

The Most Holy Trinity

A BANANA AND THE TRINITY

My favorite religion teacher in grammar school would often use everyday items to explain a term particularly difficult for us to grasp. When it came to describing the reality of the Holy Trinity, we were all surprised to see her hold up a banana at the front of the room. She peeled back the skin of the banana and sliced a half-inch thick piece from the center of the banana. She began to slowly roll the slice back and forth between her fingers and our eyes nearly popped out of our heads when the one slice seemed to separate magically into three equal sections. She said, “Each section is still a banana, yet each is distinctly taken from the whole banana.” There was something about this that made sense to each of us, as we struggled to figure out exactly how the Trinity “worked”—three persons in one God. I remember quite clearly running home that day and trying the exercise on a banana on our kitchen counter. I sliced that banana into about ten pieces and each time I rolled a slice back and forth in my fingers, behold, three distinct equal sections fell into my hand.

AWE IN GOD’S PRESENCE

This image has remained with me and reenters my consciousness each time the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Each year we stand before this mystery. Some of us try to wrap our brains around it. Others simply let the liturgical celebration pass us by. Perhaps this feast is calling us to do something that we normally don’t do in this world of ours, which is so full of the practical. This day could simply be calling us to stand in awe at the presence and power of God. Today is the day to be reminded that ours is an awesome God, who, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, created us, redeemed us, and continues to break into our lives in surprising and mysterious ways.

Today’s Readings: Proverbs 8:22–31; Psalm 8:4–9; Romans 5:1–5; John 16:12–15

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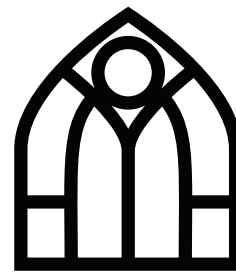
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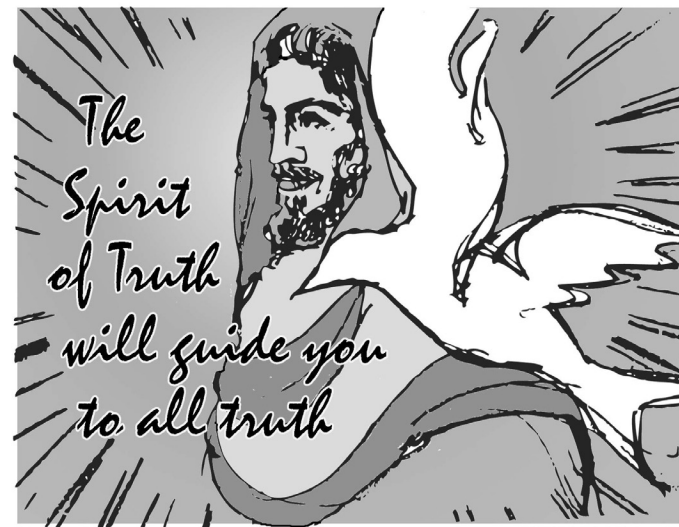
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Sunday, June 15, 2025



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Parish Schedule/ Mass Intentions

Reconciliation/Confession

Sat. at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Daily (except Tue.) - 6:00 p.m.

PSR

PSR Classes and Adult Bible Study Classes are on summer break and will resume in the fall.

Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every first Friday of the month.

Rosary

First Sunday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the quiet room

Mass Intentions

Sat., June 15 - People of the Parish

Sun., June 16 - Madeline & Thomas O'Connor

Sat., June 22 - People of the Parish

Sun., June 23 - Madeline & Thomas O'Connor

Canon 946 states: “The Christian faithful who make an offering so the Mass may be applied for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by their offering take part in the concern of the Church for the support of its ministers and works.” We ask for the standard Mass offering of \$10 per Mass; there are envelopes on the table on the east of the entrance for your offering.

Our Home



Parish Established in 1869

Church Dedicated in 1904

News and Announcements

Last Week’s Special Collection

Thank you for your generosity toward last week’s collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC connect millions with Christ. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/cc. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accpets fund for the national efforts supported through the collection - see usccb.igivecatholictogether.org.

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

SOLEMNITY

Solemnities are the celebrations of greatest importance. Each Solemnity begins on the prior evening with first vespers (evening prayer) and several of the solemnities have their own Vigil Mass. On these days, both the Gloria and the Creed are recited. Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation are always considered solemnities. Other examples of solemnities include the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul.

FEAST

Feasts are of secondary importance in our liturgical calendar and are celebrated on a particular day. These feasts do not have a first vespers or Vigil Mass on the prior evening. An exception would be the feasts of the Lord which occur on Sundays in Ordinary Time and Sundays in the Christmas season. For example, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord has its own first vespers. On these days, the Gloria is recited but not the Creed.

MEMORIAL

Next in line are memorials, which are classified as either obligatory or optional. Memorials commemorate a saint or saints. Obligatory memorials must be observed whereas optional memorials do not have to be observed. For example, the memorial of St. John Bosco is obligatory while the memorial of St. Blase is optional. Only the memorials of those saints who are of “universal significance” are observed by the whole Church and marked in the general liturgical calendar.

Particular churches, countries, or religious communities may also celebrate the memorials of other saints of “special significance” in accord with their special devotions.

The celebration of memorials is also governed by the liturgical season. For instance, obligatory memorials occurring in Lent are only celebrated as optional memorials. During “Privileged Seasons” (December 17-31 and Lent) the prayer of the Saint may be substituted for the regular collect of the Mass. During weekday Masses during Advent, Christmas Season, Easter Season, and Ordinary Time, the priest may offer the Mass of the saint, or the Mass of any saint of the Roman Martyrology, or a Mass such as one for “Various Occasions” or a Votive Mass.

Liturgical Assignments

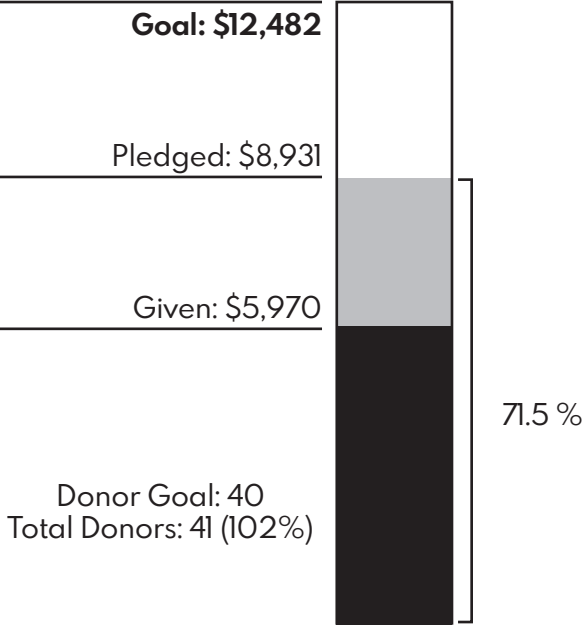
	June 15, 2025	June 22, 2025
Eucharistic Ministers	David Walters Cathy McDonald Jim Forst	Michael Pommier Terry Riegel Tom Shaw
Lector	Michael Pommier	Canyon Dobler
Altar Server	Oliver Eftink Joe Peters	Oakton Dobler Natalie Pommier
Ushers/Collection	PSR Children	PSR Children

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	June 21-27	Anniversaries	June 21-27
Ryan Fullerton	June 23	Michael and Tiffany Pommier	June 27
Darin Caruthers	June 24		

DDF Progress

Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card.



Collection

June 8, 2025	
23 Envelopes out of 76	\$ 889.00
Loose collections	\$ 71.00
Votive	\$ 8.25
CCC Collection	\$ 201.00
Total	\$1,169.25

The discipline of tithing is the “Square Knot” by which God blesses the tie which binds us to Him, our church and others.

Parish Membership/Communications

The parish family of St. Mary Catholic Church welcomes you; we are blessed and honored you are here, and we look forward to your registration as one of our parishioners. Fill out a form located on the table at the east side of the entrance. Place the registration slip in the basket at the offering and we will take care of the rest; you may also visit with Father Teter next door at the rectory, or send us an e-mail: elvadweber@gmail.com

Prayer List

We pray for those who are sick or in the hospital:

- Josh Blanchard
- Michael Blankenship
- Brett Campbell
- Todd Cholka
- Ron Crews
- Janea Davis
- James Bradley Dill
- Valeta Grunden
- Donnie Higgins
- Susie Knierim
- Carolyn Isaac
- Sherina Morrison
- Jason Noel
- Donna Oswald
- Tim Paulter
- Jill Purinton
- Sondra Riegel
- Kenneth Stegman
- Mitzi Stegman
- Maddie Stevens
- Madeline Winters

We pray for our military, especially

- Wyatt Davis
- Derek Forst
- Seth Fullerton

Any suspected or known abuse of a minor must first be immediately reported to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-392-3738 or 844-CAN-TELL; or for suspected or known abuse of vulnerable or eligible adults, the Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-392-0210.