. Its more specific roles and responsibilities include:

- A. Overseeing the accounting system for the parish and the keeping of financial records which includes: the collection and recording of revenues, the recording and payment of all debts and expenditures in accord with the approved budget, and maintaining an up-to-date record of parish assets and liabilities.
- B. Overseeing the creation of an annual budget in accord with the mission, goals, priorities and plans recommended by the Parish Pastoral Council that includes parish and diocesan obligations such as Bishop's Appeal, Cathedraticum and school subsidies.
- C. Overseeing the creation of financial reports that provide an analysis of income and expenditures in comparison to budget projections, as well as a complete and understandable annual financial report to the parishioners; as well as ensuring that required reports are sent to the diocese in a timely manner.
- D. Overseeing that financial controls are in place for handling things like the offertory collections and petty cash.
- E. Overseeing and coordinating all fundraising activities in the parish.
- F. Monitoring the investment of monies in accord with diocesan norms.
- G. Overseeing the day-to-day and long-range maintenance of parish buildings and grounds, including the parish cemetery.
- H. Maintaining an accurate and detailed inventory of parish goods and resources and being reviewing the diocesan Insurance package for parish properties and liabilities.
- I. Ensuring all proxy requirements are followed when needed.

Members serve for a term of three years, renewable once for a total of six consecutive years. They are then eligible for reappointment after one year of absence. Anyone with business or financial knowledge or experience is most welcome and needed to be on the Finance Council. Please consider nominating yourself or someone you know!